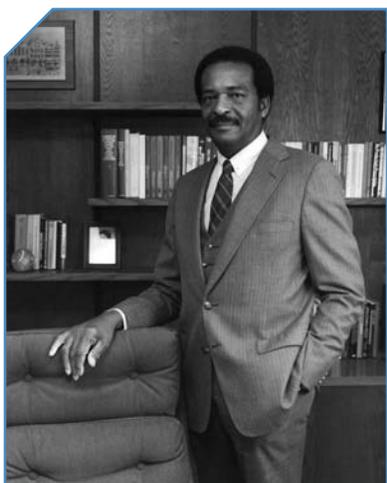


**"There is no thing more powerful than the belief that you can contribute personally toward making a better future."**



This was the credo of William R. Wiley (1931-1996), a distinguished Battelle scientist, honored community leader, and visionary. Above all else, Dr. Wiley was a man who believed that actions spoke louder than words, and personally dedicated his gifts and his genius to promoting progress through education and the creation of greater opportunities for all.

Dr. Wiley earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Tougaloo College in Mississippi in 1954, a master's degree in microbiology from the University of Illinois-Urbana in 1960, and a doctorate in bacteriology from Washington State University in 1965. A passionate advocate for higher education, Dr. Wiley served on the Board of Regents for Washington State University from 1989 to 1994, and led efforts to establish WSU's Tri-Cities branch campus, which opened in 1991 and recently became a four-year university.

His career with Battelle began when he joined as a microbiologist in 1965. He served as director of research between 1979 and 1984 and the director of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory from 1984 to 1994, after which he became Battelle's Senior Vice President for Science and Technology. In 1986, he introduced the initiative for the creation of the Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory, or EMSL. In 1989, Dr. Wiley was selected by his fellow citizens as "Tri-Citizen of the Year."

Among his other accomplishments, Dr. Wiley served on the board of directors of the Seattle Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, the Washington Roundtable and the Oregon Graduate Institute of Science and Technology, and was a member of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Board of Trustees. He was named "1994 Black Engineer of the Year" by U.S. Black Engineer Magazine and in 1995, was elected to the National Board of the Smithsonian Institute.

Dr. Wiley was honored as a man whose leadership and contributions fulfilled his vision for the future growth and development of the Tri-Cities. His message to business leaders, educators, and students was that we must keep young men and women, especially members of traditionally underrepresented minorities, in the science and engineering pipeline because they are essential to our nation's global economic competitiveness. As a fitting tribute to Dr. Wiley, a West Richland elementary school is named in his honor.