

HALL OF HONOR CLASS OF 2019



DR. J.E. McDANIEL

Dr. J.E. McDaniel graduated from Coleman High School in 1950. Dr. McDaniel graduated from Texas Christian University and then studied French culture and civilization at the University of Strasbourg on a Fulbright Grant. Following college, he served as an officer in the US Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Dr. McDaniel postponed his graduate studies at Harvard to work in John F. Kennedy's 1960 presidential campaign; he then served in the Kennedy White House and later as Chief of Staff to an Oregon congressman. Following the Kennedy assassination, he completed his doctoral work at the University of Texas before joining the Adams State University faculty in 1967. Dr. McDaniel, emeritus professor of history at Adams State, is fondly known as "Dr. John" where he taught history, government, philosophy and English until his retirement in 2007. During his tenure, he established 40 scholarships as well as the McDaniel Scholarship Trust which continues to benefit the students at Adams. In 2012, the newly renovated Education and Social Sciences Bldg. was dedicated as the John E. McDaniel Hall in his honor.