



GALLERY OF DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS INDUCTEE 1990

JAMES HATCHER was born in Enterprise, Alabama. In high school, he earned the American Legion Award, which was given to the male student with the highest scholastic average. He was also a member of the National Honor Society, president of his junior class and Valedictorian of his graduating class.

Mr. Hatcher was honored by the Mayor and City Council of Birmingham, Birmingham Area Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Action Committee, Birmingham Festival of Arts and many other prestigious groups of this city.

Mr. Hatcher attended Birmingham-Southern College as a member of the faculty and assisted with many productions in the music department. He was the founding producer and director of the UAB Town and Gown Theater and the founding producer and director of Birmingham Summerfest at Boutwell Auditorium.

From the Fall of 1948 until he received his Master of Arts Degree in 1950, Mr. Hatcher had a teaching fellowship at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. There he served as Assistant Director of the University Theater. He returned to Birmingham in 1950 as the first full-time teacher of speech and theater at the University of Alabama Extension Center.

He passed away in 1992.