

Dr. William R. Gordon, Jr. WPHS Alumni Circle of Distinction - 2006

Bill Gordon, Winter Park High School class of 1980 and 3-time varsity letterman in baseball, has served as a teacher and administrator in the Orange County, Florida, Public Schools for the past 28 years.

In 1999, he became principal of WPHS. During his 11-year tenure, WPHS was consistently named by the State as a "High-Performing School" due to its rigorous curriculum and outstanding student achievement. Also, U.S. News and World Report repeatedly ranked WPHS in the top 1% of high schools in the nation. While Bill was the principal at WPHS, the Cats won 7 FHSAA Floyd E. Lay "Sunshine Cup" All Sports Awards; 2 FACA "Carey E. McDonald" Athletic Program of the Year Awards; 8 Orlando Sentinel "Varsity Cup" All Sports Awards; 7 Metro Conference "Bob Berry" All Sports Awards; 34 State Championships; 28 State Runners Up; 50 Region Championships; 103 District Championships; and 108 Metro Championships.

Bill is currently the Area Superintendent for the North Learning Community for Orange County Public Schools, the 10th largest school district in the nation. In this position, he is responsible for managing 35 diverse K-12 public schools that serve 45,000 students. Additionally, he serves as an adjunct professor in the Doctorate Program in the College of Education at the University of Central Florida, and in 2012, he co-authored an internationally recognized textbook, *Developing the Curriculum*, which targets masters and doctorate students who wish to receive an advanced degree in Curriculum Development and Design.

Bill's family is no stranger to Winter Park High School. His father was a teacher and coach at the school for 17 years and is a member of the Winter Park Sports Hall of Fame. His Aunt Millie was the WP Cafeteria Manager for 20 years. Although Bill did not marry a Wildcat, he has been married to his lovely wife Patty for 22 years. His children, Trey and Whitney, are students at UCF.