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# DEDICATION



## Vishnu Narain Bhatia (1924-2003)

Vishnu (Vic) Narain Bhatia was one of the founders of the National Collegiate Honors Council in the early 1960s, and his influence was prominent in the organization for the next three decades.

Born in Lucknow, India, and having received his BS in Pharmacy from Banaras Hindu University, he immigrated to the United States in 1947. After earning his MS and PhD in pharmacy at the University of Iowa, he was offered a faculty position in the College of Pharmacy at Washington State University in 1952, and he remained on the faculty there for forty-seven years. He became Associate Chair of the Washington State University Honors Council in 1961 and held the directorship of the program from 1964 until 1993. For much of that time (1971-1990), he was also Director of WSU International Programs, but he was always known principally as the architect of the WSU Honors Program.

Vic was one of the first presidents of the National Collegiate Honors Council (1966-67) and served in numerous other positions—including Vice President, Executive Committee member, and Editor of the *Forum for Honors*—throughout his tenure in honors. He gave dozens of conference presentations and served regularly as a consultant for new and evolving honors programs throughout the United States.

In 1990, Vic was awarded Danish Knighthood by Queen Margrethe II, in part for his outstanding contributions to education in Denmark. We bestow a more humble honor, but we do so with deep gratitude to this founding father of honors, by dedicating this issue of *Honors in Practice* to Vishnu Narain Bhatia.

