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Acknowledges Dr. Graves’ achievements and the great honor he has received as Alumnus of the Year of the Milton Hershey School. Dr. Graves is an example of achievement to which they can aspire. The individuals who have been selected as Alumnus of the Year have demonstrated high standards of achievement, humanitarianism and exemplary service to others, achieved distinguished service in their careers, and demonstrated a commitment to Milton Hershey School.

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1962 Kenneth H. Hart, M.D.
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1965 Franklin J. Blough, M.D.
1966 Charles J. DeVito, M.D.
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2000 William E. C. Dearden, M.D.
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“I probably gained the biggest boost in my confidence when I read in the local newspaper that Coac [Larry] Galloway mentioned me as one of his key to a successful season,” said Graves.

Graves also was a stand-out academically and as a student leader. He was a member of the National Honor Society and an officer in the Student Home Council.

After graduating from MHS, Graves went to Bucknell University where he majored in biology and minored in black studies, completing a B.A. in 1991. While at Bucknell, he became involved in laboratory research which influenced his ultimate goal of becoming a physician-scientist. Since he reached that decision late in his undergraduate career—because of time spent considering a career in law and politics—he decided to get his doctorate first. He went home to Pittsburgh and studied at Carnegie Mellon University, where he completed his Ph.D. in Biological Sciences in 1996. That same year, he matriculated into his dream medical school, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. One of the scientific research streams he worked in graduate school, Dr. Chi Van Dang, allowed him to do a two-year postdoctoral fellowship between his first and second years of medical school. Following that, he returned to medical school and completed his M.D. in 2002.

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