



Request for Nominations for 2011 Honorary Degrees - DEADLINE - April 16, 2010

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To All Faculty, Staff and Students,

The Committee on Honorary Degrees will begin its work leading to the recommendation of candidates for SUNY honorary degrees to be awarded in 2011. The chair of the committee is Dr. Lawrence Martin, Dean of the Graduate School, and the committee members are as follows: Professor Diane Barthel-Bouchier, Sociology; Dr. Latha Chandran, Professor and Vice Dean, Office of Undergraduate Medical Education; Mr. Matt Graham, Undergraduate Student Representative; Ms. Helen Jolly, Graduate Student Representative; Dr. Eric W. Kaler, Provost; Dr. Mary C. Pearl, Vice President and Dean of Stony Brook Southampton; Professor Steven D. Reiner, Journalism; Mr. Philip E. Setzer, Music Department; Dr. Kenneth R. Shroyer, Chairman, Department of Pathology; Professor Sue A. Sisto, Department of Physical Therapy; Professor Michael G. White, Chemistry Department; and Professor Henry Woo, Department of Neurosurgery.

We invite nominations from the University community, especially students, and we would like to see each division and department involved in the process of generating nominations. The purposes of honorary degrees awarded by the State University of New York are:

To recognize excellence in the fields of public affairs, the sciences, humanities and the arts, scholarship and education, business and philanthropy, and social services, which exemplify the mission and purposes of the State University of New York;

To honor meritorious and outstanding service to the University, the State of New York, the United States, or to humanity at large;

To recognize persons whose lives serve as examples of the University's aspirations for its students.

The honorary doctorate is the highest form of recognition offered by the University. We would like nominations that reflect the diversity that exists on our campus. We also prefer to honor people who are still active and to whom we are among the first to offer this recognition.

We must ask, however, that you do all you can to ensure that confidentiality is maintained and that you do not contact nominees nor in any way communicate to them that they are being considered for an honorary degree.

Please submit your nomination in the following format.

- 1) A one-page summary about the nominee, identifying the nominee by name, title, present position, and/or profession. The remainder of the page should summarize the nominee's most important achievements and the relevance of these achievements to Stony Brook's mission.

- 2) A three-to-five page justification that explains, in specific detail: a) why the nominee's achievements justify the awarding of an honorary degree; b) why the particular type of degree is being recommended; and c) how the nominee's achievements are relevant to Stony Brook's mission. Types of Degrees: Doctor of Fine Arts, Doctor of Humane Letters, Doctor of Laws, Doctor of Letters, Doctor of Music, and Doctor of Science.
- 3) Additional supporting documentation should include a detailed vita or Who's Who entry, reviews or articles about the nominee's work, a list of major publications, a list of major awards. These materials will vary for each nominee. These documents may be photocopies. When the nominee is an academic, a confidential statement of support for the nomination should also be included from a faculty member in the relevant discipline.

Nominations are due in the Graduate School, 2401 Computer Science, Z=4433 by April 16, 2010.

For your information, a complete list of SUNY honorary degrees, past Stony Brook honorary degree recipients or a set of the guidelines adopted by the Board of Trustees may be obtained from your Dean or by contacting the Committee's Secretary, Alicia DeRosalia at 631-632-7041. Please note that since this degree is awarded by the State University of New York, a recipient of an honorary degree from one SUNY campus is not eligible for a degree from another. The following are additional limitations of eligibility:

- 1) Honorary degrees shall not be awarded to members of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York, the Councils at the State-operated campuses, the Board of Trustees of the State University College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and the Board of Trustees of the Community Colleges during their terms of service to the University.
- 2) Members of the teaching or administrative staff, or any other employee in the University system while employed by the University.
- 3) Current holders of New York elective public office or active candidates for elective public office.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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President