



L. Gale Lemerand, Daytona State College Champion Recognized At 2018 Gala

L. Gale Lemerand was recognized at the Daytona State College Foundation's 2018 Annual Gala for his unwavering support and advocacy of our students and our community. In recognition of all Mr. Lemerand has done over the years to support DSC, President Tom LoBasso bestowed upon him an Honorary Bachelor of Applied Science in Public Service degree. Read more about the enormous impact Mr. Lemerand has made at DSC.

Many know Gale Lemerand as a true symbol of the American Dream. After coming from humble, working-class beginnings, his Gale Industries became the largest insulation contractor in America, serving as a springboard for more than 100 other successful companies he has founded.

But there's much more to Gale Lemerand than acute business acumen. He also is one of the state's most prominent and well-known philanthropists, particularly in light of his support for higher education.

His most recent gift of \$2 million to Daytona State College is the largest gift in our history from a living donor. He joins us in partnership once again to support our students and their academic success through the L. Gale Lemerand Student Center currently under construction.

Prior to this most recent gift, he has generously donated more than \$1 million in support of Daytona State campus growth initiatives and scholarships, including the L. Gale Lemerand Endowment for Health & Wellness, the L. Gale Lemerand Entrepreneurial Speaker Series Program, and the L. Gale Lemerand Athletic Leadership Scholarship.

He has given millions of dollars to neighboring institutions as well, including the University of Florida, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Bethune-Cookman University.

On behalf of the entire Daytona State College community, we are deeply proud and honored to have Gale Lemerand's confidence in our mission. His longtime support of Daytona State is already leaving a legacy that will live on for generations and serve countless students.