

Distinguished Alumni

Distinguished Alumnus Award - 1984

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It has been said that the informed life embraces the promise of service to others, an appreciation of the mind, and steadfastness to the ideal of excellence. From the Mesa to the nation's Capitol, your life has fulfilled with grace and vitality this combination of values.

Your days at Cate predicted subsequent accomplishments: dramatics, athletics, *El Batidor*, debate, and scholarship all benefited from your considerable talents, and these were recognized by your selection as a prefect and numerous graduation awards. Laudable records, as well, followed at Yale and Cambridge Universities and the Standard Law School.

Your life in government service has been equally prolific and successful. As a career foreign service officer, your work at the Department of State has advanced both understanding and peace in a world surrounded by the sounds of war. The quality of this country's economic life and the protection of natural resources commanded your attention at the Department of Commerce and the Environmental Protection Agency. Following service at the White House as deputy assistant to President Reagan, you were appointed as the fourth chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts in 1981. Your administrative skill and personal sensibilities have resulted in numerous programs whose result has been the enlargement of artistic opportunities through increased private sector support and the preservation of diverse cultural offerings. Serving president and the people, you have brought energy, vision and dedication to all daily tasks.

In recognition of all you have accomplished, it is both with pride and honor that the Alumni Association bestows upon you the Cate School Distinguished Alumnus Award.