

Distinguished Alumnus 2004  
Dr. Granvil L. Hays  
Class of 1961

An honor student and sophomore class president, Granvil Hays majored in pre-medicine. He earned his D.D.S. from the University of Missouri at Kansas City and a M.S. from the University of Michigan.

He retired from the Army as a colonel with many military honors, including the Army Medical Department's highest award for professional competence and the Combat Medical Badge.

A diplomat of the American Board of Oral Medicine, Dr. Hays served as national president of the American Academy of Oral Medicine.

For 12 years, he was an associate professor at the University of Texas–Houston, Health Science Center, earning the Dean's Teaching Excellence award three times. Dr. Hays consulted on cancer prevention studies at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, authored two chapters in a medical text, authored or co-authored more than 35 professional articles and spoke at the Oral Health Congress, White House Conference on Aging. He authored *Tears of Sorrow*, *Tears of Joy*, a historical novel set in Oklahoma Territory.