

## 2012 Cornerstone Awards

Established in 1997, the Cornerstone Awards are presented each year during Reunion Weekend to identify and recognize the achievements of alumni in a variety of fields. As a subset of the Cornerstones, the Young Alumni Cornerstone Award has been given out since 2001. Read on to meet this year's award recipients.

### Betsy Crone '67



Betsy Crone '67 has raised funds for organizations fighting for a cleaner and safer environment, advancing legal and women's rights, protecting women's health, strengthening local arts organizations, and improving social services. She is a founder

of EMILY's List, a political action committee dedicated to electing pro-choice democratic women.

Betsy began her career while working on her tutorial on Democratic senators elected in 1964. Serving as a campaign volunteer for Senator Joseph Tydings (Maryland) gave her the opportunity to attend the Democratic National Convention and secure an internship at the U.S. Senate the following year. As more women entered politics in the 1970s, she focused on "breaking the glass ceiling" and expanding women's advocacy organizations.

In 1994, Betsy was recognized for her work to ensure that women are part of the political process with a Mentor Award from the Public Leadership Education Network, of which Chatham is a founding member.

Betsy received a bachelor's degree in political science from Chatham and a master's degree from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University.

**You say that the glass ceiling is being shattered for women in politics. How far away do you think we are from electing a female president?**

*We've made a lot of progress both in politics and society. I don't know when we will elect a woman president, but I think it's more an issue of electing the right woman – not just any woman. Women embody important values and bring a different perspective from which everyone will benefit. We must construct a society that values the contributions of all its citizens.*