

The Williams Presidents Trivia Quiz



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Our presidents have been an extraordinary group of talented, energetic, and thoughtful individuals. Think you know something about them? Take our quiz, matching our presidents with statements about them.

- A. Ebenezer Fitch, 1793-1815
- B. Zephaniah Swift Moore, 1815-1821
- C. Edward Dorr Griffin, 1821-1836
- D. Mark Hopkins, 1836-1872
- E. Paul Ansel Chadbourne, 1872-1881
- F. Franklin Carter, 1881-1901
- G. Henry Hopkins, 1902-1908
- H. Harry A. Garfield, 1908-1934
- I. Tyler Dennett, 1934-1937
- J. James Phinney Baxter, 1937-1961
- K. John Sawyer, 1961-1973
- L. John Chandler, 1973-1985
- M. Francis C. Oakley, 1985-1993
- N. Harry Payne, 1993-1999
- O. Carl Vogt, 1999-2000
- P. Morton O. Schapiro, 2000-2009
- Q. Adam Falk, 2010-

___ I was trained initially as a medical doctor. One of the college's favorite aphorisms reflects the Socratic method with which I teach.

___ An expert on the economics of higher education, I am the third Williams president to leave the college for a presidency at another college or university.

___ I am the son of a U.S. President, and run a summer institute to discuss international issues. A commons club to serve as an alternative to fraternities will be named after me.

___ I was the college's first Dean of the Faculty. During my tenure as president a library, music building, art museum, and athletic facilities will be constructed.

___ I am serious about curbing ‘sinful activities’ on campus and have, therefore, instituted rules against betting at cards, acting in plays, and singing obscene songs.

___ I won a Pulitzer soon after serving as Director of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). A new freshman social center and student union will be named after me.

___ Before becoming president I led scientific expeditions to Newfoundland and Florida, even though I have only one lung.

___ I taught at Johns Hopkins, among other institutions, prior to assuming the Williams presidency. I have been publically critical of the homogeneity of the student body.

___ I am the first Williams president to hail from Texas. I served on boards and commissions under two U.S. presidents before assuming the Williams presidency.

___ I am the youngest Williams president of the 20th century. I am best known for abolishing fraternities and ushering in coeducation.

___ I am the first Williams president to have taught Physics, and only the second to come from the sciences.

___ Although a professor of ancient languages, I have advocated dropping Greek as an admission requirement in part to make the college accessible to a more diverse student body.

___ I am the first foreign-born Williams president, and am interested in the tutorial form of instruction. The college's minority student population will double during my tenure.

___ I am known as a revivalist and am responsible for the construction of a new chapel/classroom building that now bears my name.

___ I am the first president since Edward Dorr Griffin not to have studied or taught at Williams prior to assuming office. I am known for initiating a new theater building.

___ I believe, as do the majority of the trustees, that Williams “will languish, and expire, in its present location.” No space on campus is named after me.

___ Before becoming president I served as a chaplain in the Civil War under a personal commission from President Lincoln.

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