M. Doak Jacoway graduated from Westminster in 1971 with a degree in religion. He was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, played four years of varsity tennis and was a ROTC graduate.

“At a time when college campuses were in turmoil,” reflects Jacoway, “Westminster provided structure and expectation that would have been lost on a larger campus. Friendships and associations were forged during those four years that have remained life long, and a standard of excellence was set that continues as an expectation to this day.”

Jacoway served as an officer in the US Army from 1972-74. He earned a Master’s degree in business from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas in 1975. Following graduation, despite his parents’ desire for him to return home to Arkansas, Jacoway set out for Colorado to see if he could “make it” on his own without any connections.

Jacoway has since been a financial planning consultant specializing in estate, investment and fringe benefit planning, with a special focus on tax planning considerations. He began his career with the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company doing estate planning for business entrepreneurs. In 1982, Connecticut General merged with the Insurance Company of North America to become CIGNA Corp., at which point Jacoway began doing investment planning as well as estate planning.

Currently he is President of Jacoway Financial Corporation, a company he formed in April 1987. Jacoway Financial Corporation manages more than $350 million in clients’ money through mutual funds, variable annuities and private money managers.

Jacoway has also been active in civic affairs in the Denver area, and most recently served as the Chairman of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce in 2001-02. Jacoway is a Leadership Denver graduate from the class of 1981. He has served on such boards as the Denver Area Council of the Boy Scouts, the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry, ARTREACH, the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Denver Corporation, the Denver Arts Center Foundation, Colorado UpLIFT, the Colorado Junior Golf Association and the Metropolitan State College of Denver Foundation. Jacoway currently serves as a director or trustee on the boards of the Metropolitan State College of Denver Foundation, Denver Area Council of the Boy Scouts, Cherry Hills Country Club and the US Bank advisory board. He has also volunteered with The Spot, providing positive after school and evening alternatives for inner-city youth.

Jacoway has also stayed close to his family roots. He recently created an endowment fund at the Arkansas Children's Hospital to benefit the Child Life programs and to honor his parents, B. Cooper and Daisy T. Jacoway.

Jacoway and wife, Connie, live in Greenwood Village, Colorado. They have two grown children, Pierce and Hilary. Jacoway is an avid golfer and a member of both Cherry Hills Country Club and Castle Pines Golf Club.

“The Westminster College experience provided a unique blend of academic challenges in a nurturing environment coupled with rewarding social growth experiences.”