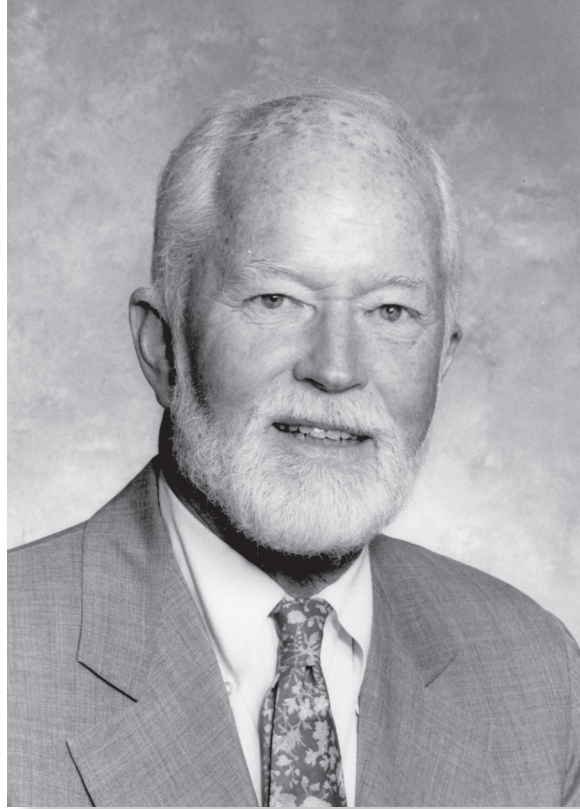


**Horace D. Taft Alumni Medal
and
Citation of Merit
1991 Recipient**



**Henry Prentiss Becton '33
1914-2009**

Fifty-eight years ago, a young man found in Horace Taft's unswerving example and indelible idea of character, responsibility, and commitment. Today, we honor our alumnus, Henry Prentiss Becton, Class of 1933, for a life lived in concert with that noble idea. Member of the choir, glee club, track and wrestling teams, Oracle Board, and cum laude society at Taft, you composed Yale football's Son of Eli, graduated with honors from Sheffield Scientific School, and served your college with great loyalty, earning the Yale Medal. So too did you serve your nation's Air Force during World War II and develop a lifelong interest in aviation. Over the course of a distinguished career that spanned five decades, you orchestrated the growth of Becton Dickinson and Company as one of the nation's premier corporations. With equal enterprise and commitment, you have earned the respect and admiration of your fellow citizens for your years of work as a trustee of the Englewood School for Boys, Ethel Walker School, and Fairleigh Dickinson University, as well as for your work on behalf of Englewood Hospital, Blue Hill Memorial Hospital, and the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. Taft recognizes you as one whose life has been shaped in an exemplary way by your school's motto, *Non Ut Sibi Ministretur Sed Ut Ministret*. With great joy and pride, we today bestow upon you the Taft School's highest honor, the Alumni Citation of Merit.