DEBORAH MORTON

AWARD CELEBRATION

130th Anniversary

SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

DEBORAH MORTON (1857-1947)

THE MODERN WORLD AND THE EDUCATION OF WOMAN

The Deborah Morton Awards were established in 1961, the year of the 130th anniversary of the founding of Westbrook College. They were established to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the greater Portland community, particularly in the fields of education, social welfare, journalism, political science, literature, the arts, and medicine. The awards are given annually to recognize excellence and leadership in these areas.

The first Deborah Morton Awards were presented on April 20th, 1961, at a convocation entitled "The Modern World and the Education of Woman." The first Awards were presented to twelve women who had made significant contributions to the development of Westbrook College. The Board of Trustees agreed that the Awards should be given to leaders chosen from an expanding area—leaders invited to accept the honors of Westbrook College to women of the Greater Portland community who have, in the manner of Deborah Morton, Westbrook.

In remembering the origin of the Deborah Morton Award, college President Edward Y. Blewett, presented the first Awards to twelve women celebrating the 130th anniversary of the founding of Westbrook Seminary and Junior College. These qualities her students, her colleagues and friends were all exposed to and we are...