



2022
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI RECIPIENT

DAVID “GABE” HATFIELD

Kingwood High School, Class of 1997



As a 1997 Kingwood High School graduate, Gabe continued his education with a BBA in 2002 and an MBA in 2017 both from Baylor University. Gabe is a second generation family business owner who has grown the business exponentially over the last few years. He has a reputation for his generosity and prides himself on his integrity and keeping his word.

Gabe is the President of OK Pipe and Fittings, Inc and serves on the PVF Roundtable Young Professionals Committee in Houston, TX, as well as the AWWA (American Water Works Association) Committee, and the Chairman of the San Jacinto College Pipefitting Technology Advisory Committee. All three committees are volunteer positions where he spends his time giving back to the future graduates in the industry with fundraising to donate welding supplies and machinery to Houston area trade schools such as Lee College and San Jacinto College.

In 2018, OK Pipe celebrated its 20th year in business and Gabe was named a Water and Wastes Digest Young Professional of the Year. 2021 brought another accolade as Baylor University named OK Pipe & Fittings, Inc. Family Business of the Year from the John F. Baugh Center for Entrepreneurship and Free Enterprise in Baylor University's Hankamer School of Business.

While Gabe focuses much of his volunteer efforts to local colleges and trade schools, he also makes a global impact as a loyal fundraiser and donor for Well Aware, a non-profit based out of Austin, Texas. Well Aware's Shower Strike Campaign raises money to provide innovative and sustainable solutions to water scarcity and contamination in East Africa.

Gabe and his wife, Krystal, live in Kingwood and have children who attend Kingwood High School and Riverwood Middle School. Both of his children are in choir and Gabe enjoys supporting his children's passions by routinely volunteering as a "Choir Dad".