

Lawrence E. Dwyer, Jr.

Doctor Of Commercial Science

Westchester County would not be the same without your business leadership, creative endeavors, vigilance and enduring efforts to enhance it, Lawrence Dwyer. For most of your professional career, you have been involved in public service activities and a variety of business-community collaborative initiatives that serve to strengthen the Westchester County region.

You are currently completing your work as the president of the Westchester County Associate in White Plains, New York and have been since 1993. The not-for-profit Association is dedicated to securing and enhancing the economic vitality of business in Westchester County, and represents more than 700 member organizations, including corporations, not-for-profit organizations, 20 colleges and universities, and 14 area hospitals.

Under your tenure, the Association has partnered with notable agencies, including the U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, the Westchester County Government's Office of Economic Development, the Westchester Transportation Management Organization, the Empire State Development Corporation and the Women's Enterprise Development Center. Pace University is proud to collaborate with the Association and, through the Westchester campus, does whatever is necessary to promote, educate and strengthen the diverse communities and businesses of the region.

You served as Supervisor for the Town of Bedford in Bedford, New York, from 1984 to 1993, a position which functions as the Chief Fiscal Officer and Chief Executive Officer as well as oversees the day-to operations of the of the Town. You served as Councilman for the Town of Bedford from 1974 to 1983. You worked also as Secondary Administrator at Somers High School in Somers, New York, from 1978 to 1983. You were the principal of the Tuckahoe High School in Tuckahoe, New York, from 1973 to 1978, and worked at Ardsley High School from 1970 to 1973.

Your academic training has served you well in your professional career. You earned your B.S. in education from Seton Hall University and graduated cum laude. You were a member of the Cross & Crescent Society and the Academic Honor Roll. You earned both your M.A. in administration and your M.Ed. from Teachers College, Columbia University.

You hold memberships on several boards, some of which are the Westchester Housing Fund, the Hundred Club of Westchester, the Westchester Buick Classic, the Westchester Community College Foundation, the Westchester Public Issues Institute, and the Women's Enterprise Development Center.

For your commitment to building a more sturdy Westchester County community and your advocacy to increase, and strengthen, the community's partnerships with corporations small businesses and educational institutions, Pace University is very proud to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Commercial Science, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereunto.