

# William Palmer Scully

Trinity Class of 1961

*Doctor of Humane Letters*

“Go forth and do well. But more importantly, go forth and do good.” While you may not have heard these words spoken by former Illinois Wesleyan University President Minor Myers Jr., you have lived your life as though you had.

On your way to earning a B.A. in economics at Trinity, you were active in Alpha Delta Phi, the Sophomore Dining Club, and the varsity basketball and golf teams. After a stint in the Army National Guard of New York, you worked for Francis I. DuPont for 10 years, first as a securities analyst and later as an institutional salesman. During that time, you studied at New York University and became a Chartered Financial Analyst. You moved to F. Eberstadt, where you became a partner, and then accepted an offer from Smith Barney to work as a vice president in institutional sales. A few years later, you and a friend started Twin Oaks Partners, a performance-based hedge fund that met with tremendous success.

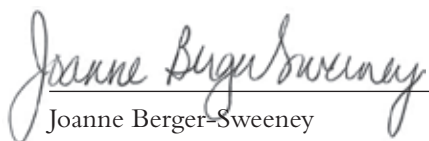
You have said that your retirement in 1999 gave you and wife Marlynn the time to enjoy your four married children and your 12 grandchildren and to pursue the philanthropic pursuits you both relish. You have given magnanimously to the fields of education, health care, and the arts. You have been especially generous with Trinity, creating five endowed scholarships honoring your Trinity classmates who later served in the Vietnam War. You also established two endowed funds to support Trinity golf and men’s basketball, a nod to the days when you played on both teams and in recognition of your belief of the importance of the college’s scholar-athlete approach. You also created a scholarship fund in honor of former Dean of Students O.W. Lacy, who convinced you to return to Trinity after a yearlong break following your first year; the fund focuses on helping students who return to Trinity after interruptions in their academic careers. As an alumnus, you have served on your Reunion committees and as a host for various events, and you are a member of the Elms Society. For all that you and Marlynn have done for the college, your names have been inscribed on Trinity’s Wall of Honor. At your 50th Reunion, you were awarded the Alumni Medal for Excellence.

Your support of education extends to Trinity-Pawling School, which you attended before coming to Trinity. There you have endowed scholarships and funded the construction or renovation of numerous campus buildings and athletic facilities. You also have provided tuition for students at Saint Edward’s School and have been a major donor to a new Boys & Girls Club, both in Vero Beach, Florida, where you now live.

Health care also is important to you; you serve as vice chair of the Indian River Medical Foundation, and you have been a great benefactor of Vero Beach’s Indian River Medical Center. First and foremost, you are one of two major donors to the Scully-Welsh Cancer Center, a transformative facility for both the hospital and its community. Second, you are the primary donor to the Scully Endoscopy Center, a gift driven by the loss of both your mother and Marlynn’s mother to cancer. Both efforts provide much-needed, high-quality cancer care and enhanced early diagnostic capability.

In the arts realm, you have been devoted to the Riverside Theatre in Vero Beach, serving as vice president of its board.

In recognition of the good you have done in giving so generously to education, health care, and the arts, and in setting an example for others to follow, I have the honor of presenting you, William Palmer Scully, for the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.



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