According to Genesis, Adam named all the birds and beasts of the Garden of Eden. We in British Columbia are still close enough to the wilderness to have those among us who have given their names to places and institutions. In your case, Anne Stevenson, you have been honoured in having the Anne Stevenson Secondary School in Williams Lake named after you in recognition of all you have done for the cause of education. Your father, Roderick Mackenzie, was similarly honoured by that community. He pioneered in the Cariboo and gave his name to Mackenzie Avenue in Williams Lake.

Attending school in Squamish and growing up with the local Indians generated your abiding interest in the well-being of the native peoples. At the University of British Columbia you took a degree in history and English and then post-graduate training in education. After tarrying for a time among the hard-rock miners in a camp in Northern Ontario with your mining engineer husband, you returned with relief to the Cariboo, raised three daughters, went into teaching at a week's notice, and stayed for thirteen years. From there you graduated onto the school board, on which you served for ten years, two of them as chairman. Not content with that, you also served as district representative on the Cariboo Union Board of Health and as one of the founders of Cariboo College, on whose Board you served as a Trustee and Chairman. Lastly, and for us here, by no means the least, you were a founding member of the Simon Fraser Convocation.
Wherever you have served, you have done so with distinction, devotion, perception and charm. The quiet, unsung, often tedious and trying volunteer work on which you have spent countless hours is one of the strongest foundations of our democratic society. You have taught in, helped found, governed and served the educational system of British Columbia, from first grade to graduate school.

Simon Fraser is proud to confer on you the degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa.