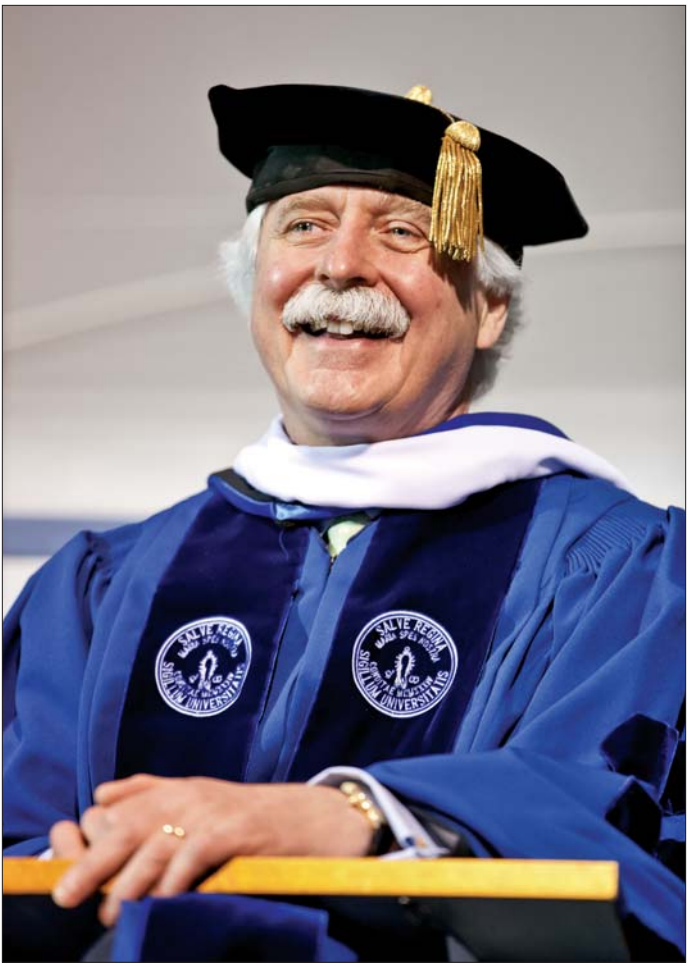

William Vareika Awarded Honorary Degree

William Vareika has been running one of the largest art galleries in New England since 1987. Located in the Arts District of Newport, RI, William Vareika Ltd. specializes in the purchase and sale of 18th, 19th, and 20th century works of art. A dedicated philanthropist, Vareika was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters during Salve Regina University's 61st commencement this past May. For over twenty years Vareika has used his gallery as a means to raise awareness about a variety of causes. He has also donated over one million dollars as well as numerous artworks to various causes such as Save the Bay, The Newport Art Museum, Potter League for Animals, Newport Hospital, Hasbro Children's Hospital, Martin Luther King Community Center, and the Newport Historical Society among others. Vareika has served on numerous boards and has received many awards for his efforts. Most recently, William Vareika, Ltd. was given the Excellence in Business award from the Newport County Chamber of Commerce.