



CONCORD UNIVERSITY

DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES, HONORIS CAUSA

Laurie Erickson, your commitment to higher education in West Virginia is exemplary. Your vital and tireless work with the Erickson Foundation in establishing alumni centers across the state is to be saluted. All West Virginians, especially those who are studying at our colleges and universities and those who are alumni, have benefitted from your generosity. A native New Yorker, you have shown a deep commitment to your adopted state working for the future of higher education in West Virginia and all who live here. You are a key player in fulfilling the vision of your father-in-law, C.O. Erickson, of creating homes for alumni at this state's institutions of higher learning. You stand in partnership with him and your husband, Charles F. Erickson, in making this dream a reality.

These centers are envisioned as places for alumni to connect with their alma maters, where they will be inspired to offer their support to future students. A tangible example of this commitment is seen in the Erickson Alumni Center at Concord University. This gracious and inviting space is part of University Point, Concord's newest building. The center has become a welcoming location for alumni events and gatherings across the campus community. As a professional interior designer, you know the importance of creating such spaces. Your talents and trained eye have contributed to the standard of excellence that has become the hallmark of alumni centers bearing the Erickson name.

The Erickson Foundation's work in enhancing our campuses has expanded to include Presidents' homes and you are to be applauded for your contributions to this effort. Your service on the Concord University Foundation Board of Directors is also noteworthy and appreciated by the Concord community. You are indeed a true friend of the University.

For your outstanding involvement in bettering this institution, in supporting its alumni and future generations of students, and in working to advance higher education in West Virginia, Concord University confers upon you, Laurie Erickson, the degree of Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*.

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