

Preston H. Haskell III '60

Speaker at the Annual Dinner of the Classes of 1960 and 1961

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Preston is the Founder and Chairman of The Haskell Company, the largest privately held construction company in Florida and a top design/build firm in the United States

After growing up in Birmingham, Alabama, Preston graduated from Princeton with a civil engineering degree with honors, followed by an MBA degree from Harvard in 1962 and then further studies at MIT in building engineering.

He founded Preston H. Haskell Co. in 1965, later named The Haskell Company in 1978, which focuses on all three disciplines-architecture, engineering and contracting. The firm promoted the integral design-build method of construction, then a non-traditional approach.

Other credentials include, in part:

Founding Chairman of the Design/Build Institute of America,
Chairman- Jacksonville Museum of Contemporary Art,
Former Chairman- Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens,
Chairman- Alliance for World Class Education,
Director and Former Chairman of the Schultz Center for Teaching and Leadership.
Former Chairman of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, Jacksonville Electric Authority,
United Way of Northeast Florida, and the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra.

Preston served on the Princeton University Board of Trustees from 1996-2000 and 2002-2006. He is an avid collector of abstract art and is on the Advisory Board of the Princeton University Art Museum.