

Scott McCallum

Governor of the State of Wisconsin, 2001-2003

Scott was born in Fond du Lac Wisconsin on May 2, 1950, the eldest of four children. Scott's father was an assembly line worker and a letter carrier. His mother was a homemaker and a bank teller. Scott graduated from the public high school where he lettered in four sports – basketball, football, baseball, and tennis. He spent his summers working as a stock boy at a local Sears store, a lifeguard and swim coach at the neighborhood pool, and unloading rail from gondola cars.

In 1972 Scott graduated from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, with a B.A. degree in Economics and Political Science. To make ends meet, he washed dishes in the school cafeteria. He participated in three college sports - football, swimming and baseball – and served as Captain of Macalester's football team. In



1974, Scott earned a Master's Degree in International Economics from John Hopkins University.

In 1976, at the age of 26, Scott ran for the State Senate seat which included his hometown of Fond du Lac. He ran against a 20 year incumbent, and in a stunning upset, he beat the incumbent by 32 votes. In the State Senate Scott earned a reputation for strong aggressive action, for such causes as increased penalties for drunk driving offenses, creating a health insurance risk pool for people considered uninsurable, and indexing individual income taxes to account for inflation. Scott served four years on the powerful Joint Finance Committee, & five years on the Legislative Council.

As Lieutenant Governor, Scott has promoted education reform, reduction of taxes, securing increased venture capital, retaining Wisconsin college grads in the state workforce, increasing international trade, and expanding childcare.

Scott was sworn in as Wisconsin's 43rd Governor on March 1, 2001. As Governor, he tackled and solved the huge state budget deficit he had inherited, and earned the Wall Street Journal's title of "one of the nation's political tough guys" for his efforts.

Upon leaving politics, Governor McCallum became the president and CEO of the Aidmatrix Foundation, which employs supply chain information technology to connect the private sector, government, and nonprofit organizations to achieve their missions more efficiently. Gov. McCallum has received the 21st Century Achievement Award for "visionary use of information technology to promote positive social economic and educational change," has been named an "Entrepreneur of the Year" by Ernst and Young, and has been called by Computerworld Magazine a "true hero of the information age." Government Technology magazine in March 2013 named McCallum one of the top 25 "Doers, Dreamers & Drivers" in US technology.

Gov. McCallum has taught Public Policy at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He has been an Executive in Residence instructor for Northwestern University, has taught marketing at Sun Yat-Sen University and Hunan University in China. He is presently an Adjunct Professor in the School of Health and Medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.