

**The Honorands of  
The 2008 Commencement**

**Barry N. Wish '63  
Doctor of Humane Letters**

Trustee Emeritus Barry N. Wish has been a leader in the worlds of finance and philanthropy. Born in Boston, he attended law school at Boston College. He began his career with Merrill Lynch & Co., as a vice president and director at First Devonshire Corp., then as partner and shareholder at Kidder, Peabody & Co. He formed the New York investment arbitrage firm, Walsh Greenwood Wish & Co., in 1979. He sold his interest in the firm in 1983, and founded the Oxford Financial Group. He is currently chairman emeritus and active board member of the successor company, Ocwen Financial Corp. The Barry N. Wish Scholarship was established at Bowdoin in his honor, and Wish established both the Sidney Wish and Bertha Wish Sipkin Scholarship Fund and the Barry N. Wish Professorship in Social Studies. Classes and performances in Wish Theater are daily reminders of the many ways in which he has encouraged and inspired the Bowdoin community.