

## **OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD 2018 JAMES "MOON" MALONE — Class of 1969**

There is so much to say about James "Moon" Malone — a true gentleman, a great friend, and a thoughtful and loved family member. He was involved in many school activities; Moon played sports — football, track, and was in the W Club; he was also in concert and stage bands as well as concert choir; and, he was selected as one of the 1969 Outstanding Seniors.

After attending CSU, Moon joined the Denver Police Department in 1972 where he worked in District 4. He was a Detective in the Child Protective Section and was selected as part of the Mayor's Executive Security team for both Mayor Wellington Webb and John Hickenlooper. Moon was awarded several police awards including the highest citation awarded by the police department — the Medal of Honor — for rescuing and saving the lives of several individuals who had been kidnapped and possibly would have been murdered. His lifelong West High friend, Lester Smith, also served in the Denver Police Department and they remain close friends. Moon is also on the 1969 Annual Christmas Ornament Exchange Committee.

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He joined the West High School Alumni Board where he served as the chair of the Scholarship and Awards committee for many years. As a member of this committee, many alumni board members would agree that he was truly a generous, caring, and inspirational leader. He always had the best interest of the West students at heart. He inspired students to always do their best and to set high goals for themselves. He went out of his way to encourage students to attend college.

No matter the West Alumni project or program planned, Moon was always there to assist. He often shared his caring attitude for the West students with other board members.

James "Moon" Malone is most certainly an OUTSTANDING WEST HIGH ALUMNI.