



Tribute to W. Richard Wright

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W. Richard Wright provided invaluable assistance in securing approvals for The University of Akron to become a state university. He learned government relations with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, then returned to his alma mater—where he'd been chair of the Alumni Association—to work with President Auburn. He brought millions of new dollars in public and private support. He was a respected and well-liked figure in Akron civic and social organizations.