

**DAVID WATSON DALY DICKSON**, of the Class of 1941, Overseer of the College, distinguished teacher and educational administrator. A native of Portland, Maine, he graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Bowdoin and followed his brilliant undergraduate career with an equally distinguished graduate record at Harvard where he received his master's and doctor's degrees in English. A sensitive literary scholar, his interests range from Biblical literature to Milton, from Shakespeare to lyric poetry. He is a teacher of consummate skill. He was the first Black of faculty rank on the staff of Michigan State University and received the first Distinguished Teaching Award there in 1952. In 1971, he was the recipient of the Distinguished Bowdoin Educator Award. In recent years, his career has led him to university administration. He went to Northern Michigan University in 1963 as Professor of English but rapidly became Dean and then Vice President for Academic Affairs. In 1968, he became Provost and Vice President at Federal City College, and from there he went to Stony Brook, first as Assistant to the President and then as Dean. Now, as President of Montclair State College, he heads the most distinguished of the State Colleges of New Jersey. That he does so with skill and compassion is obvious. His commitment to public education and the opportunities it affords this nation is strong and deep. But even deeper is his conviction that man can take pride in his own particularity and at the same time glory in his common humanity. Wise, gentle, far-seeing, he is one of the undoubted leaders of American education.

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