

## Gary L. Sundem '67

### DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT



After graduating from Carleton as a *cum laude* math major, Sundem earned an M.B.A. in 1969 and a Ph.D. in business at Stanford University. In 1971 he joined the University of Washington Business School faculty, where he is the Julius A. Roller Professor of Accounting. He served as chair of the Department of Accounting three times. In addition, he is associate dean for masters programs, having earlier served a three-year term in that role.

As associate dean, Sundem restructured the M.B.A. core curriculum at the university to the lockstep cohort formula that is in place today. During his first tenure as department chair, he organized a complete revamping of the accounting curriculum that remains the standard.

Sundem has written and edited several textbooks that are college accounting class mainstays on an international level, two of which are bestsellers. He received the 1977 AICPA/AAA Award for the Notable Contribution to Accounting Literature. He continues to research ethical issues in accounting and the profession's future.

From 1982–86, Sundem was editor of the *Accounting Review*; from 1989–91 he was executive director of the Accounting Education Change Commission, and during 1992–93 he was president of the American Accounting Association. From 1997–99 he was chair of the AACSB Accounting Accreditation Committee.

Sundem was chosen Outstanding Accounting Educator in 1987 by the Washington Society of CPAs. In 1998, he was the American Accounting Association's Outstanding Accounting Educator; that organization also named him Distinguished International Lecturer in 1990. In 1978, *Time* called him one of Seattle's Newsmakers of Tomorrow.

As a Carleton volunteer, Sundem has been an Alumni Annual Fund solicitor and a reunion gift committee member. He is married to Elizabeth Weikart Sundem '68; they have four sons between them and live in Seattle, Washington.