

BEAVER DAM UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
WALL OF FAME

John B. McKinstry
2019 Outstanding Alumnus



Mr. John B. McKinstry is a 1958 graduate of Beaver Dam High School and graduated in 1962 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Carroll College. Mr. McKinstry is a philanthropist and businessman who has and continues to make the Beaver Dam community better through his leadership and philanthropy.

His commitment to Beaver Dam is unwavering. John was instrumental in establishing a number of local non-profit organizations, scholarships, and endowments to serve educational, health, and humane needs. Mr. McKinstry is a founding member of the Beaver Dam Area Community Theater and the Dodge County Humane Society. He was involved in the creation of the Fine Arts Center in addition to the new home of the Dodge County Humane Society. John and his father created the Bea Bonner McKinstry Begin to Swim Program at the YMCA that provides all children an opportunity to learn to swim for free.

Mr. McKinstry's dedication to the community of Beaver Dam is evident throughout the community. He ensured that the family furniture store remains a staple in Beaver Dam, which it has since 1858 making it the oldest family-owned home furnishings store in the State.

As a steadfast business leader, John was involved in the formation of the Beaver Dam Industrial Development Corporation to bring manufacturing and business to Beaver Dam. Mr. McKinstry has displayed dedication to the community with his service to numerous civic and non-profit organizations. The impact of his philanthropy and leadership will benefit future generations.

