

Excerpts from President-elect Jo Allen's remarks

"Meredith is uniquely poised, through its liberal arts foundations and strong graduate programs, to help free the mind to face our fears...to become the next generation of world changers."

"I can tell you that Meredith certainly changed my world, giving me the foundations for learning how to learn and, ultimately, for learning how to lead. I entered Meredith the product of my family life –and a very good family life it was – thank you, Mom. But educated

people have to press beyond the familiar – they have to find ways to challenge themselves and their beliefs to test what may yet be their truths."

"If the last two decades of the 20th century were about "women's ways of knowing," the first two decades of the 21st century are clearly about "women's ways of leading." By creating open communication networks, offering strong support for each other, and demonstrating focused passion for our tasks, women

bring the kinds of complex skills that are needed to change – to improve – today's organizations, government agencies, schools, hospitals, corporations and community groups."

"One of my favorite quotations is from the artist and author Andy Warhol, who said, "They say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself." I like that we can take control of our future. I like that, together, we can chart a vision and a disciplined course of

follow-through for Meredith, and I like that we can hold ourselves accountable for creating and delivering that future. It may not be easy – few meaningful tasks are. But it will be rewarding beyond measure and worthy of Meredith's promise to educate the next generation of world changers."

Excerpts from President Hartford's remarks

"Today we welcome the person who will lead Meredith into our future and today is her day. I want to add my congratulations to the many others she will receive today and in the months to come and pledge to her my constant support and warmest wishes for her success and the continued success of this College that I love.

"On the Meredith seal, our motto, Lux (or light), is represented by a torch. It is a fitting image for our College that today I am symbolically passing the torch to our eighth President and wishing her a most rewarding journey through her years as our leader."



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