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As a television anchor and reporter, Roz Abrams, you consistently bring a unique combination of fairness and humanity to your work, presenting stories that both inform and touch your audience. Your commitment to professional excellence has won you universal respect among your colleagues. And you are considered by many to be the most likeable and professional television news anchor in the tri-state area.

A native of Lansing, Michigan, you received a bachelor of science in sociology from Western Michigan University and a master of science in speech from the University of Michigan.

One of your first big breaks was at WSB radio in Atlanta, Georgia, where your work as a news anchor and reporter was so exceptional that it was only a matter of time before you were lured away to television news at Atlanta's WXIA. You then moved to San Francisco and worked as a television anchor at KRON. From there you went back to Atlanta, working for Turner Broadcasting and helping to launch CNN.

In 1986 you came to New York City and became a member of WABC-TV's Eyewitness Newsteam, first as weekend anchor and general assignment reporter, then as anchor of Eyewitness Newsat 5 PM. After almost 20 years there, you made the move to WCBS-TV in 2004. Overall, you have been part of award-winning coverage for some of the biggest stories of our time, including the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; the blackout of 2003; the end of apartheid in South Africa; the Chernobyl nuclear disaster; and the worldwide AIDS epidemic.

Besides being a welcome presence in our homes, you are also a welcome presence in the community. In 2003, you were named to the editorial advisory board of Making Waves, a magazine for American women in radio and television. You serve as cochair of the New York Reads Together Program, a program of New York's Women's Agenda that aims to foster citywide discussions based on people all reading the same book at the same time. You are also cochair of C.A.U.S.E. New York, an advocacy group for the city's diverse population.

For being a role model for future journalists, for being a leader of change in the community, and for all your hard work, in front of the camera and in finding the stories that need to be told, Pace University is honored to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereunto.

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