Wilkes University  
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Citation for the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science  
DORIS GORKA BARTUSKA

Doris Gorka Bartuska, Professor of Internal Medicine Emerita, you served from 1973 to 1996 as Director of the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism at the Medical College of Pennsylvania. In your many teaching, research, and administrative positions at MCP, and in your local, state and national leadership roles in the medical profession, you have been a pioneer for women. A native of Wyoming Valley, you began your college education at Bucknell University Junior College, which during your time here became Wilkes College. Originally planning to become a nurse, Professor Reif helped convince you to become a doctor and you received your Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 1949. You went on to Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania where you earned your M.D. in 1954. After your Traineeship at Jefferson Medical College in 1957-1958, you became a specialist in Endocrinology and have ever since been an active researcher in that field, specializing on the health problems of women, especially two diseases, diabetes and osteoporosis. Under the sponsorship of the University of Pennsylvania you became a National Institutes of Health Special Fellow in Molecular Medicine in 1966-1968. Beyond your active scholarly life, where you have published scores of professional articles and delivered papers throughout the nation and the world, you also stepped forward to serve your profession through an extraordinarily active life of leadership positions with local, state and national medical associations. To name only a symbolic few, you are a past president of the Philadelphia County Medical Society and a past president of the American Medical Women's Association. You were at the time one of the relatively few women delegates to the American Medical Association and have been active in the several associations in the field of Endocrinology, including serving on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists. You have been heaped with awards from virtually every organization you have served and must have received every alumnae award in the power of the Medical College of Pennsylvania to give. Of special significance is the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award and your designation as An Outstanding Educator of America. You are also a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania. We at Wilkes are particularly grateful for your leadership role as a charter member of the University Council where you continue to serve with not only intelligence but verve, having contributed your beautiful singing voice-and a bit of dancing on table top at our dinners-to enliven our deliberations. All this and so much more you have accomplished while raising, with your devoted husband Anthony, six talented daughters, including two who are graduates of Wilkes. Your active parenting included taking leadership positions with the PTA where you brought that human warmth, vitality, and genuine concern that are at the heart of all you do. You now enjoy the reward of eight grandchildren as well.

It is with particular pleasure that I, by the power invested in me by the Trustees of Wilkes University and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and assisted by your Wilkes mentor in Biology, Dr. Charles Reif, confer upon you, Doris Gorka Bartuska, M.D., the Doctor of Science Degree, Honoris Causa, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.