Dr. William C. Laderer Jr.

Class of 1924

When selected for this award, Dr. William Laderer was vice president of West Point Products Company. A retired educator, he worked in public schools as a teacher and administrator for 44 years.

In 1969, he was named Educator of the Year by the Pennsylvania Elementary Principals Association. During the 22-year span from 1946 to 1968, he was principal of Washington, Howe and Foster elementary schools. From 1968 to 1972, he taught older students while on the faculty of Duquesne University.

Two of the principal organizations with which Laderer was affiliated were the Mount Lebanon Civic League and The 75 Club of Pennsylvania, which is made up of 75 of the state's leading educators. A member of Mount Lebanon United Lutheran Church, he was a past president of the congregation and a member of the church council.

For many years, Laderer was actively involved in the affairs of Grove City College. He was an alumnus member of the board of trustees and served as president of the Alumni Association and the Pittsburgh Branch of the Alumni Association. He was also a director of the Annual Giving Fund.

He passed away Jan. 1, 1982.

Additional degree: Master of Arts and doctorate in education, University of Pittsburgh