

Distinguished Alumnus 2016

Dr. Gordon P. Laird

Class of 1962

Dr. Gordon P. Laird earned an Associate of Science degree in Pre-Medicine from Northern Oklahoma College, a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Central Oklahoma (1964) and a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Kansas City Health Science Center (1968). At Northern, he served as Biology Club president, captained the football team and was an O Club member.

He was instrumental in initiating the annual NOC Maverick Alumni Luncheon in Tulsa, attended by former Northern athletes from the football and baseball era of the 1950s and 60s.

A board-certified general surgeon, in more than 40 years of practicing medicine Laird performed over 21,000 surgical procedures. He participated in Medical Ministries International at clinics in Mexico, Haiti, Ghana, Malawi and Rwanda.

An adjunct professor at the Oklahoma State University College of Medicine, his many professional honors include president of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association (2001-02), Oklahoma Foundation of Medical Quality chair (two years) and delegate to the American Osteopathic Association.

Laird is a 32nd degree Mason. He is active in the First Baptist Church, Pawnee, Oklahoma, and in the Akdar Shriners.