

AVERY BRUNDAGE

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"Avery Brundage is the world's leading exponent and practitioner of amateurism in athletics. In theory and practice, for more than forty-five years, on five continents, he has championed the highest ideals of sportsmanship.

"Upon retiring from strenuous competition he dedicated his energies to provide sport for others. As president of the controlling Board of Big Ten Athletics, as seven times president of the Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S.A., as twenty-four years head of the United States Olympic Association, as a founder of the Pan American Games, and now as the first American to be elected president of the Comité International Olympique, Mr. Brundage has

more than any other living man been instrumental in unifying the forces of amateurism at home and abroad and in guiding them to engender good will among the youth of the world. As their vigorous statesman he has fearlessly spoken, written, and acted in the interest of a stronger youth and the highest ideals of fair play through sports. He has consistently opposed those who would place skill above sportsmanship, fame above nobility, and success above honour.

"Paralleling these high level and entirely unpaid services, Mr. Brundage has achieved eminence in his profession and business. As a practising civil engineer, as head of a great construction company, and as president of a successful development corporation, he has added significantly to Chicagoland's skyline and to the hotel industry in a number of American cities.

“Mr. President, it is my privilege to present this Avery Brundage - world citizen, world's champion of amateurism, and servant of youth henceforth to be an honoured son of

George Williams College and to receive from you her highest distinction, the Doctor of Laws (LL. D.) degree.”