Robert C. Rooke stands as a model of decency, charity and service to Bucknell University and to higher education.

As a trustee, Bob has provided his professional expertise to ensure the financial future of the institution. As a donor, he has reinforced his commitment to a strong endowment, as well as excellent facilities, religious life, music, need-based aid and academics. And as a member of one of Bucknell’s most supportive families, he has sustained a legacy of philanthropy and inspired everyone around him with his character and kindness.

Bob has appropriately been called “an exceptional person who has worked tirelessly over many years to improve Bucknell and other institutions of higher education.”

Whereas Robert C. Rooke has enhanced many aspects of our University through his wisdom and guidance; whereas he has worked tirelessly to reinforce the long-term financial strength of Bucknell for the benefit of generations of students; and whereas he represents the best of service and philanthropy within the realm of higher education, Bucknell University is hereby proud to present, before the Class of 2010, the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters to Robert C. Rooke.

Brian C. Mitchell, President