

## 2006 Cardinal Citation Award

Robert E. Brandenburg

Robert E. Brandenburg of Parsons has received the highest honor bestowed from the LCC Foundation & Alumni Associations for lifetime achievement. He has been named the 2006 Cardinal Citation Recipient.

The Cardinal Citation Award is presented annually at Commencement. The criteria are: nominee must be a living person who has had significant lifetime achievements to his or her profession, community, state or nation, nominee must have a current or past association with Labette Community College, nominee does not have to be a graduate of LCC

Each year Labette Community College and LCC Foundation & Alumni recognize an individual for a lifetime of outstanding service to their community and/or to the college. A distinguished panel of volunteers review nominations and recommend a Citee. The Citee is honored the evening of Commencement during a reception for all former Citees, their families, invited guests, and the public. The Citee is presented a plaque and is a speaker at Commencement. The Citee's framed portrait is hung in the Gallery of Cardinal Citation Recipients in the college's main administration building.



Robert E. Brandenburg received his Associate degree from Parsons Junior College (now Labette Community College) in 1959, and his BS in Business from Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia (now Emporia State University) in 1961.

Labette County Medical Center hired Bob upon his graduation in 1961, when it was still under construction. Thirty-four years later, he retired from LCMC after serving as office manager and later Chief Financial Officer. While working at LCMC, Bob passed the National Hospital Financial Management Association exam and became the first person in any Kansas hospital designated "Certified Manager of Patient Accounts".

Bob has always been active in his church, community and school. As a student at PJC, he was twice elected student council president, an achievement unmatched until last year. He was also selected as the "Student Who Did the Most for our School." He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he is a Ruling Elder and the stewardship chair for the last 3 years. For the last forty years, Bob has worked with the boy scouts, 5 years as scoutmaster and the last 10 as committee chair of Troop #2 Presbyterian Church.

For 35 years, Bob has been a member of the Kiwanis Club. He also served 4 years on the Parsons Recreation Board as well as being active in state and national politics. Bob served as the Labette County campaign manger for Governor Bill Avery and for U.S senators John Anderson and James Pearson.

He served 12 years on the USD #503 School Board, 4 years as president. This year is Bob's 10th year as LCC Trustee, where he served as president for 3 of those years. He is a member of the LCC Foundation and Alumni Board in addition to being a life member of the LCC Alumni Association and has served 3 terms as the LCC Alumni Association president.

Several honors have been presented to Robert E. Brandenburg including the Parsons Rotary Club as a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow; the Distinguished Service Award from Parsons Jaycees; and the Distinguished Service Award from Quivira Council Boy Scouts of America.

Bob and his wife Sharon have two daughters, Jill and Bridget who both attended LCC.