

Distinguished Alumni

Distinguished Alumnus Award - 1990

John Morse Luce '59

Service, kindness, and excellence have been the hallmarks of your achievements. A renowned critical care physician, a recognized authority on AIDS, and an accomplished author and lecturer, you have distinguished yourself in the field of medicine and social service, and you have been a devoted alumnus of the School, serving your Alma Mater in many ways since your graduation more than thirty years ago.

When you arrived on the Mesa as a sophomore, your love of learning and pursuit of knowledge were immediately evident. You won the Scholarship Cup and were elected into the Cum Laude Society as a junior, and as a senior. You were an active member of the honors course and won the Twelfth Grade Scholarship Award.

You went on to graduate with honors from Stanford University, where you were elected into Phi Beta Kappa. Your first job was as director of Foreign Student Education Programs at Stanford, and you were politically active as a volunteer and press secretary for numerous national and California public figures. Your interest in journalism was wide ranging and led to your service as the director of Public Affairs for the Haight-Ashbury Free Medical Clinic.

Perhaps most significantly, your experience at the Haight-Ashbury Clinic also sparked your interest in medicine. You pursued a medical degree from the University of California, San Francisco, and upon graduation, served an internship and residency at the University of Colorado. You were chosen for a fellowship in medicine at Colorado and for another fellowship in respiratory diseases at the University of Washington at Seattle. After a few years of doing laboratory research, you chose instead to focus your energies on becoming an expert in critical care.

You have advanced rapidly in both the teaching and administrative areas of medicine, quickly becoming an associate professor of medicine and anesthesia at the University of California, San Francisco. Most recently, you finished a term of chief of staff of San Francisco General Hospital, and your experiences in critical care there have propelled you to the forefront of AIDS research.

Your writing skills and medical training have combined for six books, forty-nine chapters of other books, and numerous articles and abstracts in professional journals. Your talents as a lecturer, educator, panelist, and author have been tapped on numerous occasions by the educational, legal, and medical communities.

That same dedication and insight is evident in your service to Cate. You were an effective volunteer during the campaign for Cate and have served as vice president and president of the Alumni Council. You have often spoken to students in assembly, and as National chairman of the Special Gifts Program for the Campaign for the Nineties; you recruited

more than one hundred campaign volunteers from around the world. Your energy and care is also evident in your current position as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Service to others, love of family, and a continuing pursuit of excellence are evident in everything you do, for your outstanding professional and personal accomplishments and for your service to the school. The Cate School Alumni Association honors you, John Morse Luce '59, as the Distinguished Alumnus for 1990.