

William Warren Bradley
Doctor of Laws

Bill Bradley, former United States Senator from New Jersey and currently a presidential aspirant, embodies all of the ideals that society sets for its youth to strive towards. As a young man Bradley was the epitome of the student-athlete. He attended Princeton University where he earned his B.A. degree while achieving national prominence as a star of the basketball team. He was named college Player-of-the-Year, was twice named to the All-America team, and won the Amateur Athletic Union's Sullivan Award. In 1964 he led the United States Olympic team to a gold medal at the Tokyo games. Upon graduation, Bradley was named a Rhodes Scholar and completed his M.A. degree at Oxford University. A career in professional basketball followed, during which time Bradley's team, the New York Knickerbockers, won two N.B.A. championships. In 1979 Bradley was elected to the first of his three terms in the United States Senate, being at that time the Senate's youngest member. His legislative career was outstanding by any measure. He is widely regarded as the father of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and of Megan's Law. Bradley retired from the Senate in 1997. Declaring that "politics is broken," he charged our political culture within having lost sight of the major issues and the real concerns of the American people and having become tainted by the corrosive influence of big money. Recently, Bradley has held academic positions at Stanford University and the University of Maryland at College Park.

In recognition of his career of service to the nation, the University takes pride in conferring on William Warren Bradley the degree of Doctor of Laws.