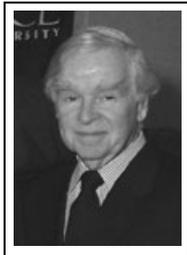


## Honorary Degree Recipients

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**Kevin Cahill, President, Center for International Health and Cooperation**

***Doctor of Humane Letters, NYC Undergraduate Commencement***

Director of The Institute of International Humanitarian Affairs at Fordham University, Cahill is also director of the Tropical Disease Center at Lenox Hill Hospital, clinical professor of tropical medicine and molecular parasitology at New York University School of Medicine, chief medical adviser for counterterrorism of the New York Police Department, professor and chairman of the Department of International Health at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Senior Consultant to the United Nations Health Service, and president-general of the American-Irish Historical Society. He is the author or editor of more than 30 books on tropical diseases, humanitarian assistance, diplomatic and historical topics.

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**Harriet Mayor Fulbright, Fulbright Association**

***Doctor of Humane Letters, Westchester Undergraduate Commencement***

Chairman of the Fulbright International Center, Fulbright has spent the majority of her adult life in the fields of education and the arts. From 1997 until 2000 she was executive director of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. Prior to this position she served as unofficial ambassador for the 50th anniversary of the Fulbright Program and in that capacity she traveled to numerous countries on all five major continents and all over the United States to speak about the importance of international education exchange and the pivotal role played by the Fulbright Program. She has been invited to give talks on such diverse topics as the vital role of international education exchange, arts education and its importance, the life of Senator J. William Fulbright, leadership and human progress, September 11, 2001, and its impact, and life as a cancer patient. She also serves on a number of boards, including the Wendy and Emory Reves Center for International Studies, the International Child Arts Foundation, and the International Institute of Leadership and Public Affairs, where she is chairman; the Academy of Educational Development and the National Foreign Language Center. Fulbright shared with her late husband a dedication to the search for peaceful solutions to conflicts throughout the world.

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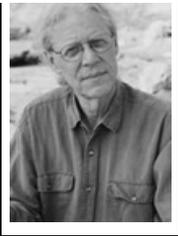
**Freeman Hrabowski III, President, University of Maryland, Baltimore County**

***Doctor of Humane Letters, Westchester Undergraduate Commencement***

Hrabowski's research and publications focus on science and math education, with special emphasis on minority participation and performance. He serves as a consultant to the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and universities and school systems nationally. He also sits on several corporate and civic boards. He has co-authored two books, *Beating the Odds* and *Overcoming the Odds*, focusing on parenting and high-achieving African American males and females in science. Both books are used by universities, school systems, and community groups around the country. A child-leader in the Civil Rights Movement, Hrabowski was prominently featured in Spike Lee's 1997 documentary, *Four Little Girls*, on the racially motivated bombing in 1963 of Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. Earlier this year he spoke at Pace and received the Centennial Medal.

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**Jeremy Jackson, Marine Ecologist and Professor of Oceanography**

***Doctor of Science, Westchester Graduate Commencement***

The William E. and Mary B. Ritter professor and director of the Geosciences Research Division at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California in San Diego, and senior scientist at the Center for Tropical Paleocology and Archeology of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in the Republic of Panama, Jackson has served on committees of the National Research Council, the Advisory Board of the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis, and the Science Commission of the Smithsonian Institution. A prolific writer of more than 100 scientific publications and five books, and the creator of a short educational film, he has contributed greatly to scholarly research and knowledge in marine biology and ecology. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. [Read Jackson's Speech >>](#) <sup>[1]</sup>

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**Hon. George Mitchell, Former U.S. Senator**

***Doctor of Humane Letters, NYC Undergraduate Commencement***

Mitchell was appointed to the United States Senate from Maine in 1980 and served until 1995. Senator Mitchell held the Senate Majority Leader position from 1989 to 1995. While in the Senate, he served on the Finance, Veterans Affairs, and Environment and Public Works Committees. After leaving the Senate, Senator Mitchell was asked by the British and Irish governments to chair the Peace Negotiations in Northern Ireland, and, under his leadership, a historic accord, ending decades of conflict, was agreed to by the governments of Ireland and the United Kingdom and the political parties of Northern Ireland. The U.S.-Ireland Alliance created the Mitchell Scholarship Program for young people who have shown academic distinction, commitment to service and potential for leadership.

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**Indra Nooyi, President and CFO, Pepsico, Inc**

***Doctor of Commerical Science, NYC Graduate Commencement***

As president and chief financial officer of Pepsico, Inc., Nooyi is responsible for all of PepsiCo's corporate functions, including finance, strategy, supply chain, business process optimization, coporate platforms, insights and innovation, procurement, investor relations and information technology. In addition to being a member of the Board of Directors of PepsiCo, Inc., Nooyi serves as Successor Fellow at Yale Corporation. She is a member of the Boards of Motorola, the International Rescue Committee and Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City. She also serves on the Advisory Boards of Yale School of Management, PlaNet Finance and Greenwich Breast Cancer Alliance as well as on the Board of Trustees of Eisenhower Fellowships and Asia Society.

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**David Oreck, Chairman, Oreck Corporation**

***Doctor of Commerical Science, NYC Graduate Commencement***

Oreck founded Oreck Corporation, which began as a company manufacturing upright vacuum cleaners for the hotel industry in the U.S. The concept was to design a lightweight yet powerful and durable vacuum that hotel housekeepers would prefer to the very heavy models available to them. Oreck Corporation now sells its products the general public throughout North America and South America, as well as in Europe and Asia. Today the company is a leader in household appliances and employs 1,500 people at the New Orleans headquarters. During the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, he set up Oreck Employee Relief Fund, seeding it with a \$500,000 corporate donation. His leadership also led to a national donation drive for material contributions at 450 Oreck Clean Home Centers across the country so that the people could join his efforts in rebuilding Louisiana and Mississippi as well as his employees' lives.

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**Janet L. Robinson, President and CEO, The New York Times Company**



***Doctor of Humane Letters, NYC Undergraduate Commencement***

As president and chief executive officer of The New York Times Company, Robinson oversees and coordinates all of the Company's operations and business units and works closely with the chairman to chart the future direction of the Company. During her tenure, Robinson has directed the acceleration of advertising and circulation revenue growth at all properties and the improvement in profit margins through expense controls, operating efficiencies and pricing initiatives. She has overseen the completion of the New York Times's conversion to color and section expansion, the creation and implementation of the national expansion of the newspaper and its entry into television programming and distribution.

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**Larry D. Thompson, Esq., General Counsel, PepsiCo**

***Doctor of Laws, Law School Commencement***

Senior vice president of government affairs, general counsel, and secretary for PepsiCo, Thompson is responsible for PepsiCo's worldwide legal function, as well as its government affairs organization and the company's charitable Foundation. He served as a senior fellow with the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., and his government career includes serving in the U.S. Department of Justice, where his role as deputy attorney general included supervision of overall operations. In 2002, Attorney General John Ashcroft named Thompson to lead the National Security Coordination Council. Also in 2002, President Bush named Thompson to head the Corporate Fraud Task Force. He led the Justice Department's ongoing Enron investigation and was responsible for corporate fraud investigations.

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