DONALD J. TOMNITZ ’70

2004 Alumni Achievement Award

Donald J. Tomnitz graduated from Westminster in 1970 with a degree in economics. Tomnitz was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, serving as vice president. He also served as a Freshman Class academic advisor. Tomnitz financed 75% of his collegiate expenses and received a 2 year ROTC scholarship, earning honors as a Distinguished Military Graduate.

Tomnitz served in the US Army Signal Corps as a Second Lieutenant and Captain following graduation through June of 1974. He then pursued his MBA at Western Illinois University, graduating in 1975, and taught at the WIU College of Business for a year.

Tomnitz began his professional career with the Crow Development Company in Dallas, Texas in 1981. With Crow, Tomnitz served as Partner in the Land Acquisition and Development and Custom Home divisions from 1981-1983.

In 1983, he began his 20-year career with D.R. Horton, Inc. (NYSE: DHI) in Arlington, Texas, the largest homebuilding company in the United States. During his tenure with the company, Tomnitz has served in executive positions from Partner to Vice Chairman.

Tomnitz is currently the Vice Chairman, President and CEO of D.R. Horton. The company is engaged in the construction and sale of high quality homes designed principally for the entry-level and move-up markets. D.R. Horton builds and sells homes in 20 states and 44 markets and also provides mortgage financing and title services for homebuyers through its subsidiaries.

Tomnitz looks for opportunities to recognize the people that he works with and notes, “It is my strong belief that one rarely accomplishes anything as an individual, but rather accomplishments are achieved by being a member of a well trained team.”

Tomnitz and D.R. Horton were recognized with the 1999 Builder of the Year Award by Professional Builder Magazine. Since 2000, Tomnitz has repeatedly been a featured guest on programs such as, CNBC Squawk Box/Morning Call, Bloomberg News and Fox News – Neil Cavuto Show. He is also a member of the High Production Homebuilder Council.

In his spare time, Tomnitz enjoys running, snow skiing, hunting and fishing. He is active in the St. Michael’s Episcopal Church and the community as a member of the Dallas Republican Men’s Club, a Junior Achievement Advisor, a YMCA Youth Soccer Coach and a Boy Scouts Troop Aide.

Tomnitz and wife, Sharon, live in Dallas, Texas. They have a daughter, Taylor, who will be attending Westminster in the fall, and a son, Blake.

“Westminster is a sanctuary for solid academic and social growth, where one can develop the traits necessary to become all you can be.”