

Dr. John A. Sparks

Class of 1966



Dr. John Sparks graduated from Grove City College with a degree in economics and was named by Omicron Delta Kappa as Senior Man of the Year. Sparks earned his juris doctor degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1969 and is a member of the state bars of Michigan and Pennsylvania.

After completing graduate school, Sparks joined the law firm of William MacRitchie in Hillsdale, Mich. He went on to chair the division of economics and business administration at Hillsdale College, where he was Professor of the Year in 1973.

Sparks joined the faculty of Grove City College in 1976 and rose to serve as dean for the Alva I. Calderwood School of Arts and Letters. He was appointed to the dean's position in 2003 after chairing the Department of Business since 1990. He received Grove

City College's Professor of the Year award in 2001.

In 1992, he received the George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for his article titled, "Increasing Educational Choice," and also was named a Chavanne Fellow by Baylor University's School of Business.

Sparks served as a member and president of a Christian school board for 10 years, followed by two four-year terms on the Grove City Area School Board. He was formerly president of the Public Policy Education Fund, Inc., based in Grove City. He is widely published and, for many years, served as editor of the Grove City College publication, *Vision & Values*. He is a fellow for educational policy with The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College. He retired in 2013 but continues to teach part-time.

Additional degrees: J.D., University of Michigan Law School