



Merle Gulick (1906 – 1976) ('24) was a very successful business professional and philanthropist. He was a retired vice president of Equitable Life Assurance Company of New York where he worked from 1930 until he retired in the early 1970s.

He graduated from Hobart College and was recognized as one of the most outstanding Hobart alumni, receiving the Hobart Alumni Association Medal of Excellence in 1972. He served his alma mater in many roles including chairman of the board as a trustee for 18 years. He was awarded an honorary doctor of law degree in 1966.

He was active in philanthropic and health organizations throughout his life. Some of the organizations that benefited from his service include: National Council on Alcoholism, American Cancer Society, United Negro College Fund, and National Association for the Prevention of Blindness. Merle was an All-American football and lacrosse player at Hobart where he transferred after one year from the University of Toledo.

During WWII, Merle served as a Captain in the United States Coast Guard, serving as Chief of Port Security in Washington. He was married to Helen (Hindemarsh) Gulick and they had one son, Peter.