

## **The Honorands of The 2001 Commencement**

### **Maxine Kumin Doctor of Letters**

Poet and author Maxine Kumin was educated at Radcliffe College, where she received her A.B. and M.A. degrees. She holds honorary degrees from Centre College, Davis and Elkins College, Regis College, New England College, Claremont Graduate School, the University of New Hampshire, and Keene State College.

Ms. Kumin has published numerous poems, novels, essays, and short stories. Her poetry is rooted in the New England landscape, and in 1973 she won the Pulitzer Prize for *Up Country: Poems of New England*. Among her many other awards are the Lowell Mason Palmer Award (1960), William Marion Reedy Award (1968), Borestone Mountain Award (1976), Radcliffe College Alumnae Recognition Award (1978), American Academy and Institute for Arts and Letters Award for Excellence in Literature (1980), and both The Poet's Prize (1994) and the Aiken Taylor Poetry Prize (1995) for *Looking for Luck*. In addition, she was named poet laureate of the state of New Hampshire (1989-1994).

The author of over twenty books for children, Maxine Kumin has served as a consultant for the Central Atlantic Regional Education Laboratory and the Board of Coordinated Educational Services. She has also taught at Tufts, the University of Massachusetts, Centre College, Columbia University, Brandeis University, Washington University, MIT, Randolph-Macon Women's College, Princeton University, Pitzer College, Bucknell University, and Davidson College. She is a frequent participant in the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference and has been an elector for The Poet's Corner, The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, since 1990.

She is a member of the Academy of American Poets, the Poetry Society of America, the Authors Guild, and the Writers Union.