

Bob G. Courtney
Class of 1981
MCHS Hall of Fame Induction 2025

Bob G. “Bobby” Courtney was born and raised in Madison and graduated from MCHS in 1981. The youngest of six children, Bob grew up spending his days at the Lide White Boys Club and the sporting fields of downtown Madison. From an early age, he was a determined young man with a fierce work ethic and a competitive spirit. He used those qualities to excel in academics and athletics. Bob was a decorated high school distance runner, competing in the state finals, and was a member of Ball State’s track and cross-country teams. He still holds the school record of 4:19.0 in the 1600-meter run set in 1980.



Following graduation from Ball State University, Bob returned home to build his life in his beloved hometown. With a background in finance and as a CPA, he worked as an executive with PNC Bank, where he was responsible for \$10 billion in capital market investments and loans and supervised a national investment platform. He has been called upon frequently to speak at the state and national levels on the topics of affordable housing, tax credits, housing finance, blight elimination, and historic preservation. Along with his wife, Tammy, they formed Fountain Holdings, LLC, a real estate investment company, and have renovated and preserved 17 historic properties in Madison.

As a problem-solver and visionary, Bob has had a tremendous impact on Madison. As a two-term Mayor, he has led numerous projects such as renovations to Oak Hill Park, Gaines Park, Crystal Beach Aquatic Park, and the Ohio River Legacy Park as part of his vision to make Madison clean, safe, and beautiful. The addition of the new Sunrise Crossing shopping plaza and apartment complex on the hilltop, in addition to numerous new businesses and venues, has helped Madison be recognized and awarded the titles of 2024 Indiana Chamber of Commerce Community of the Year, the #1 Small Town in the Midwest by USA Today 10Best Readers' and 2024 Greatest American Main Street Award, a national award.

Bob received the 2025 Sagamore of the Wabash Award, the highest distinction awarded by the Governor of the state of Indiana. He is a 2024 Hunt Institute Fellow, past president of the Indiana Conference of Mayors, appointed by the Governor to the state Public Health Commission, was recognized by the Lide White Boys & Girls Club as Alumni of the Year, and was the recipient of the prestigious Dorothy Reindollar Preservation Award. In addition, he has received numerous corporate business awards throughout his career.

More important to Bob than his professional accomplishments has been his spirit of giving back to his hometown. His focus is to help others be their best through leadership, mentoring, commitment, and self-sacrifice. He works hard every day to bring solutions to our community and strives to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Madison.