

# John LINDSAY

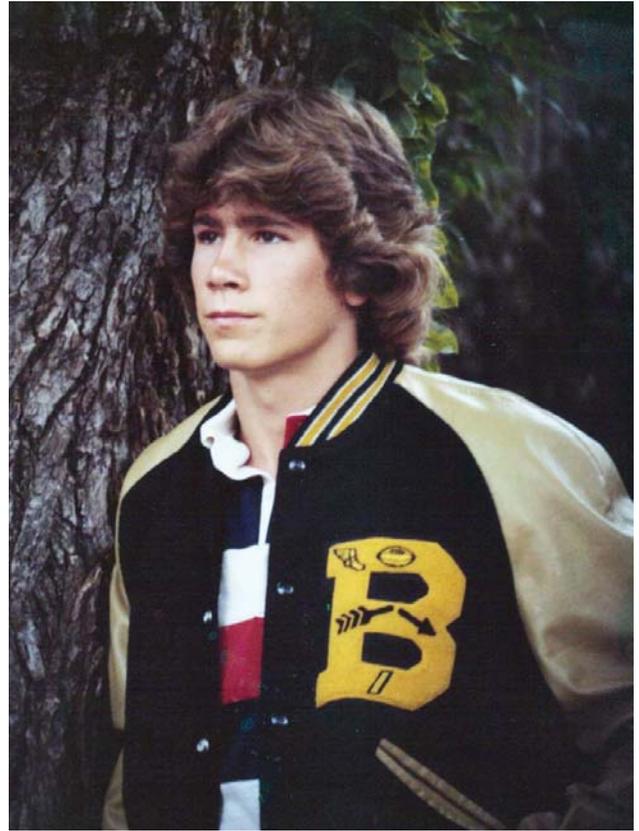
*Class of 1979*

This year's Great Graduate from the Class of 1979 is the kind of leader writer Thomas Carlyle was describing when he coined the term "Captain of Industry" in the 1800's.

Friends, teammates and those who have gone up against him agree John W. Lindsay is a tough competitor, and has been ever since he earned a place on the Broken Arrow Tigers football and tennis teams followed by athletic careers at Northwest Oklahoma State University and Missouri Southern University.

After earning a degree in computer technology at Missouri Southern, Lindsay returned to Oklahoma and enrolled in the University of Tulsa where he earned a degree in Petroleum Engineering. Then, he set about combining his acquired knowledge and competitive fire to carve a storied career.

As President, Chief Executive Officer, and a Director of Helmerich & Payne, Inc, he is clearly at the top of his profession and, in fact, holds the distinction of being the only person not named Helmerich to hold the CEO position.



Lindsay began his career there in 1987 as a Drilling Engineer. As he climbed the corporate ladder, he served in a variety of management positions, including Operations Manager, Vice President of U.S. Land Operations, Executive Vice President of U.S. and International Operations and Chief Operating Officer.

In addition to meeting the demands of his job, he finds time to play key roles for Monte Cassino Catholic School, the Tulsa Area United Way and the TU Petroleum Engineering Advisory Board. He was 2008 chairman of the International Association of Drilling Contractors and remains on that organization's executive committee.

Harry Lindsay, said he saw his son's athletic potential in the sixth grade when he served as his football coach. A few years later, he witnessed the kind of self-discipline that would become his son's hallmark when the handed him the keys to a Pontiac GTO he had just purchased.

"I told John the car was his, but I reserved the right to take it back and park it beside the house if he ever gave me reason to do so," the elder Lindsay said. "He never did, and in fact, he still owns that car today"

Harry Lindsay said he is impressed with the career his son has built.

"He is a fine man who has always pushed himself to be the best he could be at everything he did," his dad says. "That's why I am so proud of him."

