## Gary Baker Registry of Honor 2014

Gary Baker has earned a Grammy Award and created two of the music industry's bestselling crossover hits. He's a multi-talented singer, songwriter and producer, his songs selling more than 400 million copies. Baker has been honored by the Country Music Radio Awards, the Country Music Awards, the Academy of Country Music Awards, American Songwriter Magazine, the American Music Awards, NSAI, ASCAP and the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. Most recently he was inducted into the Distinguished Alumni at the high school he attended.

Few songwriters experience a success of the "I Swear" magnitude even once in their career. Baker, however, recaptured that songwriting magic on a second musical masterpiece called "I'm Already There" recorded by country super group Lonestar.

A native of Niagara Falls, New York, Baker launched his recording career in Muscle Shoals' famed LeBlanc and Carr band, performing on their Top 10 hit "Falling". His versatility in pop and country has enabled him to work with pop superstars Nick Lachey, Jessica Simpson and the Backstreet Boys (who scored a No. 1 hit with Baker's "Anywhere for You") as well as country favorites like Lonestar, Alabama, and Reba McIntyre.

Gary is a devoted bulldog with purple running through his veins, and has been instrumental in the renovation of the athletic facilities of the Sheffield High School, and in service to the Sheffield Education Foundation. Sheffield has been his home for 37 years.