## 2009 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Eric Jesse Norman, Ph.D.

Class of 1959

A 1959 graduate of University City High School and a celebrated medical researcher and laboratory director who has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement, the United

States Legion of Merit Award and the U.S. Department of the Army's Army Achievement Medal in 1982, Dr. Eric Jesse Norman developed a test, in collaboration with another doctor, for elevated urinary methylmalonic acid (MMA), an indicator of B12 deficiency. The innovative test was fast, sensitive



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and reproducible. With the new test perfected in 1985, Dr. Norman and his wife, Claudia, opened their own laboratory (Norman Clinical Laboratory) to provide low-cost test kits for B12 deficiency.

A celebrated researcher, Dr. Norman's work has been published in the New England Journal of Medicine and numerous other professional journals.

In addition to his professional work, Dr. Norman has been active in his church and with the Boy Scouts of America. Dr. Norman was part of a church missionary team that served children and families in the Republic of Uganda in East Africa. He has also volunteered his time at a nursing home and the Salvation Army during their annual collection for the needy.