

## DEDICATION OF SOMMER CENTER

### Welcome and recognition of guests

Dr. James M. Harder  
President, Bluffton University

### Celebrating the occasion

**Student perspectives** Kyle Schmidt, Student Senate President

**Faculty perspectives** Tami Forbes, Chair, Department of Health, Fitness and Sport Science

**Coaching perspectives** Guy Neal, Men's Basketball Coach

**Introduction of the Sommer family** President Harder

**Response on behalf of the Sommer family** Jim Sommer  
Tremont, Ill.

**Prayer of dedication** Morris Stutzman, Chairperson,  
Bluffton University Board of Trustees

### Ribbon cutting participants:

Jim Sommer, representative of the Sommer family  
Morris Stutzman, Chairperson, Bluffton University Board of Trustees  
Larry Copeland, Extending Our Reach campaign co-chair  
Tom Reichenbach, Extending Our Reach campaign co-chair  
Gerald A. Gutierrez, Architect, Sasaki Associates, Watertown, Mass.  
Randall Marker, President, Thomas & Marker Construction, Bellefontaine, Ohio

James M. Harder, President of Bluffton University

Lee Snyder, President of Bluffton University (1996-2006)

Hans Houshower, Vice President for Advancement

Stan Clemens, Vice President for Advancement (1998-2006)

Kevin Nickel, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs

Willis Sommer, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs (1994-2010)

Don Schweingruber, Chair, Recreation Center Program  
Planning Committee (2003-04)

Kyle Schmidt, Student Senate President

Tami Forbes, Chair, Department of Health, Fitness and Sport Science

Phill Talavinia, Director of Athletics

Guy Neal, representative of Bluffton University's coaching staff



The Sommer Center recognizes the service and leadership gifts of Ted '41 and Jo (Conrad '44) Sommer and their sons, Steve '73 and Jim '68, along with Jim's wife Susan (Lehman '68) Sommer, all from central Illinois.

Beginning with the historic relationship of the Sommer Brothers Seed Company business with Bluffton, the family has maintained an important and supportive relationship with the university as students, athletes, alumni and parents, and through board service and significant financial support. The Sommer family played a leadership role in *Extending Our Reach – The Campaign for Bluffton* by contributing the lead gift to the health and fitness education building project.