

James Donald Langston

Class of 1943

Langston earned his B.S. in geology from the University of Texas in 1949. He began his career with Humble Oil Company (later Exxon) and worked in Oklahoma, Utah, and Colorado and Wyoming. In 1956, while serving as regional geologist in Tulsa, he was transferred to New York as exploration advisor.

In 1966, Langston went to Australia as exploration manager for Esso Exploration Australia, Inc., and he was named director of Esso standard Oil (Australia) Ltd. The following year.

Returning to the U.S. in 1970, Donald became manager of Exxon's southeastern division in New Orleans. In 1972, he transferred to Houston as operations manager. He was named general manager of the exploration department in 1974 and vice president of exploration in 1975.

Langston is a member of the Association of Petroleum Geologists and the Society of Exploration Geophysicists. He has been a guest speaker on numerous occasions in many states and was a consultant to the U.S. legislature on oil problems.