

**Paul Brown**  
**Class of 1977**  
**Inducted 2017**



Paul Brown graduated from BHS in 1977 and received his Degree in Finance from the University of Illinois. Paul's father founded First Midstate Incorporated, a municipal bond underwriter, in 1963, and Paul grew up with the business. He started working full-time upon graduation and purchased the business from his dad. First Midstate Inc. has consistently ranked as one of the top municipal bond underwriters in the State of Illinois. Paul is an instrument rated general aviation pilot, but his claim to fame is that as a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Stevenson School, he was the Stevenson School Chess Champion beating out the 6<sup>th</sup> graders!