

# Distinguished Alumni

Distinguished Alumnus Award - 1987

**William Stevens Prince '42**

At Cate you distinguished yourself as scholar and athlete. Later, after driving ambulances for the American Field Service in European Combat Zones, you returned to the Mesa to coach and supervise work programs while studying at the University of California in Santa Barbara. You continued your education at Yale, earning a doctorate in American Studies.

At the University of Connecticut at Hartford and at Pacific University, you have had a highly successful career as professor of English. At Pacific you served first as English Department Chairman, then as Humanities Department Chairman, and now hold the title of Professor Emeritus. At both Universities, not only in the classroom and lecture hall, but also on television and radio, you have inspired hundreds, both young and old, with the beauties and truths of literature, particularly American literature and Greek tragedy. You have performed frequently in Shakespearean plays.

In addition to scholarly articles and monographs, your published writings include: *The Poems of St. George Tucker*, which you edited; *Curtis Wolsey Cate: One Schoolboy's Recollections*, a masterful evocation of the character and nature of our founding headmaster; and *Crusade and Pilgrimage*, the fascinating account of an Oregon-Scotland connection in World War I.

But beyond all this, perhaps more than any other old boy in Cate's history, you have sustained a deep personal interest in the Mesa. As class agent and decade chairman, as alumni council member, as chairman of the committee for Cate School's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Mr. Cate's Centennial, as generous contributor of your talents, time, and assets, and as an interested, active supporter of the School over the past 45 years, you have come to personify the ideal Cate alumnus. In recognition of your many accomplishments and loyal service to Cate School, it is with both pride and honor that the Alumni Association names you, William Stevens Prince '42, as its Distinguished Alumnus of 1987.