

## 2015 PARK UNIVERSITY ALUMNI AWARDS LUNCHEON

*The Torchlighter Award honors individuals who have made significant, long-standing contributions and commitments to Park University, whether alumni, faculty or friend. Recipients of this award who are not graduates of Park are bestowed the honor of honorary alumnus.*

**ED BRADLEY, PARK UNIVERSITY VOLUNTEER** | Working behind the scenes at Park University are business leaders like BankLiberty's Ed Bradley who brings more than 40 years of experience to Park as a founding member and chair of Park's School of Business Advisory Council.

"In the banking world, you need to know as much as possible about your customers and their particular needs to better serve them. That's why I'm proud of our work on the Advisory Council to support the School of Business in reaching out to understand and meet the diverse needs of students and prospective students — many with full-time jobs, families and serving in the military."

Bradley recently helped Park's School of Business secure accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs. For his service, Bradley was inducted in November 2013 as an honorary member of Park's Mu Chi Chapter of the Delta Mu Delta International Honor Society in Business. "Park's highly professional, academic environment is warm and inviting," he said. "It's a treat to work with the University to forge positive connections with the local business community."

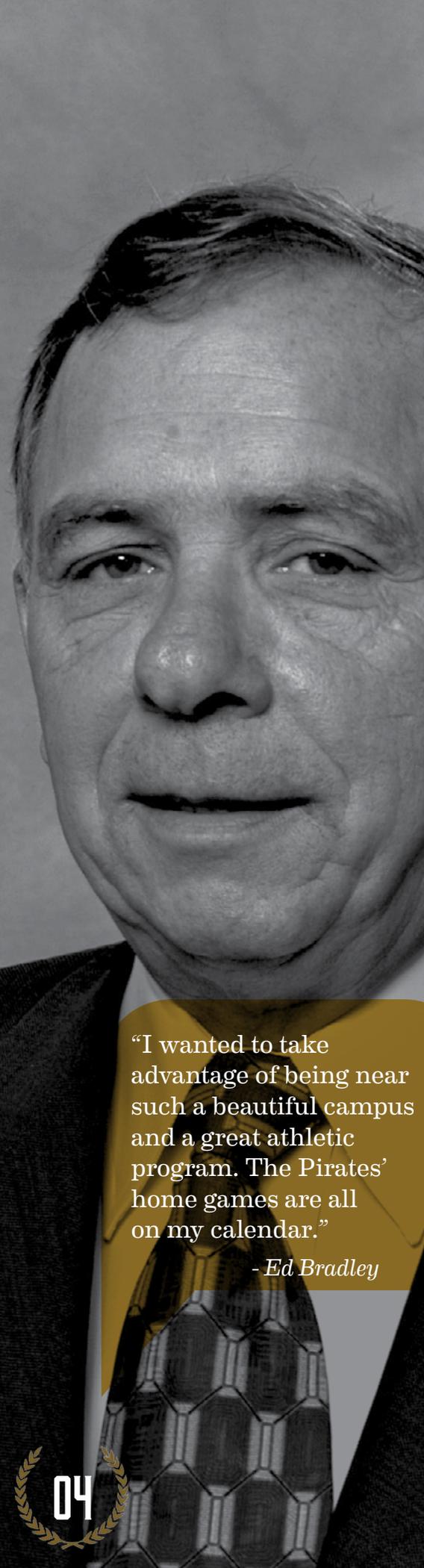
Working in downtown Parkville, Mo., he drives by the University's Parkville Campus every morning and wants to get more involved in the University. "I've grown up playing and coaching sports all my life. I wanted to take advantage of being near such a beautiful campus and a great athletic program. The Pirates' home games are all on my calendar," he said.

Bradley enjoys not only watching the games, but also taking the time to visit with Park's student-athletes and coaches. "Park's athletic director, Claude English, is among the finest gentlemen I know. He really cares about his players, both for their athletics and scholarship," he said. At Park sporting events, Bradley often enjoys the companionship of his granddaughter. "She's 9-years-old and has captured the affections of Park's women's volleyball team who always take her under their wing."

Bradley's connection to Park is also personal. His son, Luke, is a 2007 Park graduate and now works as a child psychologist in Overland Park, Kan. His grandson, Andrew Parker, graduated this past May and was on Park's track and field team. With a degree in athletic training and Park's Career Development Center support, Parker recently secured a position at Cerner to work with their corporate wellness program..

Visiting with Park students and alumni, Bradley often enjoys sharing his career advice: "Be a good judge of character, and be a good character," he said. To cultivate character, Bradley is always encouraging young professionals to get out from behind their computer screens to make real connections through service to their communities.

By example, Bradley inspires others in Parkville and beyond to get out and take advantage of the many great opportunities the University offers to connect with a diverse group of people dedicated to scholarship, athletics and service to their community. "I don't know anyone who doesn't realize how fortunate we are to have Park University at the center of our community in Parkville...certainly not me."



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