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James A. Campbell, M.D.
Dean 1951-1953

Dr. James A. Campbell became the tenth Dean of Albany Medical College upon his appointment in 1951, at the age of 33. Born in Moweaqua, Illinois in 1917, he received his BA degree from Knox College and MD from Harvard Medical School in 1943. He served his internship at Boston City Hospital, later becoming an Assistant Resident and Resident in Medicine. Before his appointment as Dean he held various positions, including Executive Officer of the Medical Division of the Clinical Research Section of the Army Chemical Center, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, Attending Physician of Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago, and was named Harvey Cushing Fellow at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Medical School. While he was Dean, Dr. Campbell tackled the Albany Medical College's financial problem by gaining additional income. He did this by charging the Albany Hospital for its use of the College's laboratory facilities, which the Hospital had previously been able to use for free. He was also highly involved in medical research and published numerous papers in addition to promoting medical research at Albany Medical College.