At a ceremony on 21 April 2001, the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters was conferred on the Rt Hon Chris Patten, External Relations Commissioner of the European Union and former Governor of Hong Kong, by the Chancellor Dame Leonie Kramer AC DBE. The award took place at a formal celebration dinner in the Great Hall at which Mr Patten delivered the occasional lecture on 'The challenges of governance in a global economy'.

The Chancellor Dame Leonie Kramer AC DBE and the Rt Hon Chris Patten after the conferral of the honorary degree, photo, courtesy of Dr Robin Fitzsimons.

From left: Kerry McGlynn (Press Secretary to Chris Patten when Governor of Hong Kong), Chris Patten, Miss Lucy McGlynn (daughter of Jenny and Kerry) and Mrs Jenny McGlynn at the celebration dinner in the Great Hall, photo, courtesy of Dr Robin Fitzsimons.
From left: the European Union Ambassador to Australia, Dr Robin Fitzsimons (Fellow of Senate), Chris Patten, Mrs Lavender Patten and Miss Jacqueline Leong QC (former Chair of the Hong Kong Bar Association) at the celebration dinner in the Great Hall, photo, courtesy of Dr Robin Fitzsimons.