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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI RECIPIENT

## STEWART NELSON

Kingwood High School, Class of 1988



Stewart Nelson is a proud 1988 graduate of Kingwood High School. He attended Foster Elementary, Kingwood Middle School and Kingwood High School. Stewart was an avid basketball player and played on the KHS Varsity team for two years. After graduation, he went to the University of Texas in Austin and graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration. He went on to hold sales positions at several companies ultimately landing in the Oil and Gas industry. In 2008, he and two co-workers decided to start Noah Consulting, an information management consulting company. Stewart has always had a strong entrepreneurial spirit but taking on a risk like this was especially brave considering he had a young family and lots of responsibility and pressure on his shoulders.

Noah Consulting officially started in 2008 and through hard work and relentless, tenacious ambition, the company grew and found success. Along the way, Stewart insisted that the culture of Noah be one of familial support, community service and respect. Stew worked day and night to ensure the success of the company and as it grew and received award after award, he continued to show gratitude and humility.

In 2015, Noah Consulting was officially purchased by Infosys. Stewart continued to work for Infosys to ensure the Noah Consulting transition was seamless and officially retired in 2020. Stewart and Noah Consulting received many awards throughout the years and he was even featured on the cover of the Houston Business Journal in 2014. One of his accolades include being selected by the Houston Business Journal for the Enterprise Champion award in 2014. This award is a special designation for companies who maintain a core focus on innovation, strong corporate culture, and ongoing social responsibility in the face of significant growth. Noah Consulting was also listed in the Houston Business Journal as one of the Best Places to Work in 2012, 2013, and 2014.

In 2013, the National Association of Business Resources (NABR) recognized Noah as one of Houston's Best & Brightest Companies to Work For. The award measures companies based upon compensation, benefits, employee enrichment, engagement and retention, community involvement, diversity, and work life balance. In 2014 Noah Consulting was awarded the #1 Place to Work in the United States by Computer World Magazine in the small company category. Noah Consulting also received the Innovation Partner Award in 2014. The Innovation award recognizes data-centric organizations that have demonstrated leadership to help drive innovation and business advantage. Noah Consulting was recognized in the enterprise data platform category for leveraging solutions to improve Information Management capabilities and increase business productivity. In addition, Noah Consulting was recognized for three years by Inc. Magazine as one of the fastest growing companies in the United States and in 2015 was #25 in the Houston area in the Business Products & Services companies category.

Stewart is always ready to jump in and lend a hand. As a young boy growing up, he belonged to Kingwood United Methodist Church and participated in UM Army weekends away helping fix fences or move yard debris or make house repairs. When one of his best friends unexpectedly passed away, he organized a Memorial Golf Tournament in his honor. During his Noah years, he started the Do Good initiative where Noah consulting employees would gather several times throughout the year and help in warehouses packaging food or moving pallets or whatever was asked of them. He served on the Kingwood Montessori Board for several years even after his children were no longer at the school. He coached YMCA basketball for over 4 years, youth baseball for nearly 3 years and has been an assistant lacrosse coach for over 4 years and counting. He's the parent that gathers the kids at the local middle school to have an impromptu practice or throw around to encourage skill development and team bonding. During the pandemic, he handed out food at local distribution sites. He has a heart for service and a head that never says no to helping out.