

Roger Grawe

Class of 1964



Northtown Hall of Fame

Induction 2019

In 1968, Roger graduated summa cum laude from Yale with a bachelor's degree in Politics and Economics and a master's degree in Economics. He worked in Kenya for the U.S. Peace Corps and UNICEF before returning to Yale as part of the Economics PhD program.

Roger's World Bank career began in 1975. His first assignments were in South Asia and Africa, where he focused on commodities, exports and preschool education. Later he became Chief of the Human Development Operations Division for Southern Africa and Country Director for the Czech Republic, Hungary, Moldova, Slovakia and Slovenia. As Country Director for Central Europe and the Baltic States, he formed partnerships and lending resources for countries joining the European Union. Since retiring, Roger has consulted for the World Bank throughout Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa and given support to the Myanmar Development Research Institute's Centre for Economic and Social Research. He also helped establish the Roma Education Fund to assist this severely disadvantaged Indo-Aryan ethnic group.

