

2010

## Hall of Fame Honoree



*Dr. Bertram Mersereau*  
**Class of 1946**

The first Vestal Central School graduate to become a psychiatrist, Dr. Mersereau served as a Medical Officer USAR at the 2nd. General Hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, from 1958 - 1961. He taught at SUNY Upstate Medical University and, upon retirement, was a clinical associate professor with the Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Mersereau was on staff at Community General Hospital in Syracuse, New York, serving as Director of Psychiatric Services and, temporarily, as Acting Director of Medical Services.

Over his lengthy career, Dr. Mersereau was actively involved in development of community mental health programs, as well as hospital quality assurance and physician review programs, serving on committees at the local, state and national levels. He served as a clinical consultant for the NYS Department of Health, the NYS Department of Mental Hygiene and the NYS Education Department. In 1992, Dr. Mersereau was named to the Emeritus Medical Staff of Community General Hospital and, in 2003, he was honored as a Distinguished Life Fellow by the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. Mersereau and his wife, Peggy (Rounds) VCHS Class of 1948, have two sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren. He enjoys time with family, home projects, skiing, a little travel and volunteering on behalf of his church and the preservation of a 200-year-old cemetery.