

## Major Grant from HUD

**T**he Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the University of Pittsburgh close to \$400,000 to improve the neighborhoods in the areas around the University. GSPIA Professor **Sabina Deitrick** worked closely with Tracy Soska (School of Social Work) to prepare, and secure, this major grant. This is a highly competitive process, and receipt of this grant will contribute greatly to the

success of our new Master of Public Administration major in Urban and Regional Affairs. As part of this Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC) grant, a center will be established to provide outreach and conduct applied research activities in neighborhoods near the university in the areas of housing, neighborhood revitalization, economic development, job training, education, and health/wellness.

Activities within the grant were chosen and designed jointly by Pitt and neighborhood groups. Pitt and its partners want to improve the housing stock in neighborhoods; expand the Allequippa Terrace Food Pantry; train low-income women to become small business owners; and address medical concerns such as asthma, childhood trauma, and diseases.

## 2000 Graduation

**O**n Saturday, April 29, Dr. Kenneth M. Quinn, executive director of the World Food Prize, addressed the Class of 2000, their families, friends, faculty, and staff. The graduation ceremony, held at the Twentieth Century Club, celebrated the accomplishments of the GSPIA community.

In his address, Quinn emphasized that public service, at any level, in any community, is the key to fostering understanding and communication between all people.

Dr. Kenneth M. Quinn is the former US ambassador to Cambodia (1996-1999). Dr. Quinn's career in the Foreign Service spanned more than 30 years, during which he rose to become one of the most decorated Foreign Service officers in the US State Department. In addition, he served as administrative assistant to Iowa Governor Robert Ray from 1978-1982 and was executive director of Iowa SHARES, a unique statewide program to aid starving Cambodian refugees and resettle "boat people" from Vietnam and ethnic Tai Dam refugees from Laos.

Dr. Quinn is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Secretary of State's Award for Valor and Heroism, the Secretary of State's Lifetime Achievement Award, the Presidential Distinguished Service Award, the Defense Department Decoration for Distinguished Civilian Service, the State Department Superior Honor and Meritorious Honor Awards, and the Loras College Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Dr. Quinn was raised in Dubuque, Iowa and is a graduate of Loras College. He earned his MA at Marquette University and holds a PhD in International Relations from the University of Maryland. Mr. Leonard J. Huggins, GSPIA 2000 class marshal, and Ms. Tricia Kissinger, Class of 2000, also addressed the gathering.



*Dr. Paull H. Shin (MPPA '64), 2000 Distinguished Alumnus, Dean Carolyn Ben, and Dr. Kenneth M. Quinn, executive director of the World Food Prize at the April 2000 graduation.*



*April 2000 GSPIA Graduates! To order a copy of this photo, call Bonnie at Pro Photo (412-381-3886), tell her you want a copy of the GSPIA April 29, 2000 graduation photo, negative number 2, job 050200-D. She will tell you the costs associated with different photo sizes. Payment can be made by cash, check, or credit card. Call today!*