

Steven R. Gorham '85, P'17, P'21

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The Distinguished Brooksonian award honors individuals whose life and contributions to society exemplify the nobility of character and usefulness to humanity embodied in the spirit of the school. Dr. Joseph Sherer '37 presented the first Distinguished Brooksonian award to Frank Davis Ashburn on Prize Day, May 27, 1991.

Steven Gorham joined Brooks' board of trustees in 2008 and assumed the presidency in the summer of 2016, just a few months after the school's successful, \$60 million capital campaign publicly was announced. He also has served on Brooks' alumni board, reunion committees and fundraising committees. Now as he turns board leadership over to John Barker '87, P'21, P'23, Gorham remains passionate about raising capital for financial aid, as he himself was a recipient while attending Brooks.

One of seven children whose parents owned the local North Andover hardware store, Gorham was a day student who played baseball, basketball and football, in addition to participating in the Young Republicans, the Shield and the Eagle. He subsequently received a bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire and an MBA from Boston College.

Gorham's career-long tenure at Massachusetts Financial Services began in 1989 as a teleservices representative. He now is an equity portfolio manager at MFS, managing the value and global balanced portfolios for MFS' mutual funds, variable annuities and institutional investment products. He's responsible for final buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction, and risk and cash management. He also participates in the research process and strategy discussions.