

MARGARET JOY TIBBETTS, government official, diplomat, and teacher. A native of Bethel, Maine, and a graduate of Wheaton and Bryn Mawr Colleges, she has contributed more than any other woman to the Foreign Service of the United States. Beginning her government experience in 1944 in the Office of Strategic Services, her career has spanned service with the Department of State in Washington, the American Embassy in London, the International Cooperation Administration, and the American Embassy in Brussels. From 1964 to 1969 she served as American Ambassador in Oslo, Norway, and as the nation's ranking woman Foreign Service Officer, went on to serve until 1971 as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs. Appointed a Career Minister in 1969, she was in 1971 awarded the Distinguished Honor Award, the highest decoration bestowed by the United States Department of State. During the first semester of the current academic year, she brought the accumulated knowledge and wisdom of those years of extraordinary service to bear in the classroom at Bowdoin by conducting a seminar evaluating United States leadership in Europe. Conscious that sound policy formulation rests on the widest possible base of knowledge, she has been an outstanding scholar, as well as a remarkable practitioner of her craft. A model for others to emulate, she fully embodies that conception of public service which inspires the College in its concerns.

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