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Dr. Weir C. Ketler

Class of 1908

Dr. Weir C. Ketler was president of Grove City College for four decades, from 1916 to 1956.

Ketler was born in Grove City. He began his educational career in 1908 at Grove City College, serving as an assistant professor in mathematics and professor in history and economics. In 1914, he was made assistant to the president and was acting president in 1915. On June 13, 1916, he was elected to the presidency of the College at age 27. He served in that capacity until his retirement in June 1956, guiding the College through two World Wars and a depression. He directed the upper campus development plan. Upon retirement, he was named president emeritus.

In 1953, he wrote *An Adventure in Education: 75 Years of Grove City College*. He served on the Alumni Council, then was elected to the Board of Trustees, where he led from 1964 to 1987. In 2014, he posthumously received the College's Athletic Heritage Award for his time as a basketball coach (1910-13) and an assistant football coach.

Ketler was very active in civic, educational and religious affairs. He served two terms as president of the Presbyterian College Union and a term as president of the Higher Education Section of the Pennsylvania State Education Association. He was a member of the board of governors of the Bureau of Educational Records and Research and served on various committees of both educational and religious affiliation on the state and national levels. He was a trustee of the Grove City Hospital and a director of Princeton Theological Seminary. He was a director of the Grove City Foundation and a member of the Newcomen Society of Pennsylvania.

He passed away Dec. 15, 1987.

Additional degrees: Yale University; Honorary degrees from Buena Vista College, University of Pittsburgh, Waynesburg College, Allegheny College and Grove City College