

Roy C. Coffee, Jr. 55'
Distinguished Alumnus 2019

Roy C. Coffee, Jr. is no stranger to those in the Park Cities, as he has demonstrated his love and commitment to the community, its schools and its people time and time again. A graduate of the HPHS Class of 1955, Roy was active in football, baseball, and was VP of his Senior class. After high school, Roy attended the University of Texas at Austin where he earned his undergraduate and law degrees. Shortly thereafter, he started the law firm, Coffee and Coffee, however, "Attorney" was not the only title Roy held throughout his career. He was successful in the banking, real estate, ranching, and oil and gas arenas, even serving a stint as Campaign Chairman & Administrative Assistant to Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe from 1972-1973.

During his free-time, Roy followed in his father's footsteps, serving as Mayor of the City of University Park from 1976 to 1982. His leadership and service to the community do not end there. He served on the Park Cities YMCA board, the HPISD Facilities Committee for the 1998 Bond Issue, the HPISD Finance Committee, and was a Co-Chair for the 2008 Bond Election. Additionally, Roy has been on the Board of Directors at SMU-in Taos for the last eight years. Roy's friends and peers have shared that when he serves on a board or committee, he doesn't just show up, he serves with a passion and leadership in total support of the entity he made a commitment to. Never worrying about what others might think, Roy always works to support what was best for the schools and the community.

Roy still calls University Park home where he lives with his wife, Janis Pettit Coffee, and where they raised their two sons, Roy C. Coffee III and Robert Clayton Coffee.