

2009 Hall of Fame Inductee

Jesse “Jack” R. Bodine

Class of 1944

Jesse “Jack” R. Bodine worked in his father’s manufacturing company while attending University City High School Graduating in 1944 at the height of World War II, he spent a semester at Washington University in St. Louis before enlisting in the Navy. Following his discharge in 1946, Bodine returned to University City, graduating from Washington University’s School of Engineering in 1949. He then went to work full-time for the family’s Bodine Pattern Company, later earning his Master in Business Administration (MBA) in 1955 from Washington University’s John M. Olin School of Business.

Together with his brother, Bodine took over the leadership of the family’s company in 1958, after the sudden passing of his father. By the time of his retirement 40 years later, then known as Bodine Aluminum, Inc., had grown to become one of the largest producers of complex aluminum and permanent mold castings in the United States.

Bodine believes in sharing with others. Whether it is sharing his extensive knowledge as a mentor to hundreds of foundry men and women, engineers and executives, or sharing his own resources to endow professorships and provide for the students at the Missouri University of Science and Technology (formerly the University of Missouri-Rolla) and Washington University, he knows the importance of sharing knowledge and improving education so that others benefit. Together with his wife, Bodine has endowed a college scholarship in engineering and sponsor an annual term-endowed scholarship, taking a personal interest in each of the scholarship recipients.

Bodine has received the St. Louis Andrews Resources for Seniors Ageless Award in 2006; Foundry Educational Foundation E.J. Walsh Award in 2001, and the Washington University Distinguished Alumni Award in 1997, among many other recognitions.



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