The late John Alexander was a two-year starter at center for the SIC men’s basketball team from 1976-1978. He was selected to the all-state tournament team as a freshman, and as the most valuable player in the Southern Illinois Collegiate Conference as a sophomore. Alexander was one of six double figure scorers for a Falcons team that finished 25-7, with three of those losses coming at the hands of eventual state champion Wabash Valley.

After SIC, Alexander attended and played at Southern Indiana University – Evansville (now known as University of Southern Indiana), earning a business degree. He started work in 1984 at Vienna Correctional Center, where he worked for 14 years.

Family members were on hand to accept the award on Alexander’s behalf, including his son, Kyle; mother, Janette; and his wife Chery, all of whom still reside in Harrisburg.