

## HERBERT H. DOW II

Mr. President, I take pleasure in presenting for an Honorary Degree, Herbert Henry Dow II, civic leader, business man, and philanthropist.

Born and raised in Midland, Michigan, he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and later pursued graduate studies at Yale University. Following the completion of his studies, he returned to Michigan, joining the staff of the Dow Chemical Company where he progressed successfully through a number of positions, eventually becoming Corporate Secretary, Vice-President, and a member of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Dow has maintained close ties with Kalamazoo College over a number of years. He is a former trustee of the College, and his daughter, Pamela, graduated with the Class of 1979. In fact, service to Kalamazoo has long been a tradition within the Dow family. Mr. Dow's mother, Martha Pratt Dow, Class of 1919, his aunt, Vada Bennett Dow, Class of 1927, and his great-uncle, Earl W. Bennett, served on the Board of Trustees for a combined total of 28 years.

Throughout his career, Mr. Dow has devoted himself to the improvement of higher education in Michigan. It is appropriate to acknowledge his contributions to higher education during his tenure as President of the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, as well as the Herbert H. and Barbara C. Dow Foundation. Recognizing the steady decline in state and federal funding for higher education, he has been the driving force behind the very substantial financial support these foundations have provided the colleges and universities of our State. During such times, the activities of philanthropic individuals and foundations have become increasingly important to the long-term viability of our schools.

Mr. Dow's civic and philanthropic activities have not been limited to higher education. Numerous projects in Midland and throughout Michigan have benefitted from the foundations headed by Mr. Dow. Scientific research and technology, cultural programs, conservation, community service and civic affairs, and needed social services are among the projects most often supported by Mr. Dow.

His dedicated service to his community has brought him numerous accolades from a host of organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, the Midland Hospital Association, and the Midland Community Center. In 1964, his community recognized his achievements and personal commitment by honoring him as "Young Man of the Year."

On behalf of the faculty, I recommend that upon Herbert Henry Dow II be conferred the Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters.