



## **Curtis Harris '78**

Curtis has more than 30 years of experience in public finance, having served as the principal banker on a wide variety of infrastructure projects for municipal clients, including general obligation, utility revenue, transportation, and education issues. He is currently a Managing Director at Rice Financial. Previous positions include Director at Merrill Lynch, Director at Barclay's, and Managing Director at Academy Securities. Curtis' many municipal clients span the United States and have included the states of New York, Connecticut, and California; the District of Columbia; New York City, the city of Houston, and numerous utility and transportation entities.

Curtis is a 1978 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he earned a B.S. in mechanical engineering and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps. Upon completion of his military commitment, Curtis resigned as a captain and matriculated into the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, where he earned an MBA in finance and marketing in 1985.

Curtis' current and former board appointments include the New York City School Construction Authority (which oversees \$15 billion in school construction annually), the New York Athletic Club Board of Governors, President of the West Point Society of New York, West Point Association of Graduates Advisory Board, the Wildlife Conservation Society and Riverside Church.

Curtis' service as a United States Army officer extended from 1978 to 1983 in the Ordnance Corps at Fort Ord, CA, and Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD. He achieved promotions to first lieutenant and captain and successfully completed U.S. Army Airborne Paratrooper School as a cadet during the summer of 1976. Additional service includes serving as a platoon leader of a 42-member unit, commanding a 350-person unit for logistic support of divisional field training exercises, teaching leadership and management principals to newly commissioned officers, and teaching advanced logistics principals to senior grade U.S. and international officers.

Curtis' WPAOG activities include serving as a Director on the current WPAOG Board and the WPAOG Advisory Council for two years, chairing the Diversity Committee and organizing the first-ever Diversity Conference at West Point. Curtis has also served on numerous award committees, including the Thayer and Distinguished Graduate Awards.

Curtis has served on many of his class' graduation anniversary committees and has been a member of the Army A Club since 1985. He currently serves on Congressman Adriano Espaillat's Service Academy Nomination Committee, which screens local high school applications for congressional appointments.

Curtis lives in New York City. His three children include Curtis Jr., Kristen (University of Pennsylvania), and Holden (Dartmouth College). Curtis' extracurricular activities include photography and biking. He is an avid golfer, having played many courses throughout the world.