

The Honorands of The 2010 Commencement

Joan C. Countryman Doctor of Humane Letters

Joan C. Countryman has a long and distinguished career in education. A graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, with a master of urban studies degree from Yale University, she was a Fulbright fellow at the London School of Economics. She began her teaching career as coordinator of community schools in Philadelphia, and then was a lecturer and assistant dean of students at the University of Pennsylvania. From 1970 to 1993 she taught mathematics at the Germantown Friends School, where she was director of studies, director of independent studies, and assistant head. Countryman was head of the Lincoln School in Providence, Rhode Island, from 1993 until her retirement in 2005. She was drawn out of retirement to serve as interim head of Oprah Winfrey's Leadership Academy for Girls in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 2006, followed by a one-year term as interim head of the Atlanta Girls' School. She has been a board member at Sarah Lawrence; the National Center for Independent School Renewal; Women and Infants Hospital; the National Coalition of Girls' Schools; and the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, among others. She is the author of *Writing to Learn Mathematics* (1992) and *Black Images in American Literature* (1977).