

The Honorands of The 2007 Commencement

Angus S. King, Jr. Doctor of Laws

Angus S. King, Jr., was elected Maine's seventy-first governor in 1994 and was reelected in 1998 by one of the largest margins of victory in the state's history. He was one of only two independent governors in the country. During his term in office, he oversaw the largest increase of lands in conservation in the state's history and launched a nationally recognized program to provide laptop computers to every seventh- and eighth-grade student in the state. A graduate of Dartmouth College, he earned a law degree at the University of Virginia Law School, and began his career in Maine as a staff attorney for Pine Tree Legal Assistance in Skowhegan. He served as chief counsel to the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Alcoholism and Narcotics in the office of then-Senator William D. Hathaway. He served as vice president and general counsel of Swift River-Hafslund Company; founded and served as president of Northeast Energy Management, Inc.; and hosted the television show *Maine Watch* for almost twenty years. A Distinguished Lecturer at Bowdoin since 2004, he was recently a visiting fellow at the Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.