

*Memorial: Marty Wyngaarden Kraus, Professor Emerita and Former University Provost, Stuart Altman, Sol C. Chaikin Professor of National Health Policy*



I want to acknowledge that we have among us three members of Marty Krauss's family: her husband, Richard, her daughter, Rebecca, and her son, David.

We are here this afternoon to honor a true Brandeisian, Marty Wyngaarden Kraus. That smile that you see on the screen was really endemic of what she was all about. This was a truly wonderful woman.

Marty came to Brandeis in 1977 as a new PhD student., but she was not new to the world of research.



In this picture you're seeing now you see her being sworn in as the Chair of by Michael Dukakis, then governor in the early 1990s to a commission that focused on individuals with intellectual disabilities. I show this picture, not only to show that Marty was more than just a teacher, researcher, or administrator; she was also a key player at the state, national, and international level. But it's pretty symbolic that she's wearing a long deep blue dress. Marty was a true-blue person, not only did she spend her whole career in Brandeis blue, but she grew up in Durham North Carolina and was surrounded by DUKE blue. Her father, Dr James Wyngaarden, had served as head of the Department of Medicine at Duke and then went on to run the NIH for nine years in the 1980s. Under his tutelage Marty became a true believer in objective, hard-fact research. And she brought with her to the Heller school that commitment.

When she came to us in 1977, even though she was quite young, she had already demonstrated the capacity to study some of the most heart-wrenching issues dealing with families that have intellectually or developmentally disabled children. She particularly focused on the parents of these children and, unlike many other

researchers, she focused on their fathers, who are often neglected when we talk about family. But she did it in the same way she did all her research, very objective, very drawn by the facts.





Fortunately for Marty, and for us, she was under the tutelage of one of our most famous professors at the Heller school, Gunnar Dubois, who was world famous in terms of deinstitutionalizing the mentally ill and the mentally disabled. Gunnar brought with him his legal degree and his interest in policy, and when this orientation was combined with the research-oriented research of Marty Krauss, they formed a powerful team that enabled the Heller school to become world famous in the area of disabled individuals.



Marty flourished even as a graduate student. She received her Ph.D. degree in 1981. After her degree, she talked to me, when I was then the Dean, about leaving the school and raising a family. In one of maybe the smartest things I've ever done in my life I said, "Marty, you're so great. You can do everything. Stay with us, hang in there," and when Gunnar decided to retire a few years later, Marty came out as the top candidate of our national search. We appointed her, even as a young newly minted PhD, a faculty member in the Heller School and as the Head of our Research Institute on Disabilities. And that center, which was originally called the Star Center, is now a truly world class center called the Lurie Center for Disability Policy. It was Marty that was the driving force that created the Lurie Center.

But Marty was more than just a gifted researcher and educator. She was also a superb administrator. When Jack Shonkoff became the Dean of the Heller School, he appointed Marty as his Associate Dean for Faculty Governance and Faculty Activities. And she did that, as she did everything else in a wonderful way. So much so that

Jehuda Reinharz the President of Brandeis, asked Marty to leave the Heller School and become the Provost of the university, which she did for nine years. After that stint she decided it was time to retire. That retirement didn't last very long. Because the next dean of the Heller School, Lisa Lynch, was also appointed Provost of the university and ultimately its interim President of Brandeis, and asked Marty to come out of retirement and become Dean of the Heller School? Even though it was technically an interim position, she did it as if she was going to stay in that position forever. And as usual she was a superb dean.



As I said, Marty Wyngaarten Krauss represented the best of Brandeis; as a student, as a teacher, as a researcher, as an administrator and as a wonderful individual. Marty Krauss was a truly remarkable person. We all will miss her greatly.

Thank you very much.

