



## **PRESIDENT JOHN H. FEAVER**

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Dr. John H. Feaver became the 12th president of the University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma on July 1, 2000.

Born on March 5, 1943, to Dr. J. Clayton and Margaret Feaver in Berea, Kentucky, Feaver grew up in Norman, Oklahoma, where his father was a philosophy professor. He attended Norman public schools and enrolled at the University of Oklahoma, where he majored in history and subsequently earned three degrees. His Bachelor of Arts was earned in 1965 and Master of Arts in European history in 1968. He then entered military service and served in Vietnam, where he received the Bronze Star as a member of the U.S. Army, Air Medical Evacuation. Following military service, he returned to OU and completed his Ph.D. in history. In 1974 he joined the OU faculty and taught U.S. and Asian history.

He was appointed to the Science & Arts faculty in 1980 where he was a mainstay in the Interdisciplinary Studies Program for a number of years, and served as departmental and divisional chair in the social sciences. He was named Vice President for Academic Affairs in 1988 by the university's Board of Regents.

During his more than 20 years as president, Feaver has guided Science & Arts through many great successes. Among them,

- The university foundation's earning assets have grown from \$2 million to now approaching \$30 million, generating hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships for our students.
- Science & Arts' support and commitment for diversity is reflected through our special programs like the Neill-Wint Center for Neurodiversity and the Dr. Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher Center for Social Justice and Racial Healing.
- Since 2000, Science & Arts has been home to one of the most successful athletic departments in the NAIA, claiming national championships in basketball and softball; more than 50 Drovers have been selected as NAIA All-American's, and two have been selected as the NAIA Player of the Year; and our coaches have been named the Sooner Athletic Conference's Coach of the Year 21 times.
- Fourteen buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and we are the only college in Oklahoma to have its entire campus listed as a National Historic District. In 2019, we launched a 25-year masterplan designed to ensure that Science & Arts is able to fulfill its mission as Oklahoma's public liberal arts college well into the future.

Feaver is currently the longest-serving university president in the state.