

BOWDOIN COLLEGE
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ROBERT BARN BINSWANGER, educator and civic leader, son of Deerfield and Dartmouth and Harvard, father of one Bowdoin alumnus and uncle of another, we honor you today for the range of roles, public and private, you performed with such distinction -- vice chancellor of the University of Maine, consultant to the Japanese Ministry of Education, professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and Assistant Director at the National Institute of Education. In 1983 you took on your greatest challenge: the headmastership of Boston Latin Academy, a great public institution whose students and staff must learn to deal with every problem of inner-city life. In doing so, you have reminded us that it is with innovative leaders, not abstract systems, that we shall rescue our nation's schools. We salute your accomplishments and your school by naming you, *honoris causa*, DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS.