

## Dana Fienning Minaya

Dana Fienning Minaya, a member of the Austin College graduating Class of 1966, you earned your degree in biology and have distinguished yourself as an innovative educator, humanitarian and community leader.

While at Austin College, you were active in international affairs and in your social sorority, Alpha Delta Chi. You were also selected to Beta Beta Beta, the National Honorary Society in biology. Following graduation, you joined the Peace Corp as a volunteer to Ghana. There you taught high school students and served as the chairperson of the science department at Zion College of West Africa.

When you returned to the U.S., you entered Columbia University in New York City, where you received your M.A. in science education in 1970 and your doctorate from the department of curriculum and teaching in 1983. During this same period, you served as the media coordinator and a science teacher for the Board of Education in New York and later were the producer and broadcaster of educational radio shows and an educational television science series.

You have devoted your career of thirty years to the education of young people, most of those years with the children of Harlem in New York City. For the past 10 years, you have been active in the formation of Central Park East Secondary School, a nationally known model for secondary school reform. You have assisted and supported the formation of many new small high schools in New York City and have shared your ideas for reform at local and national conferences. Throughout your career, you have been known as an innovative change agent.

Your efforts in the creation of a media center for teenagers were recognized by the City of New York Department of Bilingual Education. Professional affiliations are obviously important to you, as you are a member of the National School Reform Faculty, participant in Classroom, Inc. and a Beta tester for educational software.

For accomplishments in your profession, and for service to your community and to Austin College, it is with great pleasure that the Austin College Alumni Association now names you



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