

Jay Gehring
Class of 1976

BHS Activities: National Honor Society, Ranked 3rd in class, 4-year varsity letter in cross-country and baseball, 2-year varsity letter in track, 3-year drama club member (played the lead in “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown”)

Education: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Life after BHS and college: After graduation from college, I worked for Procter and Gamble for two years as a Plant Project Engineer. For the remainder of my career, I worked for PepsiCo in a wide variety of positions across both Engineering and Research & Development, including positions as Vice President in the North American Snack business section and in global packaging development across 90+ countries. I retired in January of 2017.

Best memory from BHS: I have a lot of great memories and had some very good teachers, but probably the person who had the greatest impact/influence on me was Mr. Ron Raver in his role as our cross-country coach. He was an amazing individual who was a terrific coach who got you to perform beyond what you thought possible. What influenced me the most was all he overcame and how he dealt with his own physical challenges without complaint. What a great role model for life lessons: taking your situation and making the most of it. He's still a great example to me of dealing with life's adversities in a positive, constructive way.

Thoughts on education: A good education is so valuable, especially in today's global economy where good jobs are getting increasingly difficult to get. It's something that becomes a solid foundation for building the rest of your life.

