

## **The Honorands of The 2014 Commencement**

### **Christopher R. Hill '74 Doctor of Laws**

Ambassador Christopher Hill '74 is currently the dean of the Josef Korbel School of International Relations at the University of Denver. After his graduation from Bowdoin, he served in the Peace Corps in Cameroon for two years. He joined the U.S. State Department in 1977. Hill is a former career diplomat, having been nominated as ambassador four times by three different presidents. Among his posts were special assistant to the president and a senior director on the staff of the National Security Council, special envoy to Kosovo, ambassador to Macedonia, ambassador to Poland, ambassador to the Republic of Korea (where he led the U.S. delegation to the Six-Party Talks on North Korea's nuclear program), and ambassador to Iraq. Hill is one of the most accomplished and experienced U.S. diplomats of his generation, having been posted in global "hot spots" where the stakes were especially high. He received the State Department's Distinguished Service Award for his work on Bosnia, and in 2003 he was awarded Bowdoin's Gordon S. Hargraves '19 Preservation of Freedom Prize.