

Bill Clements, Business, Doctor of Humanities

In 2010, Eastern Kentucky University awarded Bill Clements the honorary Doctor of Humanities, a degree that celebrates his achievements since graduating from Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in business in 1968. He has also been an avid supporter of Eastern Kentucky University, particularly the College of Business and Technology.

Raised on a family farm in Union County, Kentucky, Clements moved to Florida to extend his brief career of manual labor as a ditch digger and furniture mover. However, he was not content and quickly wanted more out of life. Therefore, he sought out higher education. Lacking the money required to attend a Florida university, Mr. Clements returned home to attend Eastern Kentucky University.

Upon graduation, Clements served the United States Army in Korea. He relocated to Atlanta, Georgia after his tour, and it was there that he was able to get a foothold in financial services. He became a member of Merrill Lynch, and then later opened up his own Hilliard Lyons office in Henderson, Kentucky. Mr. Clements now serves as Senior Vice President and Branch Manager within Hilliard Lyons. At one point in time, he even served on Hilliard's national Board of Directors. Many regard Clements as one of the most successful brokers within Hilliard Lyons.

Mr. Clements is extremely involved with his community, supporting numerous civic and charitable causes. He served a variety of leadership roles within the Henderson Community College Foundation, as well as the Henderson Regional Hospital Foundation. For Eastern Kentucky University, he provides scholarships for students in western Kentucky to attend his alma mater and pursue business and technology degrees. While a member of the Finance

Committee at Eastern Kentucky University, Clements's contributions led to a tremendous amount of investment gains over the course of many years, enabling support for student financial aid and academic enrichment opportunities. All of these accomplishments and more led to his inclusion as part of Eastern Kentucky University's Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 2009.