

**BOWDOIN COLLEGE**  
**COMMENCEMENT 1994**

**DORIS VLADIMIROFF**, known affectionately to all as Dory, you recently concluded twenty-five years as Director of the Upward Bound Program on this campus. In state and national councils, your energy and vision helped to sustain the historic effort of the Upward Bound Program to offer hope to those young people, rich in spirit, but trapped in material poverty. Each summer for twenty-five years you touched and transformed the lives of students from that Maine not often seen by the summer tourist, the Maine of long winters and long distances, of small towns remote from cultural and recreational opportunities, afflicted with poverty and ethnic prejudice, and indifferent to higher education. Your growing up in the mill town of Sanford gave you an understanding of that Maine and developed your deep and empathic understanding of the needs of your Upward Bound students; your own youthful discovery of the wonder of literature, the pleasures of writing and the joy of teaching gave you the means to guide students in developing a larger awareness of themselves and their possibilities, you stimulated many to be the first of their family to complete high school or the first to graduate from a college or university. You taught them in the summer and nurtured them through the winter, enriched their lives and those of their families, their schools and their communities. The honorary degree that you receive today confirms the enduring and affectionate place that you will always hold in the Bowdoin family. It recognizes publicly your extraordinary commitment to the Common Good and to the youth of Maine, for whose education this College was founded.

President Edwards, I have the honor and pleasure of presenting to you **DORIS VLADIMIROFF** for the degree of **DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS**, *honoris causa*.

Presented by Professor Alfred H. Fuchs