

**The Honorands of
The 2005 Commencement**

**Donald R. Kurtz '52
Doctor of Humane Letters**

A 1952 Bowdoin graduate with an M.B.A. from Columbia University, Donald Kurtz has provided wise leadership to Bowdoin in areas of vital importance to the College over a long career, in which he drew on his years of executive experience with The Equitable Life Assurance Society, Equitable Investment Management, and General Motors. He was elected an Overseer of the College in 1984, and he chaired the Investments Committee during a period of strong growth in Bowdoin's endowment. Elected a Trustee in 1997, Kurtz took on the difficult task of chairing the Commission on Residential Life, which resulted in a transformation of the College's residential life system. He received the 1997 Alumni Service Award for leading the Bowdoin community through this difficult transition and for his selfless efforts on behalf of the College. Most recently, Kurtz chaired the Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2002.