Mr. Chancellor, it is my privilege to introduce Nancy McKinstry, a dynamic and far-seeing business leader who serves her community with intelligence, grace and generosity.

Throughout her career, Nancy McKinstry has focused on one goal: to help others excel. After many years spent in retail and marketing, Nancy joined Odlum Brown Ltd. There, Nancy's unique approach to investment counseling reflected her belief in building relationships built on trust and mutual respect. As a Director, and subsequently as a Vice-President, she has nurtured the talent and energy of many and inspired them to achieve their full potential. Recognizing the need for education in money management, she designed courses to inform women about investing and retirement planning, and also created the Young Investors Club, a program that educates children in the basic concepts of investing wisely. A determined advocate of women in the workplace, Nancy has also worked selflessly on issues such as pay equity, share ownership, and fair representation of women in decision-making.

She brings that same sense of commitment and purpose to her work in the community, and peers describe Nancy's dedication to this province as compelling and contagious. She has served as United Way Leadership Chair for Odlum Brown Ltd. and as a Governor of the Vancouver Stock Exchange. Respected for her wise counsel, she was appointed a Member to the Mayor's Task Force and to the City Planning Committee for Vancouver. She has also sat on the BC Housing Commission Advisory Board, and was the Director for the Western Business Women's Association.

Perhaps the culmination of her many contributions to the public good came in 1999 when she became one of the founders of the Minerva Foundation, whose purpose is to help women achieve their educational and professional goals. From its inception, she has been the catalyst for such far-reaching programs as the Minerva Foundation Awards and the Minerva Leadership Conference. For her sustained efforts on behalf of British Columbians, she was presented with BCIT's Distinguished Alumni Award for Community Service in 2003.

Mr. Chancellor, in honour of her long and distinguished service to our community, I ask on behalf of the Senate of this University that you now confer upon Nancy McKinstry the degree Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*. 