



SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF

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HAROLD BROWN

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**D**r. Brown was Secretary of the Air Force from October 1, 1965 to February 14, 1969.

Born in New York City on September 19, 1927, Dr. Brown attended New York City public schools. He was graduated from Columbia University with an A.B. degree in 1945, A.M. degree in 1946, and Ph.D. in Physics in 1949. He has received honorary degrees (D.Eng., LL.D., and Sc.D.) from Stevens Institute of Technology, Long Island University, Gettysburg College, Occidental College, the University of California, the University of Rochester, Brown University, the University of the Pacific, and the University of South Carolina.

During the period 1947 to 1952, Dr. Brown lectured in physics at Columbia University and Stevens Institute of Technology; spent a year in post-doctoral research at Columbia; and then joined the University of California Radiation Laboratory at Berkeley as research scientist.

He was a member of the Polaris Steering Committee, 1956-58, a member of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, 1956-61, and also consultant to and then member of the President's Science Advisory Committee, 1958-61. He was senior science advisor at the Conference on the Discontinuance of Nuclear Tests in 1958-59, and a Delegate to the Strategic Arms Limitations Talks in Helsinki, Vienna, and Geneva, beginning in 1969.

In May 1961, Dr. Brown became Director of Defense Research and Engineering. He held this position until September 30, 1965. On October 1, 1965, Dr. Brown became Secretary of the Air Force, a post he held until February 14, 1969.

From February 1969 until 1977, Dr. Brown was President of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California.

President Jimmy Carter nominated Dr. Harold Brown to be Secretary of Defense on January 20, 1977. Dr.

Brown was confirmed by the United States Senate the same day and took the oath of office January 21, 1977.

Since February 1981, Dr. Brown has been Distinguished Visiting Professor at the School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University. He also serves as a consultant to and director of various corporations.

Before becoming Secretary of Defense, he had served as a director of Schrodgers, Ltd., IBM, Times Mirror Corporation, and Beckman Instruments.

Dr. Brown was named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Year by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1961. In the same year he received the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award. In 1963, he was awarded the Columbia University Medal of Excellence. In 1969, he was awarded the Air Force Exceptional Civilian Service Award, the Department of Defense Award for Exceptionally Meritorious Service, and the Joseph C. Wilson Award in International Affairs 1976. On March 8, 1979, he received an award for Distinguished Contributions to Higher Education from Stony Brook Foundation, New York; on January 8, 1980, the National Engineering Award from the American Association of Engineering Societies; and on April 16, 1980, the Columbia College John Jay Award for Distinguished Professional Achievement. On January 16, 1981, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, the American Physical Society, The American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, the California Club of Los Angeles, the Bohemian Club, San Francisco, and The Athenaeum, London.

Dr. Brown is married to the former Colene McDowell. They have two daughters.

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