

David Eric Steele

David is a lifelong resident of Indianapolis. He grew up in Fountain Square and attended Indianapolis Public Schools. While at Manual High School, David became an accomplished musician, studying drums and percussion from the late Richard D. Paul, (head of percussion for the Indianapolis Symphony). Upon graduation from Manual, David left for London, England in 1972 to explore the music scene during this pivotal time.

He returned to the US and enlisted in the US Army to gain the benefits from the GI bill (college) and to return to Europe to live. Stationed along the former Iron Curtain, David conducted intelligence gathering and surveillance along the East/West German border. Returning to the US, David worked as a union laborer in the former Uniroyal Rubber Plant in Fletcher Place. Attending night school David earned a B.S. in business economics & public policy (IU Indianapolis), and later earned an MBA from Butler University. David enjoyed a successful career in business working as an executive in domestic and international companies during his career.

David is an award-winning faculty member at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business (Indianapolis) where he taught for over 20 years. In addition to numerous teaching awards, David was selected by the Dean as the Keynote Commencement speaker at IU Kelley (Indianapolis) graduation in 2011.

He also has been a long-time board member of Herron Classical Schools (Herron High School, Herron-Riverside High School, Herron Preparatory Academy). All of which are tuition-free Mayor's Charter Public Schools.

David has a deep love of history and has been successful in researching and receiving approval of 6 Indiana Historical Bureau markers throughout Indianapolis. David has also authored the content and led the design and implementation of the T.C. Steele Historic Trail progressive web application, introduced on the world wide web in June of 2023.

David is a distant cousin of T.C. Steele. Their forebear, Ninian McMahan Steele (1763-1831), who is buried in Owen County, is T.C. Steele's great grandfather, and David's great, great, great, great grandfather.

Married in 1985 to the former Lynne Tarlton Jeck, the Steeles have two children, Ben and Emma, both of Indianapolis, and two grandchildren Jackson and Nicholas.