

## LUKE A. BRONIN

### *Doctor of Laws*

As an attorney, politician, and veteran, you have devoted your career to service to others and have established yourself as a fierce advocate for the greater good. When elected as the 67th mayor of Hartford in 2016, you made a promise to build a stronger city for all residents through a vision of optimism, collaboration, and true grit. You delivered on that promise, and we—the City of Hartford and Trinity College—are among the beneficiaries.

Your distinguished career is supported by your impressive academic credentials. You earned a B.A. from Yale University and an M.Sc. from the University of Oxford, where you studied as a Rhodes Scholar. You then returned to the United States and earned a J.D. from Yale Law School.

In 2007, you became a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve and later served as a member of the military's anti-corruption task force during your deployment to Afghanistan in 2010. You also were a member of President Barack Obama's administration, serving in appointed positions at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. You served as senior adviser to the deputy secretary and then were appointed deputy assistant secretary for the Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes. In that role, you helped lead federal government efforts to isolate and disrupt international terrorist groups and advanced U.S. national security and foreign policy interests.

In 2013, Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy asked you to serve as his general counsel, launching your extraordinary service of more than a decade to the state and its capital city. You became deeply involved in developing policies to combat veterans' homelessness, to expand economic opportunities, to reform the criminal justice system, and to protect the environment. In 2015, after you spent a year as partner at the law firm of Hinckley Allen, the residents of Hartford elected you their mayor.

You chose to lead with care and with unwavering determination. After taking office in 2016, you guided the city through one of its biggest fiscal crises ever and put it on a path to fiscal stability while vigorously promoting economic development. In addition to leading the city through the COVID-19 pandemic, you built opportunities for Hartford residents through key initiatives, including the Youth Service Corps and the Reentry Welcome Center. Most importantly, you reestablished a relationship of trust and confidence between the city government and its people. And today, following your leadership, Hartford is positioned as a center of innovation and a leader in environmental stewardship.

As mayor, you maintained a visible presence in every corner of Hartford, listening, engaging, and acting. Indeed, you also prioritized Trinity as one of the city's great treasures. For 200 years, the College has been both in and of Hartford, and today, after your eight-year run as mayor, the relationship between the City of Hartford and Trinity is as strong and fruitful as ever.

During your administration, Trinity extended itself beyond its academic borders in new and creative ways to help drive growth within the city and to support the student experience. In 2018, Trinity announced a pathbreaking partnership with the Hartford-based global technology giant Infosys, and in 2020, the College opened the 13,000-square-foot Trinity Innovation Center in downtown Hartford. We improved our social and civic responsibility throughout the community as you showed no limits in advancing the well-being and safety of the neighborhoods that surround the College. Your belief in our liberal arts institution strengthened our footing in Hartford as Trinity enters its third century of excellence.

In recognition of your determined spirit, profound influence in service to Hartford and our nation, and the care with which you led, I have the honor of presenting you, Luke A. Bronin, for the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.