

Dr. Phillips Talbot

Class of 1932

We honor Dr. Phillips Talbot for his distinguished career achievements as a journalist and diplomat. He is a 1932 graduate of Wauwatosa High School where he was active in band, drama, National Honor Society, the Cardinal News, forensics, and French Club. Dr. Talbot graduated from the University of Illinois and received his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. He was a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Naval Reserve during World War II, during which time he served in both India and China. Dr. Talbot was affiliated with the Chicago Daily News a reporter from 1936 to 1938 and as a correspondent in South Asia from 1946 to 1950. He was the Executive Director of the American Universities Field Staff from 1951 to 1961 and the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs from 1961 to 1965. Dr. Talbot was appointed the U.S. Ambassador to Greece from 1965 to 1969 during the Lyndon Johnson administration. After his tenure as Ambassador, Dr. Talbot was named President of the Asia Society from 1970 to 1981. In 2002, the Government of India bestowed on him its national Padma Shri award for lifetime contributions to Indo-American relations.

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