

A. Felix duPont, Jr.



Felix duPont, Jr. was the son of the founder of St. Andrew's School, A. Felix duPont, Sr. Felix was a trustee of St. Andrew's School for 40 years. He was appointed vice president of The Board of Trustees in 1956, executive vice-president in 1960, then president and finally Chairman of the Board in 1985. He saw the School through some very significant times including integration and coeducation. He was also instrumental in the effort to prevent active development near the School. Felix purchased surrounding farms and land near Noxontown Pond.

Felix worked for the company business (The DuPont Company) for several years but his heart belonged to flying. He became interested in aviation at a very young age, took up flying and continued to do so, well into his eighties. Felix graduated from the United States Army Air Corps and Princeton University. He partnered with his brother Richard to form All American Aviation Company which later became Allegheny Airlines and eventually US Airways.

In 1946 he founded The Chichester duPont Foundation, primarily involved in supporting programs concerned with the environment, education, and health care.

The following quote from Bill Amos' "Time to Remember" gives a picture of a beloved board member as well as a dear friend to St. Andrew's School. "From his earliest days on the board, quiet, shy, and gentle Alexis Felix duPont, Jr., son of the founder, displayed complete dedication to the school. While his father was alive and for many years thereafter, young Felix never visited the campus and knew very little about St. Andrew's. After he was appointed to the board in 1956, he never missed a board or committee meeting, never shunned a difficult assignment, and gave unstintingly of his time, energy, and resources."

Felix was the father of five children. His daughter Katharine (Kitten), is currently Chair Emeritus of The Board of Trustees of St. Andrew's School. Two of his great-grandchildren, Grace and Amanda Gahagan graduated from St. Andrew's in 2010 and 2011 respectively.