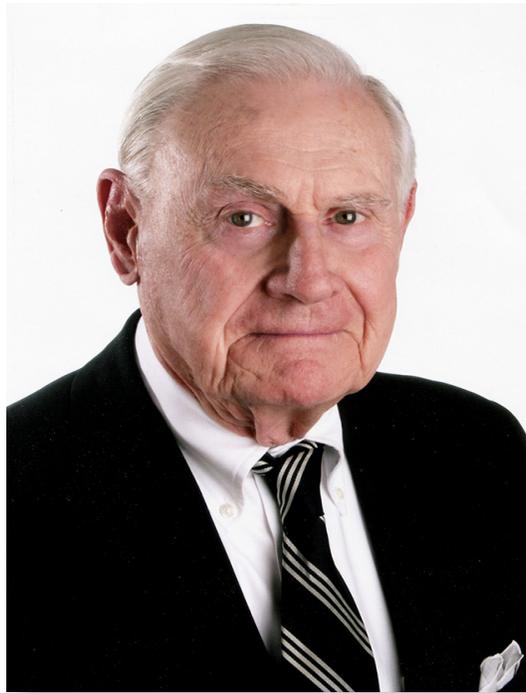


**Horace D. Taft Alumni Medal
and
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**John A. Logan, Jr. '42
1923-2011**

With will, imagination and a disciplined mind, you have dedicated your life to education. A scholar of history, you looked to the words of Lord Bryce that we “need to live not only by patriotism but by reverence and self-control.” A member of Phi Beta Kappa, you studied history at Yale, earning your doctorate, returning to teach after serving your country and applying your considerable intellectual powers to the field of American diplomatic history. Plucked from the classroom, you were called to lead Hollins College—transforming a small provincial school to a women’s college of national reputation. In the tides of co-education, you held fast to the idea that there was a place for single-sex institutions. With a commitment to civic virtue fostered in you by Horace Taft, you encouraged student participation in college governance and were a pioneer in racial integration. A teacher first, you called young women to high academic achievement and rigorous intellectual discipline. In an era when authority was more often questioned than welcomed, you stood for honor, virtue and right conduct. You instilled in a generation of young women the notion that true freedom comes through commitment—to people, to ideas, and to causes greater than oneself. Your leadership is distinguished by humility, integrity and thoughtful direction. By your own example, you taught others that “the joys of freedom reside in using one’s powers to the full in the service of a worthy enterprise.” After Hollins, you continued to support higher education. You harnessed the power of philanthropy to perpetuate the special values and characteristics of America’s private colleges and universities. Your life is marked by enduring achievement, even as you continue to volunteer your time to foundations today. You opened opportunities for intellectual commitment for thousands of young men and women, broadening their range of choices and allowing them to deepen their awareness of the potential of the human spirit. Above all, you chose to serve, and for this, we bestow on you today, your alma mater’s highest honor, the Alumni Citation of Merit.