

William Daughtery, Business, Doctor of Science

On May 10, 2008, Eastern Kentucky University awarded William Daughtery the honorary Doctor of Science during the morning commencement ceremony of Spring 2008. This degree commemorates Mr. Daughtery for his prestige in the area of business development and for benefitting Kentucky's job market by expanding its workforce.

An eastern Kentucky native, Mr. Daughtery attended Berea College. After receiving a bachelor's degree in science, he and others created NGAS Resources, Inc. of Lexington, Kentucky. The establishment of NGAS Resources is widely considered one of his greatest achievements; it was due to the need to enlarge the availability of natural gas within the commonwealth that the company was founded, and they have since been successful. Mr. Daughtery served as president of NGAS for a time, as well as Chief Executive Officer. He has been a member of NGAS Board of Directors since the '90s, and became Chairman of the Board in 1995.

Mr. Daughtery is a past president of the Kentucky Oil and Gas Association (KOGA) and the Kentucky Independent Petroleum Producers Association. He was appointed by the Governor of Kentucky to be the official representative to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, and he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Independent Petroleum Association of America. He also promotes higher learning as a part of Eastern Kentucky University Foundation's Board of Directors, and offers great financial support for the University's academic development.