

Dr. C. Stratton Hill, Jr.

Dr. C. Stratton Hill, Jr. is professor emeritus of medicine at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, where he served on the faculty for 35 years. A 1950 Rhodes graduate, he has remained close to the college. A Rhodes College Trustee, he was the 1997 recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award. He currently serves as a member of his class's 60th reunion committee.

A world renowned authority on the treatment of acute and chronic pain, Dr. Hill received an M.D. from the University of Tennessee School of Medicine and pursued postgraduate training at New York's Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. In 1963, he joined the faculty at M.D. Anderson, where he was named director of clinics, the center's largest operation. In 1981 he relinquished his administrative post and founded the Pain Treatment Service, serving as its chief until 1994. He worked with Texas Lieutenant Governor Bill Hobby in 1989 to pass the nation's first Intractable Pain Treatment Act.

Active in several state, national and international medical and scientific societies, he is a founding member and past president of the Texas Pain Society and founder of the Texas Cancer Pain Initiative. Dr. Hill is the 1995 recipient of the American Cancer Society's Humanitarian Award and co-recipient of the 1997 National Drug Policy Foundation's Norman Zinberg Award for Achievement in Medicine and Treatment. The annual C. Stratton Hill, Jr. Pain Colloquium at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center honors his service.

These are magnificent accomplishments, yet they don't end there. In June, Dr. Hill will receive the 2010 Mayor's Volunteer Houston Award for his tireless service as a physician and fund-raiser for the Open Door Mission, a faith-based recovery and rehabilitation facility in Houston. To his patients and colleagues there, he is known simply as "Doc Hill."

For his dedication to our college and his extraordinary service to humankind, I am pleased to present the Rhodes College Distinguished Service Medal to Dr. C. Stratton Hill, Jr.

William E. Troutt
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