

# Eggleston



Eggleston Hall is named for **Joseph D. Eggleston**. Born in 1867, he served as the seventh president of the University from 1913 to 1919. His tenure was marked by the development of the agricultural extension program. Much of his term took place during the years of World War I. Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute served as a training school for both the army and navy. The ROTC program was established in 1916.

In 1919, the University was designated by the War Department as one of 12 "Distinguished Colleges" for contributions to the war effort. He resigned in 1919 to become the president of Hampden-Sydney College, his alma mater. He was president of Hampden-Sydney until 1939 and then served as a professor until his death in 1953.

**Residence hall built:** Eggleston Hall is composed of three wings: East, Main, and West. Main Eggleston was completed in 1935, and both East and West Eggleston were completed in 1940. East Eggleston was converted to an academic and administrative building in 1983.

**Construction firm:** Carneal & Johnston

## Eggleston Hall Today

**Community:** Drillfield

**Type:** Main: Single-sex (female), traditional-style

West: Co-ed, traditional-style

**Number of residents:** Main: 215, West: 198

**Staff:** Main: Undergraduate hall director: 1

Resident advisors: 5

West: Undergraduate hall director: 1

Resident advisors: 5



### References:

"Heroes and Heroines Set in Stone," by Su Clauson-Wickerand Netta Smith, in the fall 1995 issue of *Virginia Tech Magazine*.

University Archives of Virginia Tech, *Historical Data Book*, Section 6.5.

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