Dr. James Work

James Work’s life traverses the history of Delaware Valley College. He was a National Farm School graduate from the class of 1913 and a successful farm owner. He was also an industrialist and businessman and was destined to become one of the college’s most influential leaders, second only to Dr. Joseph Krauskopf.

Perhaps more than anyone, his dedication, vision and ability to get things done are the reasons that the college has achieved excellence in its endeavors.

Dr. Work’s interest in the college was extensive. In 1946, he accepted its presidency. He held this position until January 1974, when he became the college’s first Chancellor. Dr. Work was also President of the National Alumni Association, 1913 -1922, Member of the Board of Trustees, 1923 -1977, Treasurer of the College, 1944 -1946 and Head Coach of Football, 1913 -1921.

During his 30 years of leadership, the college experienced its greatest growth and saw the addition of several nonagricultural majors, including Biology, Chemistry and Business Administration. Most of the major development programs for construction of the modern facilities that make up the campus today occurred during the last two decades of Dr. Work’s leadership.

Under Dr. Work’s leadership, the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools granted full accreditation to Delaware Valley College in 1962.

At present, the college has 1683 full-time students, an extensive evening and summer session enrollment, an accomplished faculty and a beautiful campus, complete with surrounding farms and forested areas.