

Distinguished Alumni

Distinguished Alumnus Award - 1989

William New, Jr. '59

It has been thirty-four years since you first arrived on the Mesa as a freshman in the class of 1959, and your accomplishments since that day have been truly remarkable.

Your career at Cate was distinguished by high achievement and dedicated scholarship, and you graduated with honors. After Cate, you received a B.S. and M.S. in electrical engineering from Stanford University. In 1971, you were awarded a Ph.D. from the Department of Physiology at the University of California, Los Angeles, and the following year, a combined M.D./Ph.D. degree from Duke University's Medical Scientist Program. In 1975, you were appointed to the faculty of Stanford's School of Medicine in the Department of Anesthesia, where you were a member of one of the first heart transplant teams. Five years later, you added a business degree to your other academic achievements when you were selected as a Kaiser Foundation Fellow in the Sloan Executive Management Program at the Stanford Business School. Using your unique background and training in medicine, engineering, and business, your career entered yet another phase in 1981 with the founding of Nellcor, Inc., a leading manufacturer of Critical Care Patient Monitoring Instruments.

Wherever your academic and then professional career took you; however, your heart never left the Mesa. You began to dream about how best to fulfill your goal of giving back to Cate what the School, had invested in you as a scholarship student.

Active involvement first as a member and then later as president of the Alumni Association was followed by the chairmanship of the Annual Fund, and, in 1978, election to the Cate School Board of Trustees. During your tenure on the board, you have conscientiously and creatively applied your wisdom and vision to issues such as faculty compensation, financial aid, and long-range planning. There has never been a time when you have not answered the call of your School.

Consistent with this pattern of service, when Cate once again needed your dedication and leadership and asked you to serve as chairman of the Campaign for the Nineties, you willingly agreed. You set a personal example of extraordinary generosity through your leadership contribution to this campaign, and, in so doing, have realized your dream of repaying Cate many times over for the investment the School made in you.

In recognition of the breadth and dept of your personal and professional accomplishments, and also in recognition of your dedication and service, it is with great pride and profound gratitude that the Cate School Alumni Association names you, William New, Jr. '59 its Distinguished Alumnus for 1989.