



CONCORD UNIVERSITY

DOCTOR OF HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

Wayne Meisel, you have done more than any American of your generation to call college students to lives of service. As an undergraduate, you matched the talents of your classmates with the needs of neighboring communities, and improved the lives of countless people. As a Lyndhurst Fellow, you walked from the Canadian border to our nation's capitol, spreading a social gospel while enlisting students and staff in more than sixty colleges and universities in founding the Campus Outreach Opportunity League (COOL) whose ranks now include students from more than three hundred campuses across the country. As a Presidential appointee on the Commission for National and Community service, you shaped federal policy that engaged a new generation of American youth with their communities, and you named the Americorps program, a sequel to the Washington work of respected West Virginians who aided President John Kennedy in the creation of the Peace Corps and VISTA. And now, as President of the Corella and Bertram Bonner Foundation, you have invented a model for student service that is open to all who wish to join you in acts animated by profound gratitude rather than in acquiring badges that affirm privilege. As a minister in the Presbyterian Church, you are a living testament to your faith. As a member of the Concord University Board of Governors, you remind us that the good sense of students when coupled with their prodigious energy can renew not only our institution but also the world around us.

Your challenge to students resounds in our hallways: "You are the leaders of tomorrow only if you choose to wait."

Therefore, by the authority vested in me by the Concord University Board of Governors and on behalf of a deeply grateful community, I confer upon you, Wayne W. Meisel, the degree of doctor of humanitarian service, honoris causa.

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