

The Lifetime Service Award is a special award given to a person who has actively worked for the welfare of Murphy High School for many years after graduating. There are few who have earned this honor, and Mike certainly deserves to be on that list. His service to Murphy is not an anomaly but that service is a big part of Mike's life.

Mike's activities while at Murphy foreshadowed his future interest. He was a member of the band, and a member of the Spanish, Science, and Future Doctor's clubs. He also served a section representative to the Red Cross and Student Government Association. Mike did well in his classes, too, earning membership in the National Honor Society.

Mike continued his education at the University of South Alabama, earning a B.S. in Finance and then enrolled in the University of Alabama Law School. He graduated in January of 1978 and his success in his classes was recognized with a Hugo L. Black Scholar Award and an American Jurisprudence Award for Excellence. He was also named to the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1978. He followed his high school pattern in belonging to numerous law school organizations, and he played inter-mural softball, too.

Mike began his law career as Police Legal Advisor, Mobile Police Department and started his own practice in 1980. He studied for and earned his LLM, Master of Laws (in Taxation) in August, 1983. He was Part Time Police Attorney for the City of Mobile, 1986-1990 and returned to Private Practice in 1990. His professional membership and associations are many, and he also served on several committees for the Mobile and Alabama State Bars.

McNair set about bettering his community by being a very active member of the Exchange Club: member, director, and president of the local club; and holding memberships as well as various chair and officer positions at the state, district and national levels. He is a past member of the Port City Jaycees, past member of the Board of Directors for Ballet Mobile, Inc., past leader in Cub Scouts and Boys Scouts; and is an active member of Springhill Baptist Church and choir and the Mobile Pops Band (section leader and 2x past president!).

His service to Murphy began when Mike sent his children to Murphy and got involved in the band boosters, holding the offices of 2nd VP, 1st VP, and President. When he was serving in this group, he also got involved with some other graduates and Murphy teachers and together, in 1995, they formed the Murphy Alumni Association. Mike has served the MAA in every capacity with the exception of secretary, holding some offices more than once! He has been active in recruiting members and in creating our Hall of Fame. The MAA provides for Murphy the Alumni Directory, tree care, campus beautification, the Carlen House project, and financial support of various school activities. These activities are due to Mike's vision for and care of this organization. He handles our legal matters and makes sure we are true to our bylaws.

The board feels that Mike's 26 years of continued loyalty and support have earned him the recognition of the Lifetime Service Award.