



Roland "Terry" Hotard III

Winter Park High School is proud of its many award-winning graduates. It is rare that one was able to distinguish himself so significantly in our immediate community like Roland "Terry" Hotard III. Terry is a life-long, third generation resident of Winter Park. He graduated from Winter Park High School in 1970. After receiving an Associate of Arts degree from the University of South Florida, he graduated with honors from Florida Technological University (UCF) in 1974 with a degree in marketing.

Terry had a long career with Florida Power Corporation (now DUKE Energy) before retiring after 33 years. He has served on a number of both local and regional governmental boards. He was first elected to the Winter Park City Commission in 1992 and was subsequently reelected for two additional terms. Prior to that he served on a number of city boards that included the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Library Board, President of the Winter Park Historical Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, Winter Park Chamber Leadership and Keep Winter Park Beautiful. In 2000, Terry was appointed to the Regional Tourist Development Council by County Chairman Mel Martinez.

Also in 2000, Terry was elected as the 50th Mayor of the City of Winter Park. He was mayor during some of Winter Park's most critical years. Some of the highlights of his term in office include design and construction of the Central Park Rose Garden, Central Park Master Plan, Park Avenue design and construction improvements, working to ensure that the new development of Baldwin Park did not negatively impact Winter Park and design along with the construction of the Police/Fire Public Safety building.

Former Mayor Hotard has always been an avid Wildcat supporter over the years. In addition to his father and two children graduating from WPHS, he has been a long-time member of the Winter Park High School Foundation Board and spoke frequently before Winter Park High School events like the Winter Park High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Terry and his wife Diane currently reside in New Smyrna Beach. They have a son, Sean, and a daughter, Brittany.