When the COVID-19 pandemic upended the Class of 2020’s final semester and commencement, Northeastern University’s newest alumni persevered—and their tenacity impressed Carol Roberts, BB’60.

“We who graduated so many years ago are inspired by your hard work,” Carol said in her annual address to scholarship recipients at Bouvé College of Health Sciences. “Your resilience has already been tested.”

Carol attended Bouvé when it was known as Boston-Bouvé School of Physical Education at Tufts University before it found a permanent home at Northeastern in 1964. “At Bouvé, students played different sports so that they could learn physiology,” Carol says. “That appealed to me, and the faculty were supportive and inspiring.”

For more than a century, Bouvé’s faculty have combined lessons on exercise, body mechanics, and rehabilitation with an emphasis on public service. Today, Carol credits her instructors with preparing her for roles as a physical education teacher at Mount Holyoke College, a psychology teacher and dean of social sciences at Springfield Technical Community College.

In gratitude, Carol established the Boston Bouvé Faculty Scholarship to honor physical education and physical therapy faculty who taught in the 1950s and 1960s, and to support students in the physical therapy program. She also created five charitable gift annuities at Northeastern, which provide retirement income, tax savings, and future funding for the Boston Bouvé Faculty Scholarship.

“The faculty was exceptional and encouraged students to do their best,” Carol says. Now she, too, is helping to ensure success for current and future generations of Bouvé students.

For the full story on Carol Roberts, please visit plannedgiving.northeastern.edu/supporters-like-you/carol-roberts.
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