

SCOTT WALTON REYNOLDS

TRINITY COLLEGE CLASS OF 1963

Doctor of Humane Letters

*Presented by Thomas S. Johnson '62, H'05, P'97, Former Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Trinity College
Escorted by William C. Richardson '62, H'03, Board of Trustees at Trinity College*

Trinity educated, you returned to your alma mater in 1996 to assume the role of assistant to the president. Your service to the College in that capacity has been extraordinary. In times of both trial and triumph, your wisdom and your long view of the institution that you love so deeply have proven to be invaluable.

But the fact is that for more than a half century—during which the world has undergone remarkable change and Trinity has rapidly evolved to keep pace with that change—you have never been far from the pulse of the College. Trinity has always been able to count on you for reasoned and disciplined advice. It is your *forté*.

As an undergraduate, you distinguished yourself as a member of Medusa, the senior honor society; with your election to Pi Gamma Mu; as president of your fraternity, Theta Xi; and as a member of Cerberus, the sophomore honor society. You were also a reporter for the *Tripod* and manager of the freshman basketball and varsity lacrosse teams.

After graduating in 1963 with a B.A. in economics, you earned your M.B.A. at Harvard. You then served in the United States Army in the Pentagon in a wide range of planning and analysis positions with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Office of the Comptroller of the Army, and the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, once again demonstrating your capacity for the kind of counsel that clarifies and adds value. As a civilian, you enjoyed a distinguished career in banking and finance at Bankers Trust Company. There, you were the founding president of BT Securities. Before returning to Trinity, you served from 1994 to 1996 as assistant to the president of Saint Peter's College in Jersey City, New Jersey.

It is important to note that in the more than three decades of your career that bridge the time from graduation until your return to Trinity in 1996, you routinely found time to serve the College in various capacities. You were a member of the Board of Fellows, an alumni officer and volunteer, and, from 1992 to 1996, a member of the Board of Trustees and secretary of the Board.

Your close involvement with Trinity extends to your family, as your daughter Jane Reynolds Flynn is a member of the Class of 1992.

For the past 15 years you have served Trinity in the Office of the President and, twice, as interim vice president for finance. You were elected secretary of the College in 1998. During this period, you have consistently provided leadership that is both level-headed and transformational in grappling with some of the most sensitive affairs of the College.

For your long and distinguished service to Trinity, I have the honor of presenting you, Scott Walton Reynolds, Class of 1963, for the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.