Mount St. Joseph names St. John Alumnus of the Year

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Mount St. Joseph High School in Irvington has named Edward St. John as its 2012 Alumnus of the Year. St. John, chairman of the board and CEO of St. John Properties, is a 1955 graduate of the school.

"Ed has been an immense success as a businessman, a community leader and admirable employer, but for the Mount St. Joseph community, he is even more remarkable for his continuing generosity that focuses on the education of young people," said Mount St. Joseph principal Barry Fitzpatrick. "In Maryland, there are many who have amassed fortunes, but few who have given so much and helped so many."

The Alumnus of the Year Award is given annually by the Mount St. Joseph Alumni Association. It is presented to an alumnus who has distinguished himself in his profession or in the community by an outstanding deed or service.

St. John is active in a variety of community organizations, chairing the board of trustees of the Maryland Academy of Sciences/Maryland Science Center since 2009 and serving on the board since 1966. He also serves on the board of directors of the Johns Hopkins University Real Estate Institute, the BWI Business Partnership, the National Association of Industrial and Office Parks, Maryland Chapter and the UMBC Alex Brown Center for Entrepreneurship. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Maryland.

In 1971, St. John founded MIE Properties, the forerunner of today's St. John Properties. Since its founding, more than 15 million square feet of office, research and development/flex, industrial and retail space has been developed, constructed and ownership maintained.