



The University of Vermont

Office of the President

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TO: UVM Community
FROM: Tom Sullivan, President
RE: In Memory of John W. Hennessey, Jr., Ph.D.

Earlier this month we were saddened by the news that beloved professor and University administrator Dr. John W. Hennessey, Jr. had died.

Dr. John W. Hennessey, Jr. earned his MBA from the Harvard School of Business and later earned his doctoral degree at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington. Dr. Hennessey joined the faculty of Dartmouth College in 1957 as a full professor. He later went on to serve as the sixth dean of the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. Dr. Hennessey led the charge to admit women to the Tuck School, and in 1968 the first women were admitted. Three years later, the Dartmouth College admitted women.

Dr. Hennessey served as the University of Vermont's first Provost and later as Interim President at the University of Vermont in the late 1980s. He also served on more than thirty nonprofit and corporate boards (often as chair), including the University of Vermont and Vermont Law School. Dr. Hennessey twice chaired the board of the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital / DHMC. At the University of Vermont's 2012 commencement, Dr. Hennessey was awarded an honorary LL.D. degree. His civility, wise counsel, and gentleness stood out beyond his many attributes.

Please join me in extending our condolences to another beloved member of our community, his wife the Honorable Madeleine M. Kunin, former Vermont Governor and current University of Vermont James Marsh Professor-at-Large.

As per his [obituary](#) in the Burlington Free Press, a Circle of Remembrance was held on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Wake Robin. A service will be held at a later date in Hanover, New Hampshire. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Patient Choices Vermont, P.O. Box 671, Shelburne, VT 05482 or Common Cause, 805 15th Street NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20005.