



Stephen R. Dunn's Bio

Stephen R. Dunn was born and raised in Atlantic City, NJ. He was the first elected president of the Student Government Association of Atlantic Community College, and a member the first graduating class of 1968, earning an associate degree in science. Dunn also led the flag salute at the inaugural commencement. Dunn continued his education at Rutgers University, where he received his bachelor's in chemistry and later earned a master's in analytical chemistry at Temple University. In between his studies, he served in the National Guard and received the Commander's Special Award in 1975.

His academic accomplishments in chemistry led him to a career as a researcher at Thomas Jefferson University and Jefferson Medical College. He has co-authored more than 50 scientific publications on a variety of topics, been an invited lecturer at national and international conferences, and served as the principal investigator on several grants and contracts with the National Institutes of Health.

Atlantic Cape Community College conferred the sixth annual President's Distinguished Alumni Award to Stephen R. Dunn at the 48th Annual Commencement, May 21, 2015.

Dunn said his experiences at Atlantic Cape provided the foundation for a successful career. He encourages Atlantic Cape students to stay focused. "I recommend that they be the best student possible. Make a strong start when you enter college. Get good grades, work hard and, I promise, the fun will come later."

He is now retired and lives with his wife, Kathleen, in both Philadelphia and Atlantic City.