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## Dr. Grossman... Donna's Guest... Designers Stitch Superhero Fashions...

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From left, LIM College Class of 2010 valedictorian Sara Molinaro, LIM college president Elizabeth S. Marcuse and Mindy Grossman.

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**DR. GROSSMAN: Mindy Grossman**, chief executive officer of HSN, on Thursday received an honorary degree from LIM College in Manhattan. Grossman, who got involved with the school at the behest of president **Liz Marcuse**, said the college's "focus, intimacy, collaborative nature and access to internships is what makes it unique." A self-described risk taker, she told students the rewards of taking risks will be "that much greater than if you never had the courage to make bold moves." Grossman, who received LIM's Distinguished Achievement Award and an honorary Doctor of Commercial Science degree at the ceremony, told of committing career suicide more than once. She said industry eyebrows were raised when she left Polo Jeans in 2000 to work at Nike, and again in 2006 when she joined **Barry Diller's** IAC, which included the HSN business. Grossman prevailed and continued to mentor women. Speaking to a student audience made up mostly of women, she wondered aloud why only 15 percent of corporate officers and only 5 percent of the Fortune 500 ceo's are women. "As women, we can have it all, we just can't have it all at the same time," she said. Always the consummate saleswoman, Grossman implored the graduates to "always celebrate success with a great pair of shoes. It's time for all of you to go shopping." (Preferably on HSN.)