J. Edward Walters



The seventh president of Alfred University, Jack Edward Walters, was a native of Indiana. He studied three years at Indiana University. Then from 1917-1919 he served in World War I as 1st Lieutenant in the ordinance department of the U. S. Army. After the war he became captain in the ordinance reserve corps. From 1919-1920 he studied at the University of Dijon in France and at the University of Pennsylvania. He received his Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering in 1922 from Purdue University and Master of Science in industrial management in 1923, also from Purdue. After earning his BS he began working at Purdue. During his employment at Purdue from 1922-1940 he held various jobs: Manager of Purdue the student activities center, director of Personnel in School of Engineering and Science, and Professor of Personnel Administration of the University. In 1940 he left Purdue to enter the business world. By 1943 he was a principal in the firm of Mckinsey & Company, Management Consultants, New York City. In 1945 he was selected to follow president Norwood as president of Alfred University. He announced his resignation in March of 1948.