

The second person to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award is James N. Rust of Rockville, Maryland. Dr. Rust was born in Lykens, PA in 1938, and graduated from Columbia High School in 1946.

Dr. Rust married Nancy Elizabeth Hipple in 1949 and they have four children, James, Nancy, Suzanne, and David.

Dr. Rust has spent his entire career in activities of international health in order to keep abreast of newer methodology in areas of Public Health and Epidemiology, and retired from the World Health Organization, based in Washington, D.C., in 1988.

He earned a BS degree from Franklin & Marshall College in 1954, an MS and Ph.D from George Washington University in 1955 and 1958 respectively.

Dr. Rust has worked and served all over the world in areas of small pox eradication, bacterial disease prevention, plague and cholera surveillance and monitoring, and other infectious disease projects. He has served in many countries in South America, the Caribbean, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Vietnam, and Thailand. He has also spent his early career at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C.

He has been an author and co-author of over fifty technical publications, and has prepared an extensive technical literature review on etiology of polio-like illnesses.

For the past twenty years, since his retirement, he has provided consultation in immigration programs and surveys, diarrheal disease programs and surveys, and respiratory disease and malaria programs within the context of primary health care.