



Milton Chen, Ph.D.
Class of 1970
Executive Director
The George Lucas Educational Foundation

John Hersey High School proudly recognizes Dr. Milton Chen, an international figure in the world of education.

Milton Chen's path towards leadership and success began here at Hersey as a member of the Varsity Tennis Team, a State Champion on the Speech Team, and the President of the first graduating class. Having earned his A.B. from Harvard College and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Stanford University, Dr. Chen started a career that would make a difference in the lives of others.

He began working as a research director for the Sesame Workshop, aiding in the development of children's television. Years later, Dr. Chen earned the Elmo Award from his former employer for his own innovative work in public television. After working as an assistant professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Dr. Chen accepted a position as the Education Director for KQED, a Public Broadcasting Station based in San Francisco. During his tenure at KQED, Dr. Chen created the Center for Education, hosted the PBS special *Smart Parent's Guide to TV Violence* with First Lady Hillary Clinton, and wrote *The Smart Parent's Guide to TV*. For his hard work and dedication, Dr. Chen was honored with the Fred Rogers Award from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. In 1998, Dr. Chen left public television to become the Executive Director of The George Lucas Educational Foundation, an organization dedicated to improving schools and instruction throughout the world. In 2004, Dr. Chen began publishing *Edutopia Magazine*, a periodical dedicated to educational innovation. In 2007, Dr. Chen was named a Fulbright New Century Scholar, which allowed him to study in Scotland for three months.

Dr. Chen complements his dedication to education with a selfless commitment to his community. He has been a board member for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the San Francisco School Alliance, and the National Parks Second Century Commission.