James E. Sterrett

Class of 1955

James E. Sterrett cofounded Avantek, Inc., and served as vice president of research and development. Avantek deals with solid-state microwave and lower frequency semiconductors. In 1991, Avantek was sold to Hewlett Packard for $82 million, at which time Sterrett retired.

James Sterrett established the Dale O. Smock ’42 Memorial Fund at Grove City College in 2007 as a remembrance to retired electrical engineering professor Smock. The scholarship is awarded to students above a selected GPA and whose major lies within the Albert A. Hopeman Jr. School of Science and Engineering, with a preference to the Department of Engineering.

Additional degrees: Master's degree and Engineering degree, Stanford University