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## Dr. James W. Dean

*Class of 1949*



At the time of his award, Dr. James Dean had served the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University for 24 years. The responsibilities of his first assignment as dean of students were increased as the University grew from 3,550 students in 1958 to 12,000 students in 1968. For 13 years beginning in 1968 as vice president for student affairs, Dean was responsible for the total program and operations of the Division for Student Affairs that involved eight departments, 110 professional and classified staff members, and 160 resident advisers and housing maintenance personnel. The student enrollment grew to 21,000.

He was appointed university dean to create alumni programs, conduct executive management training, and liaison public relations with Montgomery County service clubs. He also coordinated the programs and assignments for special audiences such as retired faculty.

Prior to his career at Virginia Polytechnic, he had positions as manager, Westinghouse Electric Corporation Educational Center; dean of students at Coe College; assistant dean of students at The Pennsylvania State University and Bucknell University; and assistant principal at Midland High School.

Dean was an officer of numerous professional organizations specializing in student personnel and related fields, and served three years as president of the Virginia Society of Crippled Children. During World War II, he was a fighter pilot, and for 20 years he was a major in the U.S. Air Force Reserves. He was listed in *Who's Who in America*, and received other regional and military honors.

He passed away Jan. 5, 2002.

*Additional degrees: M.A. Bucknell University; Ph.D., The Pennsylvania State University*