

The Post Family

1867 - 2007

"Harry C. Post was not only an educator; he was an entrepreneur and a visionary. Together with his family and offspring, they have left an educational legacy that has, and will, endure in the Waterbury region and beyond."

Patricia Sanders, Ph.D.
President, Post University

The Post family has made a unique contribution to the greater Waterbury area, dedicating their lives to preparing young men and women to enter the world of work equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed.

Harry C. Post (1867 - 1961)

Harry C. Post was born near Geneva, NY and graduated from Rochester Business Institute. He came to Waterbury in 1896 to serve as the chair of the commercial department of the Harrington Business College, which had been established at the Matoon School of Shorthand. A year later, he purchased the school and renamed it the Waterbury Business College, which has developed into Post University. Harry served as the head of Post for 56 years, beginning a legacy of three generations. As noted by the *Waterbury Republican* on his 85th birthday, "Always modest, almost humble, Mr. Post has achieved without fanfare." Many of Waterbury's early and successful business leaders were Post graduates and this tradition continues today.

Harold B. Post (1902 - 1982)

Harry's sons continued in the family tradition. After receiving a Doctor of Science degree from the Detroit College of Business, Dr. Harold B. Post joined the Post teaching staff as an instructor of accounting. Subsequently he was appointed director of admissions, vice president and then president of Post from 1959 to 1970. In the city of Waterbury, he held the offices of city treasurer (1948-52) and city comptroller (1952-56). Harold served on numerous business and civic organizations including the YMCA, the Boy Scouts and the Boys Club. The *Waterbury Republican* observed that Harold Post "put service to the community and integrity at all times as his highest priority".

Donald J. Post, Sr. (1902 - 1982)

After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Cornell University, Donald Post joined his father and twin brother, Harold, at Post in 1933 and served the college for over 37 years including six months as president. He remained on the board of trustees until his death in 1982. In 1965, Donald and his brother, Harold, moved the college from downtown Waterbury to its present location on Country Club Road and began offering associate degree programs as Post Junior College, a significant milestone in the history of the university. Donald was active in civic and business organizations,



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most particularly the Greater Waterbury YMCA from 1945, serving as president from 1965 to 1968 and president of the board of trustees from 1968 to 1982.

Donald J. Post, Jr. (1930 - 2007)

Donald J. Post, Jr., known as John, joined Post College in 1962, and was, according to the *Waterbury Republican*, "the first third-generation young man in direct line to enter the independent business college field in this country". John represented the last of the Post family to actively serve the university, where he held numerous faculty and administrative positions for over 25 years. When he retired in 1986, John ended almost a century of Post leadership at the university. Like those before him, he was not only an educator but an outstanding civic leader in the Waterbury area.