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DR. MICHELE G. CYR '76, Doctor of Humane Letters (LHD)

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Dr. Michele G. Cyr, member of the Bowdoin Class of 1976 and former chair of the Bowdoin College Board of Trustees, today we honor your achievements as a physician, as an educator, and as a leader.

In your illustrious career at Brown University, where you serve as senior associate dean for academic affairs, biology, and medicine at the Warren Alpert Medical School, you have received awards for your teaching, your research, and for your skills as a clinician, including election to master of the American College of Physicians. You are known as an advocate for faculty, for diversity, for the value of mentorship, and for advancing women in medicine and science.

As coauthor of two books—The Complete Book of Menopause and The New Truth About Menopause—you took complex research and shaped it into clear, actionable wisdom, giving women everywhere the tools to make informed choices about their health.

During your time as a Bowdoin student, you double majored in art and biochemistry. Even then, you were admired for your academic versatility and your quick wit.

You are the embodiment of the liberal arts, bringing your wide and varied interests and abilities to bear in every role and relationship, including twice on presidential search committees in service to this college and as a board chair who inspired with your work ethic, your listening ability, and your intelligence.

Your leadership and tireless mentorship have empowered so many. Even this week, you are meeting with aspiring physicians at Bowdoin and beyond, igniting curiosity and leading the next generation toward their own bold horizons.

For your courage, your guiding light, and your commitment to future leaders in medicine, we honor you today.

President Zaki, on behalf of the College, I am honored to present Dr. Michele G. Cyr for the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.