

Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology

On October 19, 2018, Morehead State University dedicated the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology in honor of MSU Alumnus, Elmer R. Smith (71).

Elmer Smith grew up in Inez, Kentucky and graduated from Inez High School in 1966. He came to Morehead State University to pursue a degree in Business Education. While at Morehead, Elmer was active in several student organizations. In 1969, he was elected to serve as the Charter Prytanis (President) of the Mu-Sigma Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

Upon graduation with his Bachelor's Degree, Elmer taught at Mason County High School for three years. During this time, he also coached golf and baseball. In 1973, Elmer transitioned into the field of private education. He served as the Vice-President of Kentucky Business College for three years before joining Southern Ohio College in 1976. He went on to become the President of Southern Ohio College from 1978-1985.

In 1986, Elmer relocated to Atlanta, Georgia where he purchased a small developing education company, which later became Interactive College of Technology. Serving as the Chief Executive Officer of this company, Elmer has helped grow the College into a group of computer, technical and language schools that enroll over 5,000 students from more than one hundred different countries annually.

Elmer was inducted into the MSU Alumni Association's Alumni Hall of Fame in 1999, he was named the Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Business in 2003 and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Education Degree from MSU in 2011. Elmer also served as a member of the MSU Foundation Board of Directors.

Elmer's support of his Alma Mater has been unwavering. In 2001, Elmer and his late wife Donna Smith endowed the Computer Information Systems Chair in the MSU College of Business. Additionally, the Space Science Center bears the name Smith-Booth Hall thanks to the financial support of Elmer and his late wife, Donna and fellow Martin County natives Jim and Linda Booth. The Smiths also established the Elmer and Donna Smith Scholarship Endowment to benefit students from Martin, Laurel, Knox and Whitley counties in Kentucky.

Elmer had a loving and supportive wife for 36 years before her passing. Later, Elmer was blessed to meet and marry Margaret, and became the father to Maria and Christian.



"I have lived a fortunate life; reared by a tough, but loving grandfather who told me three things....
work hard, be honest, treat people right and everything will work out.
Morehead State University is so special to so many. Hopefully, our contributions have
and will continue to make a difference in generations to come!"

Elmer R. Smith