Catherine DeAngelis, you came to Wilkes College from Old Forge with the maturity of someone who had already become a Registered Nurse. When you discovered there was no infirmary, you established one; thus as an undergraduate you operated the first health services at the College. You encountered a very special tradition at Wilkes in which bright women students, especially in the sciences, were encouraged to aspire to reach the top of their chosen field at a time when this was still relatively rare. Your own sights shifted from nursing to medicine under the tutelage of demanding and supportive faculty like Dr. Charles Reif. Your teachers and fellow students remember your brightness, your energy, your intellect, your campus leadership and your great sense of humor. In selecting you as their leader, your fellow students counted on your uncommon articulateness, self-confidence and savvy, qualities that Dr. Farley admired, especially in women. No one who knew you in the years leading up to your graduation from Wilkes in 1965 with a B.A. degree in Biology was surprised at your subsequent success in medical school at the University of Pittsburgh, nor at your spectacularly successful career over the past quarter century since you became an M.D.

You did your internship at Pitt in pediatrics, a field to which you have devoted your life. Even though your interests have branched out in many directions, they always loop back to what is happening to children, from the prenatal stages through to adolescence. "Cathy's Kids," as your fortunate patients are known, have included children from Pittsburgh, Nicaragua, Liberia, Peru, the West Indies, Boston, New York City, Madison, Wisconsin and Baltimore, Maryland. You earned a Master's in Public Health from Harvard University and served successive appointments at Columbia University and the University of Wisconsin from 1973 to 1978. Then you put down your professional roots at The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine for the last decade and a half. You began at Johns Hopkins in 1978 as an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and as Director of Pediatric Primary Care and Adolescent Medicine. The problems of teenagers in Baltimore's inner city, particularly those of pregnant teen-age girls, received your focused attention.

After eight years, you became the first woman full professor of Pediatric Medicine in the nearly century-long history of The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Within four more years you became Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the School of Medicine and just last year became the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Faculty. Building on the supportive climate you flourished in as a pre-med student at Wilkes, you used your leadership at Johns Hopkins to direct serious attention to the challenge of giving women physicians the full opportunities to be equal colleagues with men in providing leadership to the medical school. With your help, Johns Hopkins has moved to the forefront of this national development and none too soon, with the number of women medical school students in the nation now approaching fifty percent.

You have served on scores of local, state and national committees and advisory boards dealing with children's health issues. You were also appointed this year as Chair of the Governor's Commission on Women's Health in Maryland. You have provided guidance to two major foundations dedicated to health care issues, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Pew Charitable Trust, where you have been a member of the Advisory Panel for Medicine on the prestigious Pew Health Professions Commission. You have received and/or been the principal investigator for federal and foundation grants worth millions of dollars aimed at discovering ways to improve the delivery of health care to children, particularly at-risk infants and adolescents. You are on a host of professional boards dealing with the quality of health care and have recently been made editor of the newly renamed Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, the major journal in your field. In addition to writing or coauthoring nearly ninety articles, you have also written several books, including the esteemed Pediatric Primary Care, now in its third edition.

Your alma mater, which you have served through membership on its Board of Trustees, is intensely proud of your accomplishments and is pleased today to honor you. It is my particular pleasure, by the authority vested in me by the Board of Trustees of Wilkes University and by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to confer upon you, Catherine D. DeAngelis, M.D., the degree of Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.