



Respected educator and leader, you became the sixth president and first woman to lead Dillard University just weeks before it faced the greatest challenge in its 138-year history: the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Despite the more than \$400 million in damage your university suffered, you have been steadfast and strong in guiding Dillard during its recovery, facilitating the rebuilding of its historic and beloved 55-acre campus.

You inspire us with your dedication to Dillard's longstanding mission and your determination to make the university a vital part of the rebuilding and economic recovery of New Orleans. For your deep, continued commitment to academic excellence, community service, and partnerships with public and private sectors, we honor you as Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

Ornata qua magistra qua dux, tu praeses nona et primus femina praeses universitatis Dillardensis facta es paucis diebus ante vastationem procellae nomine Katrinae, quod erat maximus labor in annis plus quam centum. universitatem magna calamitate captam tu tamen constantia fortitudineque gubernavit et restitutionem campi augusti gratique egit.

Admiramur tuum studium in longiquum consilium universitatis et in refectionem materiale[m] oeconomicumque urbis New Orleans universitate aequ[e] participi. Pro eruditione beneficioque et

pro operibus communibus cum publicis privatisque, appellamus te Doctorem Legum, honoris causa.

Auctoritate mihi commissa te ad gradum in Legibus Doctoris admitto, omniaque jura atque privilegia ad hunc gradum pertinentia tibi concedo. In huius testimonium hoc diploma tibi gaudens trado.