

Honorary Degree Recipients

Commencement 2011 Honorary Degree Candidates

School of Law Commencement (May 8, 2011)

Jonathan Lippman, Chief Judge of the State of New York, was born in New York City in 1945. He was appointed Chief Judge by Governor David A. Paterson in January 2009 and confirmed by the New York State Senate in February 2009. Chief Judge Lippman previously served, by appointment of Governor Eliot Spitzer, as the Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, First Department. From January 1996 to May 2007, he served as the Chief Administrative Judge of all New York State Courts – the longest tenured person ever to serve in that position – and played a central role in many far-reaching reforms of the Judiciary and legal profession. In 2005, he was elected as a Justice of the Supreme Court for the Ninth Judicial District and went on to serve as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Term for the Ninth and Tenth Judicial Districts. He was first appointed to the bench in 1995 by Governor George Pataki as a Judge of the New York Court of Claims. His career in the court system has spanned four decades, starting as an entry level court attorney in the Supreme Court in Manhattan. Chief Judge Lippman is a member of the Conference of Chief Justices, former President of the Conference of State Court Administrators, and former Vice-Chair of the Board of the National Center for State Courts.

Degree: Doctor of Laws (LL.D.)

Westchester Undergraduate Commencement (May 20, 2011) - [Click here](#) ^[1] to read Dr. Joseph M. Pastore, Jr.'s speech



Dr. Joseph M. Pastore, Jr. is Professor Emeritus (in Residence), Lubin School of Business, Pace University. He holds a bachelor's degree from St. Bonaventure University (1963), an M.B.A. from Pace University (1966), and a Ph.D. from Saint Louis University (1969). In addition, he has engaged extended non-degree programs through Cornell University (1971-72) and Harvard University (1975). Dr. Pastore has held faculty appointments at Saint Louis University (1967-68), St. Bonaventure University (1965-66 and 1968-76), Pace University (1976-91 and 1993-present), and Boston College (1991-93). While at St. Bonaventure University he served as Dean of the School of Business (1969-73) and Vice President and Provost (1973-76). At Pace University, Dr. Pastore served as Dean of the Lubin School of Business (1976-80), Vice President for Academic Affairs (1980-84), Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs (1984-85), and University Provost (1985-91). At Boston College, Dr. Pastore served as Executive Vice President (1991-93). In 1988, Dr. Pastore was a Visiting Scholar at the Graduate School of Business, Columbia University. Beyond teaching, Dr. Pastore has authored, co-authored, or edited over forty articles, monographs, papers, and book chapters and has lectured in executive development programs for such organizations as Verizon Communications, British Telecommunications, AT&T, Swiss Re, Monsanto, IBM, Prudential-Bache Securities, Technicon, Corning, Reader's Digest, and Dresser Industries. Dr. Pastore was named in 1972 to the arbitration panels of the American Arbitration Association and Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; his mediation and facilitation work includes an appointment, from 1986-2006, by the U.S. District Court (Southern District) as Monitor and Special Master overseeing the Order to Desegregate the Yonkers Public Schools, Yonkers, New York.

Degree: Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.)

Sunday, May 22nd New York Undergraduate - [Click here](#) [2] to read Jo Ivey Boufford's speech.



Jo Ivey Boufford, MD, is President of The New York Academy of Medicine. Dr. Boufford is Professor of Public Service, Health Policy, and Management at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at New York University School of Medicine. She served as Dean of the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University from June 1997 to November 2002. Prior to that, she served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health in the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from November 1993 to January 1997, and as Acting Assistant Secretary from January 1997 to May 1997. While at HHS, she served as the US representative on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO) from 1994 to 1997.

From May 1991 to September 1993, Dr. Boufford served as Director of the King's Fund College, London England. The King's Fund is a royal charity dedicated to the support of health and social services in London and the United Kingdom. She served as President of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), the largest municipal system in the United States, from December 1985 until October 1989.

Dr. Boufford was awarded a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship at the Institute of Medicine in Washington, DC, for 1979-1980. She served as a member of the National Council on Graduate Medical Education and the National Advisory Council for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality from 1997 to 2002. She is currently Chair of the Board of Directors for the Center for Health Care Strategies and serves on the boards of the United Hospital Fund, the Primary Care Development Corporation and Public Health Solutions formerly MHRA. She was President of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (2002 -2003). She was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in 1992 and is a member of its Executive Council, Board on Global Health and Board on African Science Academy Development. She was elected to serve for a four-year term as the Foreign Secretary of the IOM beginning July 1, 2006. She received an Honorary Doctorate of Science degree from the State University of New York, Brooklyn, in May 1992 and the New York Medical College in May 2007. She was elected a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration in 2005. She has been a Fellow of The New York Academy of Medicine since 1988 and a Trustee since 2004.

Dr. Boufford attended Wellesley College for two years and received her BA (Psychology) magna cum laude from the University of Michigan, and her MD, with distinction, from the University of Michigan Medical School. She is Board Certified in pediatrics. Dr. Boufford has served on the AIHA Board since 2008.

Degree: Doctor of Science (Sc.D.)

Sunday, May 22nd Combined Graduate Ceremony - [Click here](#) [3] to read Jim Whitaker's speech.



Jim Whitaker is the Chairman of Whitaker Entertainment, which is based at Walt Disney Pictures. He is the founder and director of REBIRTH, a feature-length documentary combining time-lapse photography of the World Trade Center Site with the intimate stories of ten people coping with grief post 9/11 which Whitaker has been following for the past nine years. Beginning with the installation of 3 time-lapse cameras on March 11, 2002, REBIRTH now has 14 cameras in and around

the site recording a frame of film every five minutes 24 hours a day.

Jim began his career at Imagine as an intern rising to President of Motion Picture Production in 2004. He has executive produced such films as THE CHANGELING, AMERICAN GANGSTER, CINDERELLA MAN, FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS, 8 MILE, and CURIOUS GEORGE. He began his career assisting craft services on John Waters' HAIRSPRAY. Jim is a graduate of Georgetown University and holds an MFA from the Peter Stark Program at USC. He is a Henry Crown Fellow at the Aspen Institute.

Whitaker currently resides in Los Angeles, California with his wife and two children.

Degree: Doctor of Fine Arts (D.F.A.)

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