

KDS Alumnus Honored

An alumnus of the KDS Class of 1957, James Lemaster was recently recognized as having been the only KDS graduate to ever be elected to the Alabama State Senate. He was presented with a plaque in his honor at a special ceremony held in the Pennsylvania Log Cabin. His achievement will be noted with placement of the plaque in the archives of the KDS Museum.

Mr. Lemaster played basketball at KDS and went on to play at Southern Union College where he studied engineering drawing. He later earned a bachelor's degree in free law with a minor in political science, as well as a master's degree in economics. After studying engineering drawing in college, he moved to Jackson County, Alabama and became a general contractor. There he concentrated on building affordable homes for the people of that area.

In 1978, Lemaster was elected to the legislature, serving Jackson and a portion of Madison County through 1982. While in office, he worked to improve county roads and was influential in securing funding to build a modern bridge across the Tennessee River alongside the old B.B. Comer bridge.

James and his late wife Annie had three sons, Chywonah, Darryl and Darchell. The accomplishment he's most proud of are his sons. "They all turned out to be pretty good men", he said.

