

PAMELA WALLIN

Award-Winning Journalist, Diplomat and Canadian Senator

The career of this celebrated Canadian-born journalist, diplomat and entrepreneur has now spanned more than thirty years and several continents. Most recently, Pamela Wallin was appointed to the Canadian Senate in December 2008. She currently sits on the Senate's prestigious Foreign Affairs & International Trade Committee and is Deputy Chair of the Defence & National Security Committee.

From CBC radio to the Ottawa bureau of the Toronto Star, Pamela was then recruited to become the co-host of *Canada AM*. She went on to become CTV's Ottawa bureau chief and anchored the weekend news. And in 1992, she became the first Canadian woman to co-anchor the nightly national television newscast *Prime Time News*.

In 1995, Pamela founded an independent television company, Pamela Wallin Productions, through which she hosted and produced a live nightly interview program. She also hosted the Canadian edition of *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*, garnering the highest ratings ever for a network production.

Although her work as a journalist covered all aspects of domestic and international politics, Pamela has dedicated much of her professional career to coverage of the Canada/U.S. relationship. In November 2001, she traveled to New York to host the highly successful "Canada Loves New York" rally, where more than 23,000 Canadians gathered to show support for the American people following the terrorist attacks of September 11th.

In 2002, Pamela was named to the Canadian Broadcasting Hall of Fame. In 2003, she was named a Distinguished Honouree by the Canadian Society of New York and, in 2004, she received a national Visionary Award from the Office for Partnerships for Advanced Skills and was once again recognized by Queen Elizabeth II for her public service and achievements.

From 2002-2006 Wallin served as Consul General of Canada in New York. She then advised the President of the Americas Society/Council of the Americas in New York and served on several corporate boards and many advisory and volunteer organizations. The recipient of thirteen Honorary Doctorates, Wallin was named Chancellor of the University of Guelph in 2007. She is the author of three books, including her best selling autobiography *Since You Asked* (1998) and *Speaking of Success* (2001).