



## MARTHA PIPER

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From 1997 to 2006, Martha C. Piper served as the eleventh President and Vice-Chancellor of The University of British Columbia (UBC), one of Canada's largest and most prestigious research universities.

Dr. Piper received her B.Sc. (1967) in Physical Therapy from the University of Michigan, her M.A. (1970) in Child Development from the University of Connecticut, and her Ph.D. (1979) in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from McGill University. Upon completion of her Ph.D., Dr. Piper was appointed Director of the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy at McGill University. In 1985, she joined the University of Alberta as Dean of the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, and was appointed Vice-President Research in 1993. The portfolio was expanded in 1995 to include External Affairs.

Prime Minister Chrétien appointed Dr. Piper to the National Advisory Board on Science and Technology in 1994 and, in 1996, to the Board of the Advisory Council on Science and Technology (ACST), a position she held until 2004. In 2001, she was appointed by the Premier of British Columbia to the B.C. Progress Board. Dr. Piper was also the 2001 General Campaign Chair for the United Way of the Lower Mainland. In 2002, she was appointed a Member of the Board of Directors for the Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation, and the Singapore Minister of Education appointed her to the National University of Singapore Council. In 2005 she was appointed a Public Governor of the Board for the Canadian Academies of Science and was named a member of the Board of Directors for PrioNet Canada. Dr. Piper received honorary degrees from McGill University (D.Sc., 1998), Dalhousie University (LL.D., 1999), University of Toronto (LL.D., 2001), The University of Western Ontario (D.Sc., 2002), The University of Melbourne (LL.D., 2003), University of Saskatchewan (LL.D., 2005), St. Francis Xavier University (LL.D., 2006), University of Victoria (LL.D., 2006), University of Calgary (LL.D., 2006), University of Alberta (LL.D., 2006), and from Université de Montréal (Doctorate, 2006). Dr. Piper was named Educator of the Year by The Learning Partnership in 2004. In Mexico in 2006, The Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM) held a special ceremony to recognize Dr. Piper for her contributions to higher education, which marked the first time that a non-Mexican has received such an honour. She is an officer of the Order of Canada and a recipient of the Order of British Columbia.