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RE: Robert M. Menke honored in Hall of Distinction at St. Petersburg College

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ROBERT M. MENKE HONORED IN HALL OF DISTINCTION AT ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

Bob Menke, Chairman of Bankers Financial Corporation, was recently selected as one of two people honored in the St. Petersburg College Hall of Distinction, largely for his impressive \$500,000 donation to a new College of Orthotics & Prosthetics Building on the college campus. The building is just being completed.

The Hall of Distinction was established to recognize SPC alumni and friends of the college who, through superlative achievements in their professional and civic lives and their continued support over the years, have brought honor to themselves, the community and SPC, according to the college [web site](#).

Mr. Menke was given a plaque that reads:

"Hall of Distinction, Mr. Robert Menke, April 30, 2008, With Heartfelt Gratitude, St. Petersburg, College Foundation, Inc."

Mr. Menke's decision to donate was personal. His great grandfather, Alvin Miller, had lost both legs to a train after slipping on the tracks in the early 1900s. In those days, prosthetics were heavy and cumbersome, and a young Alvin had to strap them over his shoulder. The prosthetics improved over the years, and Alvin lived a fruitful and successful life – ironically even becoming vice president of a railroad. Mr. Menke has never forgotten the pride he and his father felt about Alvin's accomplishments.

The Bankers donation means that St. Petersburg College will soon offer Florida's only, existing Orthotics & Prosthetics program and the only bachelor's-level program in the southeast. And, because the state of Florida agreed to match Bankers gift, it was twice as vital to the College.

This award means so much to me on a personal level," Mr. Menke explained. "I'm very fortunate that our company is in a position to be able to make a donation like this that can do so much good."

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