



**Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee  
Tuesday, September 10, 2019  
4:00 – 5:00 PM  
First Interstate Conference Room  
Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center**

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Review of the committee's charge
3. Discussion about role of Honorary Degrees at an Institution like UW
4. Review of the criteria, process and timeline – discussion of any changes
5. Solidify timeline and rough meeting dates
6. Adjourn



# Standard Administrative Policy and Procedure

**Subject:** Honorary Degrees Nomination, Review and Award Process

**Number:**

## I. PURPOSE

Awarding honorary degrees provides an opportunity to recognize and reward excellence. The purpose of this policy is to establish the eligibility, criteria, and process for annually nominating, reviewing and awarding University of Wyoming honorary degrees.

## II. ELIGIBILITY

Except as outlined in this section, all candidates who have demonstrated the appropriate criteria outlined in Section III are eligible for nomination. Candidates who are not eligible for nomination are:

- A. Active faculty, staff and administrators of the University (except emeritus faculty), including any current University employee; and/or
- B. Any holders of elected or appointed public offices, those who left office less than one year ago, or their immediate family members.

## III. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Substantial evidence that the candidates have demonstrated extraordinary achievements in at least one of the following areas:

- A. Outstanding contribution to the lives of the people of Wyoming,
- B. Outstanding career or lifetime accomplishment on a state, national, or international level by an alumna or alumnus of the University, or
- C. Accomplishments so exemplary as to have won recognition on a national or international level, with relevance to Wyoming.

Examples of substantial evidence may include a significant degree of creativity, resourcefulness, humanitarian concern, personal dedication, intellect, and other qualities consistent with the intent of an honorary degree. While not a requirement, preference may be given to nominations of persons who are dedicated to the purpose, nature, and mission of the University.

#### **IV. JOINT HONORARY DEGREE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

UW Regulation 2-119 (VI) specifies the composition of the joint committee that solicits and reviews applications for honorary degrees. This Joint Honorary Degree Review Committee (“Committee”) consists of up to four members of the Board of Trustees and three faculty members of the appropriate faculty committee chosen annually by the Faculty Senate Committee on Committees. The President of the University shall serve as the non-voting Committee chair.

The four Board members who serve on this joint committee are the same individuals who also serve on the Board’s Honorary Degree and Awards Committee. During the summer, the Board President nominates and the full Board approves the members of this standing committee.

#### **V. NOMINATION PROCESS**

- A.** Nominations for honorary degrees can be made by current or former members of the Board of Trustees, members of the University faculty and staff, University students, and/or University alumni.
- B.** In early September, the Committee shall review the Call for Nominations.
- C.** In mid-September, the Office of the President shall issue the Call for Nominations for honorary degree candidates.
- D.** Nomination materials must include:
  - i.** A letter of nomination that describes how the nominee meets at least one of the criteria outlined in Section (III);
  - ii.** A vitae or similar document that describes the nominee’s accomplishments, including a list of public recognitions, public presentations, awards, honors, and publications not to exceed ten pages;
  - iii.** Two letters of support detailing explicit examples of how the nominee meets the criterion; and
  - iv.** A one- or two-paragraph summary of the nominee’s qualifications.
- E.** All recommendations shall be submitted in writing to the President of the University by November 1st each year.

## **VI. REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS**

- A.** In early November, the Office of the President shall organize the nominations, conduct background reviews on the nominees, develop materials as the Committee may request, and distribute the nominations and materials to the Committee.
- B.** The Committee may consult with the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs or any other key personnel in reviewing the nominations.
- C.** Given the confidential nature of its work, all Committee meetings will occur in executive session and members are prohibited from discussing the Committee's deliberations with anyone except the members of the Committee.
- D.** Attendance by Committee members can be in in-person or by electronic media
- E.** Between November and January, the Committee shall meet to review the nominations. Those nominations that receive a majority vote of all Committee members in attendance at the meeting will be forwarded by the Office of the President to the Board with a recommendation to award. The Committee may decide to hold more than one meeting, provided it arrives at the final recommendations before mid-January.
- F.** Candidates who did not receive a majority vote of all Committee members may, if the Committee deems it appropriate, be passed along to the University of Wyoming Alumni Association for consideration of a Distinguished Alumni Award.
- G.** Along with the Committee's recommendations, the Board will be provided with the total number of nominations, but not the names of those who did not receive a majority vote.
- H.** The President's Office shall forward the recommendations and number of nominations to the Board at least one week before the Board's January meeting.
- I.** In executive session during its January meeting, the Board will review the Committee's recommendations and shall (1) approve the recommendations or (2) request additional information for further and final deliberations during its February meeting.
- J.** The President of the University will contact approved candidates to offer an honorary degree. Approved candidates are not announced publicly until acceptance of the degree.
- K.** The Office of the President will retain on file for two additional years all nominations. With the presentation of new and pertinent information, honorary degree candidates that were not recommended for approval can be re-nominated again following the process outlined above in Section VI. There is no limit on how many times a candidate can be nominated.

