



CONCORD UNIVERSITY

DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES, HONORIS CAUSA

Arthur J. "Pete" Ballard, your life has been an adventure, inspired by dedication to and passion for education and the arts. Your journey has taken you far from your birthplace of Welch, West Virginia to locales around the globe. Today, returning to West Virginia, you make your home in Peterstown, bringing your own unique blend of culture, creativity, and friendliness to this community and your neighbors.

After receiving a degree in education from Concord in 1953, you dedicated yourself to teaching for many years at the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, N.C. Your career as an educator also led you to Saudi Arabia, Vietnam, and China.

Your illustrious career as an artist has brought you much acclaim. A nationally known costume designer, museum costume historian and conservator, you have achieved special recognition for your exquisitely designed and crafted fashion dolls. You have generously donated these delightful creations to numerous museums.

In the area of civic involvement, you are commended for your service as board chairman for the Coal Heritage Highway Authority of West Virginia and commissioner on the West Virginia Archives and History Commission and the West Virginia Commission on the Arts.

The recipient of many honors, you are among the Outstanding Educators in America and have received the Order of the Arts and Historical Letters from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History. The Concord University Alumni Association honored you with the Golden Alumnus award and for your contributions to the life and culture of West Virginia, you received the title of Concord University's Grand Groundhog Watcher.

Your work with costumes earned the Award of Merit from the North Carolina Historic Preservation Society and a Golden Globe Award from the national Retail Merchants Association. You are a recipient of the Distinguished West Virginian award and the State's Order of the 35th Star. Your exemplary accomplishments have also been entered into the Congressional Record.

For your outstanding career achievements and for your generosity in sharing your creative talents with others, Concord University confers upon you, Arthur J. "Pete" Ballard, the degree of Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*.

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