

About the Speaker: Ray M. Bowen

**Ray M. Bowen, President
Texas A&M University**

Dr. Ray M. Bowen took office as the 21st President of Texas A&M University on June 1, 1994, and served in that capacity until July 31, 2002. He continues to serve on the faculty of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. Dr. Bowen is one of a select few Texas A&M graduates to serve as president of his alma mater. During his presidency, he initiated an ambitious visioning program that mapped plans for propelling Texas A&M into the ranks of the 10 best public universities by the year 2020. The project, entitled "Vision 2020," involved a task force of more than 260 faculty, staff, students, former students and other friends of the university who delved into all facets of the institution. Under his leadership, Texas A&M's academic and related programs were significantly enhanced and the physical plant greatly expanded. Also, during his administration, Texas A&M initiated and successfully completed a major capital campaign—exceeding its \$500 million goal by more than \$137 million. Dr. Bowen holds two degrees from Texas A&M. He earned a B.S. in 1958 and a Ph.D. in 1961, both in mechanical engineering. He also received a master's degree from the California Institute of Technology in 1959.