

## CONCORD UNIVERSITY DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES, HONORIS CAUSA

Mr. Gregory M. Allen, your extensive professional success in the financial industry is especially noteworthy. Your service to the community, your alma mater, and this country is also of high regard.

You earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree with an emphasis in economics from Concord in 1970 and belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Your professional journey began in 1972 with Merrill Lynch as a financial advisor. Five years later, you joined Morgan Stanley Dean Witter (now Morgan Stanley) spending 25 years working as a branch manager in Santa Fe, Oklahoma City, and Chicago. You also served as a Regional Sales Manager and completed your tenure as Regional Director for Morgan Stanley's southwest division in Dallas.

After a short retirement, you returned to the financial industry as the National Sales Director for Bank of America Investment Services. There you oversaw more than 3000 financial advisors and their retail offices nationwide. Leaving the big corporate firms behind, you became the founding partner of Disciplined Advisors Group where you have used your experience to help friends and family with their investment needs.

You received the Certified Financial Planners (CFP) designation in 1984, and have taught classes in economics/investments for the University of New Mexico, Los Alamos branch and financial planning for the College of Financial Planning.

Your exemplary commitment to Concord University includes service on the Board of Governors from 2012 to 2017 and on the CU Foundation Board since 2018 where you are currently chair of the Investment Committee. You also support Concord and its students through the Gregory Allen Scholarship.

For commendable service with the National Guard in New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma, you earned the Texas Adjutant General's Individual Award and the Department of the Army's Army Achievement Medal. Membership on the board of directors for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas is only one example of your longstanding community involvement. Your family includes your wife, Lorraine, children Zachary and Veronica, and four grandchildren.

For your outstanding professional achievements and dedication in service to others, Concord University confers upon you, Mr. Gregory M. Allen, the degree of Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*.

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