

## **Biography = Wally Brant, President, Indiana Oxygen**

Wally Brant is the President and CEO of Indiana Oxygen Company, a third-generation, family-owned Indiana company. A 1971 graduate of Purdue University, he served 7 years in the U.S. Air Force as a Navigator on a B-52 Combat Crew serving in SouthEast Asia during the Vietnam War.

In 1982, Wally assumed control of Indiana Oxygen. By 2011, the gross sales of the company jumped 1,600% (16 times). He is a recipient of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award (2005), BKD Indiana Award of Excellence (2004), Blue Chip Company Award (2005), American Welding Society National Distributor of the Year (2006), and was honored by the Indianapolis Colts (2007) for Community Service, and Purdue University College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Graduate (2010).

Wally Brant is a former President of several local and national Trade Associations, and also currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Hoosier Motor Club (AAA), the International Oxygen Manufacturers' Association (IOMA), Brebeuf Jesuit Board of Trustees, Best Buddies of Indiana, Legatus, Purdue University CLA Advisory Board, Play Ball Indiana (intercity youth development program), and numerous civic and non-profit associations. He served as President for the Gases and Welding Distributors Association (GAWDA) in 2004. He is married and has two children who have also joined Indiana Oxygen to make it a Four-Generation family business.