

David J. Wottle

When Dave began his work at Southwestern in 1984, there was no such thing as the World Wide Web, long distance telephone calls were \$10 per hour, and a first class postage stamp was 20 cents. In his position as Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, Dave Wottle led countless staff members through a period of unprecedented change in the field of college admissions. What has not changed, however, is Dave's devotion to recruiting outstanding students for Rhodes.

For the past 29 recruiting cycles, Dave has had a hand in enrolling 12,350 students for Rhodes. One can't begin to count how many admission applications he has read, phone calls he has received, interviews conducted or schools visited. In addition to his day-to-day responsibilities as dean, chief admissions officer, supervisor, recruiter, and cabinet member, Dave served on the review committee for the Toyota Scholarship Program, the Scholarship & Recognition Program of the College Board, and the Governing Board of the EdScholar Program. He has served in various leadership positions in the Southern and National Associations of College Admission Counseling, as Chairperson of the 19-college Southern Consortium, on the Board of Directors of the Common Application, and on the review committee for the Coca-Cola Scholars program.

Rhodes' own Olympic Gold Medalist, Dave was awarded the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award in 1994, the Rhodes Student Government Outstanding Administrator Award in 2001, and the SACAC William Starling Award for Mentorship in 2011.

For his untiring efforts in keeping Rhodes not just on track, but ahead of the pack, we are profoundly grateful to Dave for being our champion for 29 seasons.

William E. Troutt

President

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