Wyoming School Foundation Distinguished Alumnus 2002 ★ The Honorable Thomas D. Boyatt Ambassador & Diplomat Wyoming High School Class of 1951



Wyoming High School

Academics

History, Algebra II, Latin III, Plane Geometry, American History, Spanish, Physics, Typing I, American Government, Spanish II, Public Speaking, Chorus

Extra Curricular Activities

Football, Baseball, Basketball, Hi-Y, Oxford Team, Youth Forum, Spring Review Class Officer, Eye Staff, Yearbook Staff, Forensics, Junior Play, Intra Murals, Senior Play

Higher Education

Princeton University, B.A., 1955; Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, M.A.

Career Positions

- 1956 United States Air Force, First Lieutenant
- 1960 Vice, Consul, Chile
- 1962 Assistant to Under Secretary of the Treasury
- 1964 Economic Officer, American Embassy, Luxembourg
- 1967 Political Counselor, Embassy, Cyprus
- 1971 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of State, Near East

- 1971 Director of Cyprus Affairs
- 1975 Senior Seminar, Foreign Policy
- 1975 Minister-Counselor, American Embassy, Chile
- 1978 Ambassador, Upper Volta
- 1980 U.S. Ambassador, Columbia
- 1983 Career Minister of the Foreign Services

Career Awards

- 1969 State Department, Meritorious Honor Award, "for heroism in helping injured passengers to safety and negotiating passenger release with Syria", during the 1969 hijacking by Palestinian guerillas of a TWA plane on which he was a passenger.
- 1970 William R. Rivkin Award, "for intellectual courage, creativity, disciplined dissent, and taking bureaucratic and physical risks for peace on Cyprus..."
- 1979 Christian A. Herter Award, "for extraordinary contributions to the practice of diplomacy."
- 1999 Foreign Service Cup, "for post-retirement contributions to the Service."

Ambassador Boyatt has been decorated by several foreign governments.

Post-Retirement Activities

Vice President, Sears World Trade Partner, IRC Group President, US Defense Systems (USDS) Trustee, Princeton University Board Member, corporate and non-profit boards Advisory Boards, Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University & Patterson School, University of Kentucky Director, Institute for the study of Diplomacy, Georgetown University Lecturer, Woodrow Wilson Fellow Teacher, Foreign Service Institute