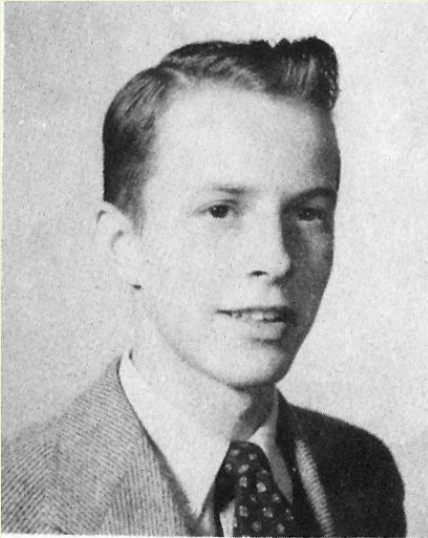


## C. Robert Beach Class of 1945 Alumni Association's founding president



Bob graduated from Franklin High School in 1945 and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland in 1950. He served in the National Guard.

He was director of communications for ADP for 30 years. He was a member of the Glyndon United Methodist Church, past treasurer of the Reisterstown Jaycees and the first president of the Franklin High School alumni, where he also wrote the newsletters. He helped start the Reisterstown Library and was a member ROMG, the Reisterstown-Owings Mills-Glyndon Chamber of Commerce, where he served as the Bicentennial coordinator.

Bob was Franklin High School Alumni Association's founding president in 1988. He received the Alumni Association Certificate of Distinguished Service award – the first such award ever given - in a surprise presentation before about 50 attendees, including relatives, family, friends, and Franklin's principal and staff on November 19, 2008. At the event, the overwhelmed Beach thanked the association for the "extremely flattering" recognition and complimented members (with apologies to four former officers in attendance) by calling them "the strongest, most experienced and dedicated group we've ever had."

This event was held in the high school's new media/library center and led by association president Mike Hofmeister, a 1962 graduate.

In addition, Beach was awarded a proclamation from Baltimore County Executive James T. Smith Jr., recognizing his outstanding contributions to the community and his alma mater.

Smith called Beach "a role model for students," and proclaimed Nov. 19, 2008, C. Robert Beach Day.

In an unprecedented action, the alumni association executive board named an annual scholarship The C. Robert Beach Scholarship.

Beach, as the founding president 20 years ago, was credited with setting up its organization and financial structure, which over two decades has raised \$500,000 in scholarships and "safe" bank CD endowments for future scholarships.

The group has awarded \$130,000 to 106 Franklin grads.

Beach also initiated and edited an annual 8-page newsletter, The Franklin Alumni News, which is mailed to more than 9,000 alums and encourages two-way communication between alums and the executive committee.

Over the years, Beach had also been a journalistic contributor to the Community Times.

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