

## Victor G. Atiyeh

The Honorable Victor G. Atiyeh is president of Victor Atiyeh and Company, an international consulting and trade company. He served in the Oregon Legislature from 1959 to 1978 and was Governor of Oregon from 1979 to 1987. He was the first Governor of Arabic descent ever elected in the U.S.

Governor Atiyeh spoke at Pacific University's commencement in 1979 and received the University Service Award at that time. He also addressed President Duvall's inauguration in 1983. He has served on Pacific's Board of Trustees since 1987. He is a founding member of the Pacific Foundation Board of Directors, overseeing the development of the Pacific Intercultural Institute.

Governor Atiyeh has received a number of recognitions including the Award for Public Service by the U.S. Department of Justice, the Humanitarian Award by the Migrant and Indian Coalition, the Pioneer Award from the University of Oregon, and Distinguished Service Award from Portland State University. His civic activities are many and include President of the Japan American Society of Oregon, Executive Board of the local council of the Boy Scouts of America, and Board member of the Middle Oregon Indian Historical Society.

Mr. Atiyeh was born in 1923 in Portland, Oregon, graduated from Washington High School and attended the University of Oregon. He has received honorary degrees from Willamette University and Hanyang University of Korea. He and his wife Dolores have two children, Thomas and Suzanne, and three grandchildren. Mr. Atiyeh enjoys fly fishing, golf, and collecting antique guns.

## GOVERNOR VICTOR ATIYEH

### ELECTIVE GOVERNMENT:

Governor	1979 - 1987
Oregon State Senate	1965 - 1978
Oregon House of Representatives	1959 - 1964

### BUSINESS:

President, Atiyeh Bros., Inc.	1943 - 1979
Board, Equitable Savings and Loan Association	1963 - 1979
President, Victor Atiyeh & Co.	1987 - present
Board Chairman, Atiyeh International	1987 - present
Board, Riedel Environmental Technologies, Inc.	1987 - present
Board, Bank Audi California	1987 - present
Board, Key Knife, Inc.	1990 - present

### GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS:

Chairman, Western Governors' Association	1982 - 1983
Chairman, Republican Governors' Assoc.	1983 - 1984
National Governors' Association (N.G.A.) Committees:	
Vice Chair, Committee on State and Local Relations	
Committee on Energy and Environment	
Committee on International Trade & Foreign Relations	
Committee on Human Resources	
Lead Governor, First N.G.A.-Liberal Democratic Party meeting in Japan, 1986	
Senate Republican Leader	1971 - 1978
Republican National Conventions:	
1968 - Platform Committee Member	
1972 - Platform Committee Member	
1976 - Rules Committee Member	
Floor Leader for President Ford, seconding speech for President Ford	
1984 - Addressed convention, Floor Leader for President Reagan	
State Chairman for President Ford - 1976	
Honorary State Chairman for President Reagan - 1984	
Honorary State Chairman for President Bush - 1988 & 1992	
National Committeeman for Oregon - 1993-1994	
Co-Chairman, Arab Americans for President Bush - 1988 and 1992	

### DEGREES, AWARDS, COMMENDATIONS & CITATIONS (Partial):

Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold & Silver Star, Emperor of Japan (Highest Degree ever awarded in Oregon-only one other in 1991 was given in France)  
 Honorary Degree "Doctorate of Public Service" - Willamette University  
 Honorary Degree "Doctorate of Philosophy in Laws" - Hanyang University, Seoul, Korea  
 Award for Public Service - U.S. Department of Justice  
 Distinguished Public Service Award - The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith  
 Humanitarian Award - The Migrant & Indian Coalition  
 Walli Z. Schneider Memorial Award for Humanitarian Endeavors - Housing Authority of Portland/National Guard Youth Citizenship Camp  
 Special Citation - The National Conference on Christians and Jews  
 Certificate of Appreciation - International Rescue Committee  
 Certificate of Appreciate - Oregon Commission on Black Affairs  
 Pioneer Award - University of Oregon  
 Distinguished Service Award - Portland State University  
 University Service Award - Pacific University  
 Distinguished Service Award-Western Oregon State College  
 Special Citation-Council for the Advancement & Support of Education  
 Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope Awards - Boy Scouts of America  
 Distinguished Leadership Award - The United Negro College Fund  
 KCCH, Thirty-third Degree Mason  
 William Booth Award - Salvation Army  
 Paul Harris Fellow - Rotary International  
 Designation of: Victor G. Atiyeh Deschutes River Recreational Area  
 Certificate of Appreciation - State Capitol Press Corps  
 Achievement of Excellence Award - The Arab-American Educational Foundation  
 Distinguished Service Medal - Oregon National Guard  
 Golden Aztec Award - Oregon Human Development Corporation  
 Portland Interscholastic Hall of Fame

**CIVIC:** (Current 1994)

Japan America Society of Oregon - Board  
 Pacific University - Board of Trustees  
 Boy Scouts of America (CPC) - Executive Board  
 American Task Force of Lebanon - Executive Board  
 World Affairs Council - Board  
 National Association of Arab Americans - Board  
 Portland Youth Philharmonic - Advisory Board  
 Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation - Board  
 Oregon Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse - Advisory Bd.  
 The Museum At Warm Springs - Board  
 Oregon Golf Club - Chairman - Board of Governors

**CIVIC: (Past)**

Boy Scouts:

Scoutmaster, District Chairman, Council President, Council Commissioner.  
Chairman Western Region Area 1, 1960 and 1964 National Jamborees

Boys Club - Board

UGN - Division Chairman

St. Barnabas Church;

Senior Warden of Vestry

Chairman Fund Drive for Church

Commission on Indian Services - Member (one of two non-Indian)

Oregon Historical Society Board

Washington County Historical Society Board

Japan America Society of Oregon - President, Chairman of the Board