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## Dr. John C. "Jack" Jordan

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*Class of 1952*



Grove City native John "Jack" Jordan served in the Marine Corps during the Korean conflict and subsequently attained the rank of major in the Marine Corps Reserves. In the late 1950s, Jordan began a public service career.

When he was elected mayor of New Castle in 1963, he was the youngest mayor in Pennsylvania. Jordan and the city garnered many awards during his term. The Jaycees granted him the 1962 New Castle Man of the Year Award, and he was named the 1963 Pennsylvania Young Man of the Year. The city of New Castle was selected as an All-American City by *Look* magazine and the National Municipal League. Jordan moved from New Castle to a Pennsylvania-wide office when he became chairman of the Republican State Committee.

After several years, he moved on to Washington, D.C., to serve in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, where he directed community renewal programs. He also served in the Office of Economic Opportunity. From there, he went into the private sector to develop and manage construction projects. He headed a number of corporations that own and operate housing for the elderly, and families of low to moderate income. College View Towers in Grove City is an example of one of the complexes he developed and managed.

He passed away Oct. 26, 2003.

*Additional degrees: Honorary Doctorate of Law, Slippery Rock University; Honorary Doctorate of Public Administration, Grove City College*