

## EDWARD MINER LAMONT JR.

### *Doctor of Laws*

Your devotion to public service, you have said, comes from a deep belief in making a positive difference in people's lives. Elected as the 89th governor of the State of Connecticut in 2018, you use the tools garnered from your background in business and technology to aid in your efforts to improve the state's economy, to address income inequality, and to improve infrastructure and education systems. You also ably led Connecticut through the COVID-19 pandemic, an accomplishment that helped propel you to victory when you ran for reelection in 2022.

Your path to the Governor's Office began with your education at some of the nation's top schools. After graduating from Phillips Exeter Academy, where you served as president of the student newspaper, *The Exonian*, you earned a B.A. in sociology from Harvard College in 1976. You went on to earn an M.B.A. from the Yale School of Management in 1980.

Your first position out of school was as editor of the *Black River Tribune*, a small, weekly newspaper in Ludlow, Vermont. Through your responsibilities of covering town meetings and the Board of Selectmen, you gained firsthand knowledge about how government entities run.

In 1984, you founded Campus Televideo, a company that provides cable and satellite services to college campuses nationwide. You later chaired Lamont Digital Systems, a telecommunications firm that invests in new media start-ups. For four years, you shared your business acumen with the State Department of Treasury as chairman of the Investment Advisory Council, which was created by the Connecticut General Assembly to assist the state treasurer on investment policies; in this role, among other duties, you oversaw a multibillion-dollar state pension fund. Your vast experience also includes serving as a member of the Greenwich Board of Selectmen and of the Board of Estimate and Taxation, where you collaborated in a bipartisan effort to safeguard a multimillion-dollar budget.

You also have devoted your time as an educator. You have served as an adjunct professor of political science and philosophy at Central Connecticut State University, where you helped to found a popular business start-up competition. You have volunteered to teach at Harding High School in Bridgeport, where, in an effort to spark entrepreneurship, you shared your enormous expertise about the inner workings of small businesses, bringing in local businesspeople to share their experiences and wisdom and helping to place students in internships.

As a key partner in Trinity's successes, you have long felt that you have a strong connection with the College. You have noted that you view the relationship between Trinity and the state as being a vital one, particularly with the College's location in the heart of the capital city. Through your extensive knowledge in the fields of government and education, you recognize the essential role that Trinity plays in shaping the workforce and economy of Connecticut, today and in the future.

In recognition of your lifelong devotion to public service and your unfaltering commitment to education, as well as your leadership of our great State of Connecticut, I have the honor of presenting you, Edward Miner Lamont Jr., for the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.