

Richard Jackson - Class of 1970

Richard Jackson was born on July 19, 1952, to Harold and Lillian Jackson in Brownsburg, where he grew up with his older brother Mick and younger brother Jim. Richard delivered papers for the Indianapolis Star throughout his school years, developing an early work ethic that would serve him well.

Richard attended Indiana State University from 1970-1974, majoring in life science with minors in chemistry and math. He then graduated from Indiana University Medical School in 1978, followed by a one-year internship in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and a four-year orthopedic residency. In 1983, he completed a fellowship in children's orthopedics in Los Angeles.

Dr. Richard Jackson began his orthopedic practice in 1984 in Beech Grove, Indiana, serving patients at St. Francis, Community South Hospital, and Johnson Memorial Hospital. He served as a clinical professor at Indiana University Medical Center beginning in 1999. In 2003, he founded Greenwood Orthopedics, where he practiced until 2014 before joining Midwest Center for Joint Replacements. He retired from orthopedics in 2018.

Throughout his career, Dr. Jackson has been deeply committed to medical missions, having led or participated in missions to El Salvador, Haiti, Kenya, Uzbekistan, India, Paraguay, Ecuador, Colombia, and the Dominican Republic since 1985. His dedication to service earned him the Sagamore of the Wabash from Governor O'Bannon in 2003 and Governor Pence in 2016. He also received the Top Doc award, a peer surveyed honor through Indianapolis Monthly, in 2015 and 2016. Richard credits his parents, Dr. Scudder, and teacher Carl Truesdale - his wrestling coach and biology teacher - with inspiring his interest in medicine and service to others. He married his Brownsburg sweetheart, Denise Overton, in 1973, and credits her with his success. They have four children and twelve grandchildren.