

James H. Starkey



Mr. James H. Starkey has served in various executive management capacities with Universal Corporation and the Universal Leaf Tobacco Company, Inc. Recently, he retired as Vice President of Universal Corporation and Senior Vice President of Universal Leaf Tobacco Company, Starkey has been a leader with the company since 1981. Mr. Starkey has held posts as Deputy under Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Assistant Special Trade Representative for Agricultural Affairs, Office of the Special Trade Representative - Executive Office of the President, Director of Trade Operations Division, Agricultural Attaché to the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, Colombia, Assistant Agricultural Attaché to the U.S. Embassy in Mexico, City, and an International Economist for the Foreign Agricultural Service. He is called upon to serve on numerous boards which include Chairman of the Board for the Tobacco Merchants Association, President, Board of Trustees for the Maymont Foundation, Board of Trustees of the Science Museum of Virginia, Board of Governors, Tobacco Association of U.S., Board of Directors – Richmond Forum, Leadership Metro Richmond and the Board of Trustees for the Medial College of Virginia Foundation. Mr. Starkey graduated Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in Economics from Washington & Lee University in 1962 and received the master's degree in economics from George Washington University in 1972. He also completed the Executive Program at the University of Virginia's Colgate Darden School of Business in 1982.

Mr. Starkey was appointed to the Virginia State University Board of Visitors in June 2006. Currently, he serves as Chair of the Development Committee and member of the Resources and Governance Committee.