

Distinguished Alumni

Distinguished Alumnus Award – 1980

Malcolm Wallop '50

Throughout your life, you have devoted yourself to the service of others. From your time as a student at Cate, through your years in Cheyenne, to your current tenure in the nation's capital, your career has been distinguished by a strong commitment to working for the benefit of others and the betterment of society.

Few individuals can claim Wyoming roots as deep as yours. By the time you arrived at Cate in 1944, your family had been in Wyoming for three generations, and your grandfather had served as a member of the State Legislature. Politics was in your blood at an early age.

At Cate, you began to recognize your abilities as a leader. You were second prefect, a monitor, and captain of the soccer team. You were also a member of the basketball and track squads and winner of the Soulé Silver Medal and the Soelé Gold Medal in track and soccer. You served as photography editor for *El Batidor* and played the lead role in *Oedipus Tyrannus*.

Following your graduation from Yale with a B.A. in English in 1954 and your service as first lieutenant in the United States Army Artillery, you returned to Wyoming for what you thought would be a career as a rancher and businessman. But, your concern for keeping Wyoming "The last great unspoiled area" of the country led you to an illustrious career in the public domain. First you served as a member of the National Trust Board of Advisors; then you ventured into politics, with two terms in the State Legislature and a stint in the Wyoming State Senate. In 1976, you were elected a United States Senator.

Once on Capitol Hill, you distinguished yourself as the first non-lawyer ever to serve on the Judiciary Committee. Your participation on the Energy and National Resources Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence has been of significant benefit to the citizens of Wyoming and the nation.

For your leadership and valuable participation in the governance of the United States, for the honor you bring to Cate School by serving as the first Alumnus to sit in the United States Senate, and for the role you play in encouraging young people to pursue their political beliefs and ideals, the Cate School Alumni Association is proud to name you, Malcolm Wallop '50, Distinguished Alumnus for 1980.