

## 2011 Henry Clay Hall of Fame Inductees

### *Robert David Bell*

*Robert David Bell graduated from Henry Clay High School in 1943 and after returning from World War II and graduating with honors from the University of Kentucky; he was awarded a fellowship by the Southern Regional Training Program in Public Administration. He then embarked on a career in state government that led him to work under five Kentucky governors as Executive Assistant to the Commissioner of Conservation, Deputy Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Revenue, Commissioner of State Parks, Director of State Planning, and Secretary of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection. He later joined Ashland Oil as an executive in public relations. It was his leadership that led to Ashland's support of educational programs and in turn, other major Kentucky corporations such as Humana and UPS. It was in large part due to the coalescing of the state's major corporations to push for educational advancement that led to the Kentucky Reform Act and the reform of higher education in the late 1990's.*

### *Richard G. Borchardt*

*Richard (Dick) Borchardt served as Henry Clay's Band Director from 1955 until 1973. During those eighteen years, his concert bands compiled 18 "superior" (distinguished) ratings at the Kentucky Music Educators Association (K.M.E.A.) Band Festival. His marching bands won numerous superior ratings as well as top awards in the state during his tenure. He was the recipient of various honors and awards during his lifetime. He was awarded "Outstanding Contributor to Bands" in Kentucky by Phi Beta Mu Honorary Band Fraternity in 1988, was elected a member of National Bandmasters Association, was the Band and Orchestra Festival Chairman for the Central Kentucky District for many years, was the founding member of Phi Beta Mu Honorary Band Fraternity, represented the state of Kentucky by taking Henry Clay Concert Band to the Manisphere International Band Festival in Winnipeg, Canada, was the Honorary (Host) Band to several Mountain Laurel Festivals, and had the Henry Clay Concert Band perform at several K.M.E.A. conventions.*

### *Troy Gentry*

*After graduating from Henry Clay High School, studying business management at the University of Kentucky and graduating from Lexington Community College, Troy Gentry joined forces in the early 1990s with Eddie and John Michael Montgomery in a band called Young Country. Later, he went solo and in 1994, won the national Jim Beam Talent Contest. After this, he and Eddie Montgomery again joined forces and were signed to Columbia Records in 1999. Their musical journey has led to gold and platinum albums, highly successful tours, CMA and ACM awards, and a Grammy nomination. They have released more than 20 charted singles, have hit the top of the charts five times, and have had ten other songs, "charted" in the top ten.*

### *Robert L. Elliott*

*Robert L. Elliott graduated from Henry Clay High School in 1967 and from Centre College in 1971. He earned four letters in two sports at Henry Clay and went on to be a four-year letterman and co-captain of the Centre College Tennis team. Currently, he is a partner with the law firm of Savage, Elliott, Houlihan, Mullins & Skidmore. Bobby served on the Board of Governors of the Fayette County Bar Association and was Vice-President, President-Elect and President in 1987-1988. He also served on the Kentucky Bar Association Board of Governors as Vice-President, President-Elect and President in 1997-1998. Bobby has received various honors, including selection as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the 2004 recipient of the Outstanding Lawyer Award in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the Justice Outstanding Contribution of Time and Talent in Organizing and Implementing Kentucky Legal Education Programs.*

### *Robert Tripure*

*Robert "Bob" Tripure served as an assistant boy's basketball coach at Henry Clay High School, an assistant and head baseball coach, and as the head girl's basketball coach at Henry Clay and Lexington Catholic High School. His record as head baseball coach was 582 wins, 10 District Championships, 4 Regional Titles, and the State Championship in 1973, all of which led to his induction to the Kentucky High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1998. His greatest legacy, however, is winning the Girls State Basketball Championship both at Henry Clay and Lexington Catholic. During his entire coaching career, he coached 55 different teams, none of which ever had a losing record, and he is the only coach in KHSAA history to win the State Championship at two different schools for basketball, girls or boys. His teams have also won more baseball and girl's basketball games than any other coach in Henry Clay history.*