

Distinguished Alumni 2011

Harlan County Public Schools will continue its tradition of honoring distinguished alumni prior to the Harlan County-Lee County, Va., football game on Friday.

The Distinguished Alumni Recognition Program honors alumni who have made a difference at home, in the state, across the nation and around the world.

This year's honorees include Tim and David Howard, co-owners of Howard Engineering in Harlan; Dr. Jesse Pace, orthopaedic surgeon, and Jerry W. Haynes, president and chief executive officer of Appalachian Regional Healthcare.

"We have four excellent honorees," said Superintendent Tim Saylor. "Each recipient has made significant accomplishments. We are pleased to be able to recognize them for their work, especially for their dedication to the youth of eastern and southern Kentucky.

The Howards are co-owners of Howard Engineering and Geology in Harlan. The Howards have tremendous accomplishments, including being named finalist in 2010 in the Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award for Small Business in Eastern and Southern Kentucky.

Their business is a small service company, providing engineering, geological and environmental assistance and support to coal companies in southeastern Kentucky. Howard Engineering and Geology has grown from three employees in 1988 to 17 full time employees.

The company and the honorees individually have made significant accomplishments to support the coal industry, conservation organizations, educational initiatives and various civic organizations, with an emphasis on those serving the youth of Harlan County.

Tim Howard is a 1979 graduate of James A. Cawood High School and holds a degree in mining engineering from the University of Kentucky. He is active in many professional and civic organizations, the Harlan Christian Church, the Gideons, Christ's Hands and others.

David Howard is a 1981 graduate of James A. Cawood High School. He received a degree in geology from UK. He too is active in many professional and civic



organizations. He has served as district chairman for the Mountain Laurel District of the Boy Scouts of America and currently is Leader for Troop 149 in Harlan. He has received the Silver Beaver Award and the District Merit Award from the Boy Scouts of America. He is chairman of the Harlan County Soil Conservation District

Dr. Pace, a 1994 graduate of Evarts High School, is an orthopedic surgeon with a specialty in sports medicine in his private practice at the Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center of Lake Cumberland in Somerset. A graduate of Centre College where he was a James Graham Brown Scholar, he earned his doctorate at the Pikeville College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed both his internship and orthopaedic surgery residency at Doctors Hospital of Stark County in Massilon, Ohio, where he was also chief resident.

He completed an orthopaedic sports medicine fellowship at the American Sports Medicine Institute and the Andrews Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center in Birmingham under the direction of Dr. James R. Andrews.

For the past seven years, he has served as team physician for various high schools, providing orthopaedic care for student-athletes. Most recently, he was the orthopaedic sports medicine fellow assigned to provide care for all student-athletes at Birmingham Southern College and Auburn University, including the 2010 National Champion Tiger football team.

He is board eligible by the American Osteopathic Association of Orthopaedic Surgery.

His special interests include the diagnosis and treatment of shoulder, knee and elbow injuries.

Haynes has been with ARH more than 30-years, having been named president and CEO in 2005.

Haynes attended James A. Cawood High School as a junior in 1973. He graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1978 and began working soon afterwards at ARH.

During his tenure with ARH, he has held many leadership positions, including Community CEO for ARH hospitals in Hazard, Whitesburg, McDowell and Beckley, W,Va. He also has served as Chief Compliance Officer, system director for patient financial services and assistant administrator for ARH's home services and clinics.

In each position he has held, Mr. Haynes' focus has always been on quality care, quality service, and the continued viability of the organization.

The awards program will take place at approximately 7:15 p.m. on Friday, just prior to kickoff of the ARH Bowl featuring the Harlan County Black Bears against the Lee County Va. Generals.

Various activities are planned prior to the game, including free health screenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and again at halftime.