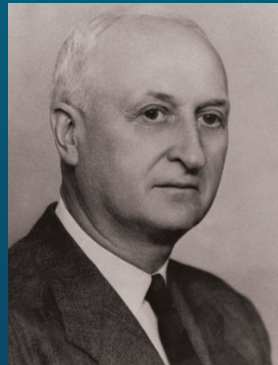


Walter A. Davis was born in 1882 near Princeton, Indiana. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from Indiana University, the latter in 1913. He taught in the Gibson county schools and later became a school administrator. He served as Superintendent of Schools at Bicknell, Indiana from 1907 to 1911 and held the same post at Covington, Indiana from 1912-1918. In 1918 he joined the United States Army and became Director of Educational Activities for the Army YMCA in San Antonio, Texas. After World War I, Davis remained in the Army until 1922, serving on the headquarter's staff of the Eighth Army Corps. In this capacity he helped establish and supervise schools for servicemen awaiting discharge. Davis later conducted work in the rehabilitation and education of former soldiers.

Davis first came to Vincennes University in 1922 to head what was called the "Department of Rehabilitation." The following year he became a professor of education and the head of the School of Education. In 1924 he was chosen by the Board of Trustees as President of Vincennes University. Davis then went on to lead the University through 25 years of change. In addressing the Board of Trustees, when announcing his resignation in May of 1947, Davis called attention to the fact that substantial gains had been made in obtaining adequate financial support, broadening and enriching the academic program, and enlarging and better equipping the educational plant. He also added that even greater improvements would be needed in the next few years. After accepting his resignation, the Board made Walter A. Davis President Emeritus of Vincennes University.



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## Vincennes University Alma Mater

Music and Lyrics by Professor Richard Ertel

Sing Alma Mater, Old VU.  
 Sing of a love for friends so true.  
 Let not the halls of ivy be  
 Just hallowed memories, for you see

Home is our name for you, VU.  
 Friends and alumni all so true  
 Needing a friend will come to you,  
 Alma Mater, Old VU.



## Dr. Daniel Combs

2020 Citation Recipient



WALTER A. DAVIS

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CITATION EVENT

Honoring

# Dr. Daniel Combs

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021  
6:00 p.m.  
Vincennes University  
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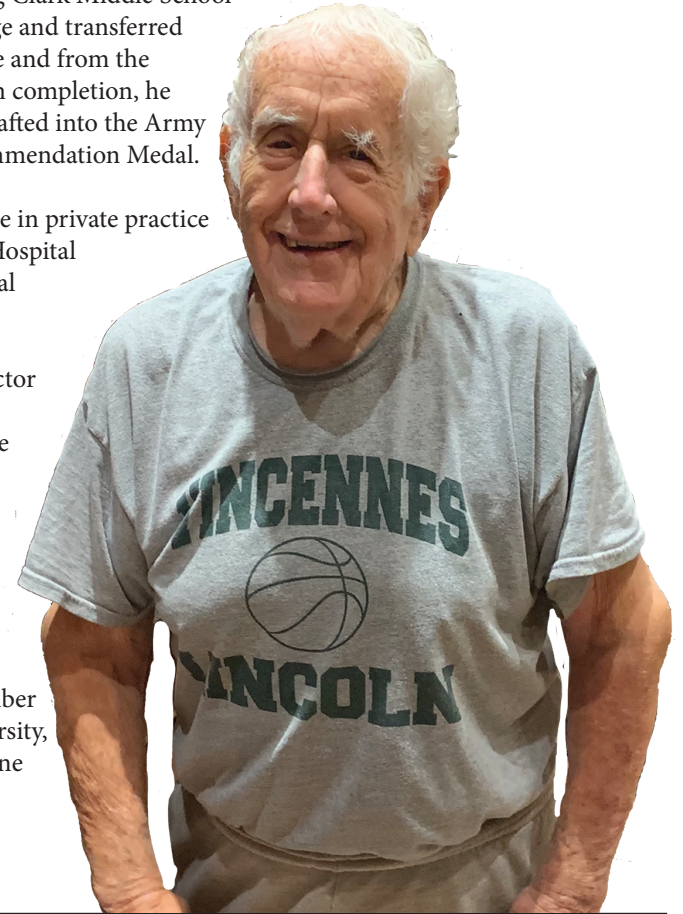
Dr. Daniel Combs was born in Vincennes, Indiana in 1936. His father served the community as an attorney and his mother was an educator. His education began locally, attending Clark Middle School and graduating from Lincoln High School in 1954. He attended Wabash College and transferred to Indiana University where he graduated in 1958 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and from the School of Medicine in 1961. His residency was served in Indianapolis, and upon completion, he returned to Vincennes to begin his practice of medicine. Shortly after, he was drafted into the Army where he served as a Captain from 1966 to 1968, having received the Army Commendation Medal.

After his military service ended, Dan returned to Vincennes to practice medicine in private practice from 1968 until his retirement in 2019. He was on the staff of Good Samaritan Hospital throughout a career spanning more than 50 years and served on multiple hospital committees.

Dan was and is an avid sports fan and served as the Vincennes Lincoln team doctor for 20 years from 1970 to 1990. Active in the Vincennes YMCA he voluntarily coached both football and basketball. He served on the finance committee of the YMCA, and was actively involved in the construction of their new facility.

Passionate about the history of Vincennes, a retirement project is writing a book about the history of Vincennes. The book includes historical photos of Vincennes that he has collected over the years and recounts the growth and development of Vincennes through the stories of his patients.

Dan currently serves on the Knox County Board of Health and is an active member of the Vincennes Rotary Club. He is a long-time supporter of Vincennes University, and was awarded the VU Pacemaker Award. He was married to his wife Katherine Combs for nearly 40 years and has three children, Randy of Milan, Indiana, Steve who is the current principal of Vincennes Lincoln High School, and Elizabeth Lee of San Antonio, Texas as well as nine grandchildren.



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