

## 2015 LEO M. LAMBERT ENGAGED LEADER AWARD RECIPIENT

### President Nathan O. Hatch, Wake Forest University



NATHAN O. HATCH, Ph.D., became Wake Forest's 13th president on July 1, 2005. In his eighth year at the helm, U.S. News and World Report named Wake Forest 23rd among 281 national universities – the highest ever ranking for the University.

His time leading Wake Forest has been characterized by achievements on five fronts: 1) clarifying Wake Forest's mission and strategic plan, 2) assembling a remarkable team of leaders, 3) making significant realignments in business and medicine to better position the University, 4) undertaking bold initiatives to make standardized tests optional for applicants, develop new programs to educate the whole person, reinvent the 21<sup>st</sup> century liberal arts education with personal and career preparedness a key focus and build greater community through a three-year residency requirement, and 5) leading "Wake Will: The Campaign for Wake Forest" the largest fundraising effort in the University's history. Additionally, Dr. Hatch completed a master planning process to ensure the physical development of the campus is aligned with the University's strategic goals. That plan also takes on important challenges in making the campus more sustainable.

Dr. Hatch established the Office of Personal Career Development under the leadership of Vice President Andy Chan. The mandate of that office is to develop mentoring programs, course offerings, lectures and retreats that will help students think through larger questions about how one's deepest values should shape professional choices.

Dr. Hatch is an active leader in American higher education serving on the board of the American Council on Education and chairing the Division I Board of Directors of the NCAA. He is the immediate past chair of the board of directors of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and in 2014, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences elected Dr. Hatch among its newest members.

Within the greater Winston-Salem community, President Hatch is recognized as an influential leader. A board member of the United Way of Forsyth County, he also served as Chairman of the 2010 United Way Campaign. His voice is an important one with the Winston-Salem Alliance, with the on-going development of Innovation Quarter in Winston-Salem and other efforts that are transforming the city and region as it moves from a manufacturing-based economy to an information-based economy.

A native of Columbia, S.C., Dr. Hatch graduated from Wheaton College in Illinois, received his master's and doctoral degrees from Washington University in St. Louis and held post-doctoral fellowships at Harvard and Johns Hopkins universities. He joined the faculty at Notre Dame in 1975. He was named provost, the university's second highest-ranking position, in 1996; a Presbyterian, he was the first Protestant to ever serve in that position at Notre Dame.