

*Introducing...*

*Leo Cooper*

*Class of 1952*

*Hall of Fame, 2011*



Born the youngest one of ten children, Leo Cooper was the first to graduate both from high school and from college. He credits his success to his schooling and his principals, teachers, coaches, teammates, and the community of Powell High School. He received a scholarship from the University of Kentucky and chose that in preference to a baseball contract with the New York Giants.

Leo has been active and successful in his career as teacher, coach, and principal, in his political responsibilities as Knox County Commissioner and Commission Chair, the Knox County Pension and Retirement Board, and Finance Committees. He also includes Chair of the Knox County Cable Television Committee and a variety of community service activities with the YMCA, the Christenberry Center Boys Club, the Knoxville City Schools Clothing Center and a life-time member of the PTA as part of his life contributions.

Leo's other activities include membership in a broad range of professional associations related to education, NEA, TEA, secondary principals, middle school, retired teachers, and supervision and curriculum development. He is a member of the Phi Delta Kappa Honorary Society through ASCD. He received the Distinguished Educator Award from /I/D/E/A Fellows. He is a published author of "A Guide for Classroom Management" which appeared in *Action in Teacher Education*.

Leo, we salute you and your life contributions!