

CHARLES WILLIAM ALLEN

Charles William Allen: Bowdoin graduate of the Class of 1934, winner of the Howe Prize in your senior year, Lieutenant Commander during World War II, you are a member of a distinguished family that for three generations has served Bowdoin with unselfish dedication. Like your father before you, and like your brother, you have been an Overseer giving unstintingly of your time and counsel. You have also served your alma mater as a Trustee and as Treasurer of the College -- at a time when that office was a labor of love. Your son carries on the tradition as the newly elected Vice President of the Alumni Council. The effectiveness of your chairmanship of the committee to reorganize the Governing Boards in 1972 can be measured by continuing references made to the far-sightedness of the Allen Committee. You have also shared your common sense for the common good as Chairman of the City Council of your native Portland. A respected member of the legal profession and a leader in numerous charitable activities, you have blessed our society with many benefits. It should surprise no one that your College now wishes to recognize your selfless example of responsible citizenship.

In exercise of the authority given me by the Governing Boards, I now create you,

Honoris Causa
Doctor of Laws