

CARDINAL HALL OF DISTINCTION



John Bosshard



John Bosshard (1920-1990), class of 1939, left a powerful legacy of civic virtue in the Bangor community. As a student at Bangor High School, John developed a strong interest in public speaking and government. After serving in the military during World War II, John went on to graduate with a law degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1947 and thereafter completed an M.B.A. at Harvard Business School. He then returned to practice law in Bangor and the La Crosse area. This noted son of Bangor felt that lawyers had a civic duty to engage in the life of the local community. John served on the Bangor school board from 1948-1973, including several terms as board president. He fought hard against school consolidation reflecting his firm belief in retaining schools in small communities. His success as an entrepreneur and owner of several community banks in the area also impacted the business community in various ways. John became well known for supporting the development of small businesses and job growth in western Wisconsin. As a final sign of his generosity and civic commitment to the village of Bangor, John Bosshard provided funding from his estate for the construction of Bangor's new library in 1992.

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