

## **The Honorands of The 2012 Commencement**

### **Cynthia McFadden '78 Doctor of Humane Letters**

Cynthia McFadden, '78, is the co-anchor for the ABC television network's *Nightline* and *Primetime Live* programs. A *summa cum laude* graduate of Bowdoin and member of Phi Beta Kappa, she has been actively involved in the life of the College since her undergraduate days. While she was a student, she was a news editor for WBOR; a member of Masque and Gown, the *Orient* staff, the Curriculum Educational Policy Committee, the Governing Boards Education Program Committee, and the Alumni Council; and the recipient of the Woodbury Memorial Award for her scholarship and leadership. From 1986 to 1995 she was a member of the College's Board of Overseers. She holds a J.D. degree from the Columbia University School of Law. Throughout her career, McFadden has covered many stories, including human rights abuses, interviews with world leaders, and coverage of important social issues that often go unreported in news media outlets. The list of topics includes the American government's attempt to secure "loose" nuclear material worldwide, international trafficking in women and children, the forced sterilization of American citizens during World War II, groundwater contamination in two California towns, Medicaid fraud in Miami, and in-the-room coverage of death penalty trials. Her work has been honored with Emmy, Peabody, Dupont, and Foreign Press awards, among others.