

PHILIP SAWYER WILDER, JR.

Philip Sawyer Wilder, Jr., you have in common with your mother and father and your brother a deep devotion to this college from which you graduated in 1944. After serving your country as a flying weather officer with the Air Force, and later earning your Master's Degree and your Doctorate in Political Science from Harvard, you undertook a career that combined a practical concern for government in Washington with a theoretical concern in the classroom. You have worked as a legislative assistant, as a special assistant to a national committee chairman, and with various government agencies, including the United States office of Education and the United States Census Bureau. As teacher and administrator at Wabash College and at California State College, Bakersfield, you have taught generations of college students by your example that good government demands both understanding and participation. Now, as President of Hartwick College, you have with skill and imagination made higher education an exciting reality for a new generation of students. It is fitting that your alma mater should honor such a son.

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