

**HONORARY DOCTORATE  
RICHARD PRESERVATI**

Richard Preservati, your professional accomplishments, community involvement, and tradition of service and giving are exemplary.

Tracing your lineage back to Italy, you continue your family's heritage and legacy of hard work, success in business, dedication to community, and devotion to family. All of these traits are hallmarks of the Preservati family name that you have so skillfully and with heartfelt determination made your own and are passing on to the next generations of your remarkable family.

Like your forefathers, you have followed a career path in the coal mining, construction and land development industries, tackling new endeavors and ventures with gusto and remarkable dedication. Employing hands-on experience and knowledge, you have built successful enterprises that benefit from your expert and respected leadership.

Your focus on community enrichment is also of special note. With a long history of philanthropy in the local area, West Virginia, and this region, you have touched the lives of your neighbors in countless ways. Agencies for children, communities of faith, educational institutions, and municipal facilities are a few of the many entities that have benefited from your generosity.

Locally, you have been instrumental in securing new locations for Child Protect and the Children's Home Society. Through your efforts, the City of Princeton's municipal complex also has a new expanded home.

Concord University is a beneficiary of your generosity as well. A significant contribution to the Resurface the Track campaign made by the Preservati Family Charitable Trust Foundation is positively impacting the Mountain Lion family.

Additionally, a scholarship established by the Preservati Family Charitable Trust Foundation through the Concord University Foundation focuses on assisting students who are the children of an individual who is employed or was previously employed in the coal mining industry. This special fund, named the James H. "Buck" Harless Memorial Business Scholarship, benefits students from Mercer, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming counties who are studying Business at Concord.

For your personal and professional achievements, and your longstanding philanthropic contributions to this region, Concord University confers upon you, Richard Preservati, the degree of Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*.