

## RADM WILLIAM C. MILLER '62, USN (RET.)

The leadership, vision, and integrity of Rear Admiral Bill Miller, former Academic Dean and Provost, contributed measurably to the United States Naval Academy's transition into the 21st century. His 12 years as Dean helped produce a new generation of Navy and Marine Corps officers who are better educated, better trained and better equipped to serve.

Graduating in the top 10 of the Class of 1962, Miller later earned his Master of Science and doctorate degrees in electrical engineering at Stanford University.

Navy career highlights include tours as Commanding Officer of the frigate MCCLOY (FF-1038) and the destroyer CUSHING (DD-985); Director, Undersea and Strategic Warfare and Nuclear Development; and Commanding Officer, Naval Research Laboratory. Miller's final uniformed assignment was as Chief of Naval Research. He retired from active duty in 1993.

As a civilian, he served as Associate Provost and Professor of Engineering at West Virginia University before being selected in 1997 as Academic Dean and Provost at the Naval Academy, the first alumnus in history to do so.

In that position, Miller instituted studies then lacking in the curriculum, such as language instruction in Arabic and Chinese, and introduced five new academic majors including computer engineering, information technology and quantitative economics.

His efforts proved prescient in reflecting the Navy's future needs, and led to the Academy's recognition as one of the nation's leading undergraduate engineering schools. The more than 10,000 junior officers who graduated from the Naval Academy on Dean Miller's watch continue to provide testament to his focused efforts to make the Academy a stronger, more forward-looking institution.

Miller also partnered with the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation to raise more than \$50 million in philanthropic support for academic programs and worked closely with the director of athletics to significantly improve varsity athlete graduation rates.

His military commendations include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal and four Legion of Merit decorations. In addition, his civilian awards include the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award and the Air Force Exceptional Civilian Service Award, the highest civilian awards given by both services. He has been designated Naval Academy Academic Dean and Provost Emeritus by the Secretary of the Navy.

Miller and his wife, Barbara, are the parents, grandparents and parents-in-law of Naval Academy graduates. They live in the greater Annapolis area.

