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Illinois Wesleyan University

PRESIDENT'S CONVOCAATION



Westbrook Auditorium
Presser Hall
September 11, 1996
11:00 a.m.

PROGRAM

President Minor Myers, jr, *Presiding*

Organ Prelude	David Gehrenbeck, <i>Organist</i> <i>Professor of Music Emeritus</i>
Introduction and Fugue on ST. ANNE	Paul Manz (b. 1919)
*Invocation	Dennis E. Groh <i>University Chaplain</i>
Welcome	President Minor Myers, jr
Greetings from the Student Senate President	Sarah B. Shive '97 <i>President, Student Senate</i>
Recognition of Presidential Scholars and The Anderson Physics Scholar	Roger H. Schnaitter <i>Associate Provost</i>
Special Music	
Banjo and Fiddle.....	William Kroll (1901-1980)
	Sharon Chung '2000, violin Eva Ferguson '2000, piano
Awarding of Honorary Degree.....	President Minor Myers, jr. Provost Janet M. McNew
Remarks.....	Anita DeFrantz
*Alma Wesleyana	NATIONAL HYMN George William Warren (1828-1902)
From hearts aflame, our love we pledge to thee, Where'er we wander, over land or sea; Through time unending, loyal we will be— True to our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.	
When college days are fully past and gone, While life endures, from twilight gleam til dawn, Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on— Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.	
	— <i>Professor W. E. Schultz (1935)</i>
*Benediction	Dennis E. Groh <i>University Chaplain</i>
Postlude	David Gehrenbeck, <i>Organist</i> <i>Professor of Music Emeritus</i>
Symphonie IV: Finale	Charles-Marie Widor (1884-1937)

*Audience will please stand



Anita DeFrantz

**Executive Board Member,
International Olympic Committee
President and Director, Amateur
Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles**

“Sports belong to all of us—able-bodied, disabled, men, women, young, and old.”

That’s the view of Anita DeFrantz, reported by her hometown newspaper, *The Indianapolis Star/News*.

DeFrantz, a bronze medalist in rowing at the 1976 Montreal Olympics, has been called one of the 100 most powerful people in sports by *The Sporting News*. *The Australian Magazine* has ranked her among the 100 most powerful women worldwide.

As a vice president for the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, she organized and managed the Olympic Village at the University of Southern California for the 1984 games.

DeFrantz was elected to the 104-member International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1986; her term of office runs to 2032. She was elected to the IOC’s Executive Board in 1992 and re-elected to a full four-year term in 1993. DeFrantz chairs the IOC’s Women and Sport Working Group and serves on several other IOC commissions.

A *Wall Street Journal* profile of her reported: “. . . DeFrantz has become one of the Olympic movement’s more influential members . . . she is the only woman on the 11-member IOC Executive Board, the true seat of Olympic power, and the first black woman ever elected to it.”

Born in Philadelphia, DeFrantz grew up in Indianapolis. At age 18, she was introduced to rowing at Connecticut College, where she graduated with honors in 1974. While studying law at the University of Pennsylvania, she continued training for rowing competitions. From 1975-80, DeFrantz competed on every national rowing team and served in several posts, including being a director of the U.S. Rowing Association.

In addition to her Olympic bronze medal in rowing, DeFrantz won a silver medal at the 1978 World Championships, was a five-time World Championships finalist, and won six National Championships.

She was an outspoken critic of President Jimmy Carter’s boycott of the 1980 Olympics, following the Soviet Union’s invasion of Afghanistan, earning the IOC’s Bronze Medal of the Olympic Order for her leadership in opposing the boycott.

DeFrantz is president of the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles, a charity founded with about \$90 million of surplus funds from the Los Angeles Olympics. As of January, 1996, the group had awarded grants totaling \$31.2 million to support youth sports programs in Southern California.

She is a steward of the Women’s Sports Foundation and serves on the Board of Directors for: the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, Salt Lake City Olympic Organizing Committee, Martin Luther King Legacy Association, and many other groups.

Among her awards and honors are the NAACP’s Jackie Robinson Sports Achievement Award, IOC’s Woman of the Year Award, World Scholar-Athlete Games Humanitarian Award from the Institute for International Sport, and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Funds’ Black Woman of Achievement Award.