## VIII. CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES

- A. In early March, the Office of the President will make the arrangements for the presentations of the honorary degrees during the Spring Commencement Dinner and bestowing of the degrees at the appropriate college commencements.
- B. Honorary degrees that may be conferred include:
  - i. L.H.D. (Doctor of Humane Letters): for service to humanity, society, or public service.
  - ii. L.L.D. (Doctor of Laws): for achievement in law or the legal field.
  - iii. D.A. (Doctor of Arts): for achievement in any artistic field including creative and performing arts, music, design, and architecture.
  - iv. Litt.D. (Doctor of Letters): for the advancement of knowledge in the humanities, including history, philosophy, language, literature, religion, and critical and cultural studies.
  - v. Sc.D. (Doctor of Science): for the advancement of knowledge in fields such as medicine; engineering; natural, social, or behavioral sciences; or mathematics

**Responsible Division/Unit:** Office of the President

**Source:** None

**Links:** <http://www.uwyo.edu/regs-policies>

**Associated Regulations, Policies, and Forms:** UW Regulation 2-119

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# 2019 HONORARY DEGREES

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



An honorary degree from the University of Wyoming recognizes individuals who reflect the university's high ideals and values and exemplify the concepts of excellence, service, and integrity.

For more information about Honorary Degrees at the University of Wyoming and the nomination criteria: [www.uwyo.edu/honorarydegree](http://www.uwyo.edu/honorarydegree).

**Nominations are due no later than November 1, 2018.**





# 2019 HONORARY DEGREES

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Board of Trustees, President, and Provost of the University of Wyoming are pleased to solicit nominations for honorary degrees to be conferred in the spring of 2019.

An honorary degree from the University of Wyoming recognizes individuals who embody the university's high ideals and exemplify the values of excellence, service, and integrity. These degrees recognize outstanding accomplishments in all professions, public service, or service to humanity. Degrees awarded *honoris causa* are among the highest honors a university can confer.

Nominations for honorary degrees will be accepted from current or former members of the Board of Trustees, members of the UW faculty, and UW alumni. Each nomination should identify the nominee, provide contact information, and address at least one of the following criteria:

1. Outstanding contribution to the lives of the people of Wyoming.
2. Outstanding career or lifetime accomplishment on a state, national, or international level by an alumna or alumnus of the University.\*
3. Accomplishments so exemplary as to have won recognition on a national or international level, with relevance to Wyoming.

Those **not** eligible for honorary degree consideration are:

- ▶ Active faculty, staff, and administrators of the University (except emeritus faculty), including any current University employee;
- ▶ Any holders of elected or appointed public offices (e.g. Congressional Leaders, Legislators, Governors), and/or those who left office less than one year ago, or their immediate family members.

The nomination materials submitted for consideration must include the following:

- ▶ A letter of nomination that describes fully how the nominee meets at least one of the criteria outlined above;
- ▶ A vitae or similar document that describes the nominee's accomplishments (not to exceed ten pages), including a list of public recognitions, public presentations, awards, honors, and publications;
- ▶ Two letters of support detailing explicit examples of how the nominee meets the criterion; and
- ▶ A one- or two-paragraph summary of the nominee's qualifications. (See examples at: [www.uwyo.edu/honorarydegree/](http://www.uwyo.edu/honorarydegree/))

Please submit nominations by means of hard copy or e-mail to the president of the university who will then refer them to a joint committee of trustees and faculty members. The nominations and UW's deliberations are kept confidential. The committee will forward its recommendations to the UW Board of Trustees for final decision in January 2019.

\* Please note that the UW Alumni Association also recognizes distinguished alumni annually. Criteria for that award can be found at: [www.uwyo.edu/alumni/about-the-uwaa/da-msa/](http://www.uwyo.edu/alumni/about-the-uwaa/da-msa/)

**All nomination packets are due no later than November 1, 2018.**

Please send submissions to: Laurie Nichols, UW President • Department 3434 • 1000 E. University Ave. • Laramie, WY 82071  
Nominations may be e-mailed to [uwpres@uwyo.edu](mailto:uwpres@uwyo.edu) • Telephone inquiries should be directed to (307) 766-4121.



UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

Honorary Degree recipients

1921 - present

# HONORARY DEGREES

**2019**

Judy Catchpole  
Judy Shepard

**2018**

[Neltje](#)  
[Maggie Scarlett](#)

**2017**

[Peter H. Hassrick](#)  
[Paula Green Johnson](#)

**2016**

[Tom Bell](#)  
[Don King](#)  
[John McPhee](#)

**2013**

[Nancy Gwinn](#)  
[Stephen Nicholas](#)

**2012**

[Karl D. Allen](#)  
[Donna K. Diers, Ph.D.](#)  
[Pete Williams](#)

**2011**

[Robert E. Bonner](#)  
[Jeffrey L. Cummings, M.D.](#)  
[Phil Lantz](#)  
[E. Ronald Oxburgh, Baron Oxburgh](#)

**2010**

[Gus Fleischli](#)  
[Alvin Kernan](#)  
[John F. Turner](#)

**2009**

[Barry Douglas](#)  
[Mary Ellbogen Garland](#)  
[Tracy Ringolsby](#)

**2008**

[James C. Nielson](#)  
[Peter D. Lax](#)  
[Michael J. Sullivan](#)

**2005**

Buss, Jerry  
Mendicino, Frank

**2004**

Klein, Daniel S.  
Clay, John

**2003**

Neal, James F.

**2002**

Scarlett, Dick

**2001**

Kendall, Donald

**2000**

Bryant, Edward C.  
Trujillo, Solomon D.

**1999**

Rentschler, Frederick Brant  
Simpson, Alan K.

**1998**

Ellbogen, John P. "Jack"  
Ruckelshaus, William Doyle

**1997**

None

**1996**

Beuf, Beatrice Gallatin  
Housel, Jerry W.

**1995**

Stroock, Thomas F.

**1994**

Hoy, Kenneth L.

**1993**

Cheney, Lynne  
Rosenthal, Jack

**1992**

Roncalio, Teno

**1992**

Martin, Lynn M.  
McWhinne, Ralph E.  
Moss, Pius

**1991**

Hickey, Winifred J.  
Snider, Lloyd H.  
Wold, John



Honorary Degree recipients

1921 - present

**1990**

Cheney, Richard B.  
Spence, Gerald L.

**1986**

Jackson, Harry  
Murie, Margaret E.

**1980-85**

None

**1979**

Hammer, Victor J.  
Linford, Velma  
Rogers, Charles

**1978**

Solheim, Wilhelm G.  
Tallman, Kenneth L.

**1977**

Burns, W. Sherman  
Trelease, Frank Johnson

**1976**

Deutsch, Adolph  
Mulloy, William

**1973-75**

None

**1972**

Gowdy, Curt E.  
Portenier, Lillian G.  
Roebeling, Joseph M.

**1971**

Brown, Harrison Scott  
Kuehn, Charles Chacey

**1970**

McLaughlin, Leo  
Watt, Joe H.

**1969**

Belfer, Arthur B.

**1967-68**

None

**1965**

Hansen, Clifford Peter  
Harris, Frederick Brown  
McGee, Gale William  
Smith, Nels H.

**1964**

Boice, Margaret McIntosh  
Hope, Bob  
Humphrey, George Duke

**1963**

Kurtz, Marlin T.  
Phillips, Samuel Cochran  
Rockefeller, Lawrence S.

**1962**

Fitzhugh, William McPherson  
Merriam, Harold G.  
Stennis, John C.

**1961**

Clough, Wilson Obert  
Love, John David

**1960**

Hickey, J.J. Joe  
McCraken, Tracey Stephenson  
Reed, John A.

**1959**

Donnell, J.C. II  
Hansen, Morris H.

**1958**

Deming, W. Edwards  
Harrison, Thomas S.  
Mason, Oda S.

**1957**

Blume, Fred H.  
Willson, Glenworth Marion

**1956**

Coe, William Rogers  
Slade, Albert Arthur

**1955**

Jenkins, Perry W.  
Nightingale, William Thomas  
Potter, David M.  
Quealy, Patrick J.  
Simpson, Milward Lee

**1954**

Brock, J.E.  
Chatterton, Fenimore  
Nielson, Geln E.

**1953**

Barrett, Frank A.  
Johnston, George Palmer  
Knight, Samuel Howell  
Lazear, Robert Wells

**1952**

Bellamy, Mary G.  
Bishop, L.C.  
Kimball, Ralph

Honorary Degree recipients

1921 - present

**1951**

Early, J.J.  
Kennedy, Blake T.  
Smith, Charles M.

**1949**

Bashore, Harry W.  
Stoddard, A.E.

**1948**

Myers, Charles A.

**1947**

Hill, J.A.  
O'Mahoney, J.C.  
Warren. Fred E.

**1946**

J. L. Morrill  
A.G. Crane  
Jack Bugas

**1944**

General J. Pershing  
Nelson T. Johnson  
James Wilson  
John W. Hay

**1941**

George Washington  
Thornton Beck  
William Henry Jackson

**1939**

Major General Herbert J. Brees  
Rear Admiral Emory Scott Land  
William M. Jeffers

**1937**

Dr. Frank Pierrepont Graves  
Dr. Aven Nelson  
Justus Freeland Soule

**1934**

Frank Wheeler Mondell  
Elwood Mead

**1933**

Willis Van Devanter

**1932**

Rev. John Roberts

**1921**

Carrie Chapman Catt