

M. Richard Rose



The tenth president of Alfred University, M. Richard Rose, was born in Fredonia, Pennsylvania in 1933. In 1955 he received his undergraduate degree from Slippery Rock State and later earned a masters degree in counseling from Westminster College. He received his doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Pittsburgh while serving as their associate professor of education and assistant provost. He worked at the University of Pittsburgh from 1962-1972. Prior to his appointment in Pittsburgh, he served in the U. S. Marine Corps and as a teacher and guidance counselor in the Lakeview, Pa. school system. He was appointed a Deputy Assistant U.S. Secretary of Defense for Education in 1972. In 1974 he came to Alfred University. He resigned in 1978 to accept the position as president of the Rochester Institute of Technology. Among his many professional and community organization affiliations were memberships on the boards of Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester; the Bethesda Community Hospital of Hornell, NY; Anderson College of Anderson, IN; and the Servicemen's Opportunity College. He was also president of the Alfred University Research Foundation, Inc.; vice chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Commission of Independent Colleges and Universities in the State of New York; president of the Steuben Area Boy Scout Council in Bath, NY; and member of the Secretary of the U.S. Navy's Advisory Board on Education and Training in Pensacola, FL. His long-time interest in military affairs resulted in Distinguished Civilian Award presentations from the Department of Defense, the U.S. Army, and the U.S. Air Force. As a colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve, he was also active as an educational consultant. He and his wife, Clarice Ratzlaff Rose, have three sons: Scott, Eric and Craig.