

Good evening, I'm the chairperson and president of the Tinker Foundation. I'm here this evening to present the first-ever Martha T. Muse Prize for Science and Policy in Antarctica.

Two questions are probably at the top of your minds: Who is Martha T. Muse? And what does she have to do with Antarctica?

Martha is a philanthropist and a trailblazer, an explorer of new talents and ideas.

You'll find her in the *Chronological List of Antarctic Expeditions and Related Historical Events*. The book lists all the known expeditions to Antarctica through 1988. Her name appears alongside the great explorers.

Believe it or not. She's listed somewhere after Roald Amundsen, the first explorer to reach the South Pole. And Robert Falcon Scott, whose mission ended with his tragic death. Martha's first visit is expedition #3075.

That expedition occurred in October 1982 at the Chilean Antarctic base, Teniente Marsh. It was an expedition of a different sort—a landmark for peace and cooperation. It was the first-ever international conference held in Antarctica...

...On a trip in 1987, she met a man by the name of Ron Naveen. Several years earlier, Ron had left his law practice to lead tour groups in the Antarctic.

Ron had a dream to survey all the sites on the continent visited by tourists. He planned to gather data to show how tourism was changing the environment.

Eventually, he went on to publish *The Oceanites Site Guide to the Antarctic Peninsula*. The book offers the continent's first-ever protocol for travelers.

His site data were so thorough that Treaty nations now use the guide as a tool for conservation. He wasn't a scientific researcher before he started, but he is now.

Ron embodies the spirit the Martha Muse Prize seeks to reward. It invests in creative people who have the talent to become leaders...

...As you can see, our winner embodies the passion of Martha Muse and the talent and leadership the prize represents. So, ladies and gentlemen, it is with great pleasure that I award the first-ever Martha T. Muse Prize to _____.