

## **MINDY G. FARBER WINS THE 2016 JOHNS HOPKINS HERITAGE AWARD**

Mindy as a student founded the JHU Women's Center, was Vice President of Omicron Delta Kappa, was on the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, and managed to graduate at the top of her class, Phi Beta Kappa. Mindy co-wrote two speeches for her graduating class, one speech directed against the waning War in Vietnam, and one on behalf of the women graduating from the first co-ed class. Mindy was the first Johns Hopkins graduate to win the prestigious Root-Tilden Scholarship for service and academics that led her to receive three free years at NYU Law School.

Mindy has had an illustrious legal career, and her civil rights practice was featured in The Legal Times, the ABA Magazine, The Washington Post, and The National Law Journal. She litigated ground-breaking cases that led the District of Columbia to change its epilepsy laws and the US to change its accommodations regarding transgenders. She won overtime pay for the police of Montgomery County, and she was a groundbreaker in the Federal courts deciding that English should not be a requirement in the workplace when the worker did not need to speak English to perform well. She was National Legal Advisor to the National Organization for Women, the National Cancer Society, the American Association of University Women, and the National Epilepsy Foundation. Locally, she was Vice President of the American Civil Liberties Union, a Commissioner on the Commission for Women, a Commissioner on the Human Relations Commission, and president of her civil association. She was President of the MC Women's Bar Association and on the Executive Committee of the larger MC Bar Association.

She was on the Board of Pet Connect Rescue and saves countless at risk dogs nationally all week long. She has given testimony that led to a law in Montgomery County and Delray Beach, FLA (where she has a second house) forbidding pet stores from selling dogs, and was written up for that work in newspapers and on television as well.

It is her lifetime work for Johns Hopkins that truly shines. She was one of the first members of the Second Decade Society, and served on its first executive committee. She was President of the Parents Association for all four years that her daughter Emilie '06 attended Hopkins. Mindy eloquently introduced President Brody to the parents for all four years at the Parents Weekend. She greeted parents at a breakfast or lunch all those years. She organized the ground-breaking reunion of the first women undergraduates in 2013, with 42 of the surviving 45 attending, leading to those women founding a scholarship in their name. She founded her own scholarship in the name of her parents, when her mother retired as a New Jersey councilwoman. Mindy hosted 10 send-off parties at her house in a row, with more than 100 students and parents attending every year. She was on the Executive Committee of the DC alum group, and hosted readings, concerts, and lectures at her house for Hopkins alumni for many years. Mindy taught undergrads about the law for five intersession classes in a row. Mindy was Chair of perhaps the most successful college reunion in history, her class's 40th, that broke records for attendance and fundraising.