

## COA News, Fall 1993



President Steven K. Katona addresses the audience at the podium of the Gates Center, July 9, 1993.

## Steven K. Katona Appointed COA President

On Thursday, June 3, Chairman of the Board Edward McC. Blair announced to the college community that Dr. Steven K. Katona had been elected the new president of College of the Atlantic by a unanimous vote of COA's board of trustees. Dr. Katona is the fourth president of the college since its founding in 1969.

The board initiated a six-month search for a successor to Louis Rabineau, who stepped down at the end of June after nine years as president. "Steve has the tools necessary to be an outstanding president," Rabineau stated, "and I am confident the college will do well with him."

More than 140 applications and nominations for the presidency were received from across the nation. The ten-member search committee narrowed the field of candidates to ten, five of whom were invited to visit the campus. According to members of the search committee, a num-

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## COA Holds 21st Commencement

College of the Atlantic granted 53 Bachelor of Arts degrees in Human Ecology at its 21st commencement on Saturday, June 5. The college also awarded the first Masters of Philosophy degrees in Human Ecology to three graduate students, Diana Haweley, Juli B. Lerner and Bridget Malles.

A blessing was led by Reverend William Booth and welcome were given by President Rabineau and senior Amy Tocino, who read a poem, "Wild Geese," by Mary Oliver.

At the ceremony, presided over by Edward McC. Blair, chairman of the board

of trustees, the college honored Rabineau for his nine years of leadership. In presenting him with an Honorary Degree in Human Ecology, Trustee Cathy Randall '78 spoke eloquently of Rabineau's accomplishments as president of COA. "Ultimately," Randall stated in closing, "education is about becoming a better person. Look, you're the best!"

Also receiving an Honorary Degree in Human Ecology was Alice N. Peck, the first ecologist of College of the Atlantic. Founding President Edward Knobell paid tribute to Mrs. Peck, who will retire at the

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