

Distinguished Alumnus 2012

David Gilbert

Class of 1977

David W. Gilbert, a 1975 graduate of Tonkawa High School, earned his Associate of Science degree in Industrial Arts from Northern Oklahoma College, his Bachelor of Science and his Master of Science degrees in Industrial Arts Education from Oklahoma State University and his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Workforce Education and Development from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. A noted and respected educator of students from throughout the world, he has influenced automotive electrical diagnostics across the industry. His numerous technical publications and presentations at regional, national and international levels earned him Associate Professor and tenure status at Southern Illinois where he twice received the Automotive Department Teacher of the Year Award. In 2010, Dr. Gilbert's expert witness testimony before the United States House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce helped further a congressional investigation on the safety and reliability of modern vehicle electronics. The Faculty Senate of Southern Illinois awarded him a unique resolution honoring his academic integrity.