

**Horace D. Taft Alumni Medal  
and  
Citation of Merit  
2000 Recipient**



**H. Wick Chambers, Jr. '27  
1908-2002**

Distinguished member of the Class of 1927 and Yale graduate, H. Wick Chambers, Jr., Taft today honors you for a life filled with extraordinary achievement and exemplary concern for and commitment to the welfare of others. Service to your country in two wars brought you the Bronze Star. Service to your community and its institutions brought you stellar regard and affection. Always you made time to go the extra distance in helping others. For forty-one years you served families and their needs as dean of the New Haven banking community. Always you lived up to the highest aspiration Horace Taft held for his graduates: that they would “go into things and make them work.” How proud your headmaster would be today to join in honoring you for your service to others as treasurer of Trinity Church, president and director of Farnam Neighborhood House, chairman of the Connecticut Institute for the Blind, and trustee of the Foote School, Hamden Hall Country Day School, and Yale-New Haven Hospital. With incomparably sound and steady judgment, you set the standard from 1965 to 1975 for what it means to be a trustee of Taft. In an era of change and innovation, your voice stood strong and clear on the side of principle. Wick Chambers, with great respect and admiration, your alma mater confers upon you her highest honor, the Alumni Citation of Merit, for leading a life in full keeping with the most deeply cherished ideal of our school’s founder, *Non Ut Sibi Ministretur Sed Ut Ministret.*