

DR. SCOTT B. HALSTEAD

Dr. Scott B. Halstead, Class of 1947, a renowned expert on infectious diseases and international health policy and programs, is the founder of the worldwide Pediatric Dengue Vaccination Initiative.

Born in India, Dr. Halstead moved to White Plains in 1936. At White Plains High School he was co-editor of *The Oracle* and a member of the student Executive Council. He was also active in Boy Scouts and DeMolay.

Following graduation from Yale with a BA in Sociology, Columbia Medical School and internal medicine internships and residencies at Bellevue Hospital in New York City, Dr. Halstead served 11 years in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He diagnosed and studied viruses and other infectious diseases at research postings in Japan, Washington, D.C., Bangkok, and the Yale University Arbovirus Research Unit.

From 1968 to 1983 Dr. Halstead was Professor and Chair of the Department of Tropical Medicine and Medical Microbiology at the University of Hawaii. He moved to The Rockefeller Foundation as a director of the Health Sciences Division where, in 1990, he co-founded the Children's Vaccine Initiative with UNICEF, the World Bank and the WHO.

In 2002, with funds from The Rockefeller Foundation, Dr. Halstead founded the Pediatric Dengue Vaccine Initiative (PDVI) which is dedicated to stimulating the development of affordable dengue vaccines for children in developing countries. The Gates Foundation contributed \$55 million to the PDVI in 2003.

Dr. Halstead has served as a consultant in many capacities for the World Health Organization since 1967. He is a member of numerous editorial boards and consults with private and public agencies. He has authored more than 200 textbook chapters and review articles and more than 250 papers published in international scientific journals.

Dr. Halstead has served as President of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, President of the International Federation for Tropical Medicine and has received an honorary degree from Mahidol University in Bangkok, Thailand. Among his other honors are the Langmuir and Smadel Lectureships and the Columbia University Gold Medal for Distinguished Achievements in Medicine.

Married for 58 years, Dr. Halstead has three children and twelve grandchildren. His father, two uncles, his sister and his brother also graduated from White Plains High School.