





GREENSBURG COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020 INDUCTEES

 **Bob Williams '41** was a longtime journalist for the Indianapolis Star, writing for the paper for over 40 years. Williams was best known for his column "Shootin' the Stars." Williams earned a number of prestigious awards in his career, including the 1996 Kingpin of the Year recipient, two-time National Sportswriter of the Year, two-time winner of the Joe Boland Award for outstanding contributions to youths, and is the namesake of the Indiana Sportswriters and Sportscasters' "Bob Williams Helping Hand Award."

Williams is a member of five halls of fame, including the USBC Bowling HOF, Indiana Basketball of Fame, Indiana Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association Hall of Fame, Indiana Football Hall of Fame, and the Greensburg Community Schools Hall of Fame.

After leaving the Indianapolis Star, Williams became the first IHSAA Sports Information Director from 1984-1994. Williams drew up the original proposal leading to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame Classic. Williams was the first writer to campaign actively for an Indiana high school football playoff system. Williams was also responsible for moving the IHSAA Basketball State Finals to the RICA Hoosier Dome, which resulted in the largest crowd ever (41,046) to attend a high school basketball game.

Williams is the author of two books, including the popular *Hoosier Hysteria*, which became a regional best-seller. Williams is also a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash.

 **Richard (Rick) Acra '65** is an Air Force veteran and the original owner of Acra Automotive Group. Acra's entrepreneurial spirit started at a young age as he began his career selling worms for fishing bait and shining shoes. Acra also held paper routes and worked at the Greensburg Daily News. Acra joined the Air Force in 1966 and serves as an aircraft mechanic on C-130s at Bunker Hill Air Force Base (now called Grissom Air Reserve Base).

Back in Greensburg, Acra acquired Rick's Standard gas station in 1969. He established a 24-hour wrecker division that built tow trucks for the Indianapolis 500 in the early 1980s. Acra owned a body



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shop and laundromat in the 1980s, as well. He served on school board, the YMCA's board of directions, the Sheriff's Merit Board. He also served on the United Methodist Church Board of Trustees.

Acra's first venture into automotive sales came in 1985 when he sold Standard Oil and purchased AMC Jeep Renault. Acra also acquired a Budget Rent-a-Car franchise in southeastern Indiana in 1995 and established a location in Columbus. In 1996, Acra changed the name of the business to Acra Automotive Group. A Shelbyville location opened in 1997.

Acra then signed a buy/sell with Chrysler Plymouth Dodge, Inc. in Greensburg for the acquisition of the Chrysler Corporation franchise with Chrysler, Plymouth, and Dodge to be merged with the existing Jeep franchise and moved to its current location on Lincoln Street.

Acra currently owns four car dealerships in southeastern Indiana.