



University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Nomination for Honorary Degree Spring 2009 Commencement

Faculty, staff, students and private citizens are welcome to nominate candidates for a University of Wisconsin Oshkosh honorary degree. Extra nomination forms are available in the Provost and Vice Chancellor's Office, Dempsey 335, or online at www.uwosh.edu/provost/awards/index.php.

Honorary degrees are given to individuals of exceptional accomplishment and distinction who have made significant contributions to the university, region, state or nation. The UW Oshkosh Honorary Degree Committee recommends recipients to the Chancellor, who with the University of Wisconsin System President, recommends nominees to the Board of Regents. For more information, see the Faculty and Academic Staff Handbook at <http://www.uwosh.edu/provost/handbook/index.php>: Entire General Personnel Materials Section- Faculty and Academic Staff: University Policies & Procedures, GEN 1:6(3).

Strong consideration is given to those who: (a) have a current or past connection to the University, region (Oshkosh and Greater Fox Valley, Northeastern Wisconsin or New North), or state of Wisconsin, (b) are distinguished alumni, or (c) display excellence in reflecting the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's vision of engaging people and ideas for common good.

Past recipients are **Charles Fritz Hyde**, Chairman of the Board of Oshkosh B'Gosh; **Sister Irene Kohne**, past administrator of St. Frances Home/St. Clare Terrace Apartments for the elderly; **F. John Barlow**, President of AZCO Inc., Appleton; **David C. Leach**, former President of Leach Co; **Dennis J. Noone**, retired president of Firststar Bank of Oshkosh; **Jean Nelson**, retired Director of UW Oshkosh Alumni Association; current member of the UW Oshkosh Alumni Association Board of Directors; **Phillip Nelson**, former Vice President of Wisconsin Public Expenditure Survey, Inducted into UW Oshkosh Hall of Fame; **John L. Vette III**, President and Chief Executive Officer of SNC Manufacturing Co. Inc., Oshkosh; **Howard Curler**, retired Chairman of the Bemis Co.; **Allen Guentzel**, retired Director of Employee Relations/Corporate Staff, Kimberly-Clark, Corp.; **James Mather**, District Director of Department of Vocational Rehabilitation/former Oshkosh Mayor; **Roy Vander Putten**, Chairman and CEO of Trade Resources International, Executive-in-Residence for the UW Oshkosh College of Business Administration; **Lorraine Sams**, retired Green Meadow School elementary teacher, instrumental in developing after school "Student Advanced in Learning (SAIL)" tutoring program; **Verna M. Fowler**, founding president of the College of Menominee Nation (a reservation-based community college); **Michael Wachtel**, late Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Oshkosh B'Gosh, longtime advocate and member of the UW Oshkosh Foundation Board of Directors; **John Gilbert**, Chairman of the Board of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and former board member of UW Oshkosh Center of Applied Research & Services; **Phyllis Leach**, humanitarian and philanthropist; major supporter and ambassador for breast cancer research and awareness; **Paul Poberezny**, founder of the Experimental Aircraft Association (E.A.A.); **Gaylord Nelson**, former governor and founder of Earth Day; **Ruth DeYoung Kohler**, Director of the John Michael Kohler Arts Center; initiated the Education and Performing Arts program; **Craig Culver**, CEO of Culver's Franchises; **David Green**, former President/CEO of Evergreen Retirement Community; **The Mercury 13**, pioneer women of the 1960's space program; **Ted Leyhe**, former President of the Miles Kimball Co., a visionary businessman, civic leader, and active philanthropist; **Robert Pederson**, CEO of Goodwill Industries, whose lifelong involvement in not-for-profit human service organizations is state and nationally recognized.



Honorary Degree Nomination Form*

* Public officials, political appointees, members of the UW System Board of Regents, and UW System employees are ineligible for an honorary degree.

Name of Candidate Nominated: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Address of Nominator: _____

Telephone Number of Nominator: _____

Please substantiate each of the following for your candidate continuing on additional sheets if necessary. You are also welcome to attach a vita or resume or other materials you think are appropriate. This material will go to the Honorary University Degree Committee, the Chancellor, and the UW System Board of Regents, all of whom cannot be expected to know the merits of this candidate except through the specific information and examples that you provide.

1) This candidate is an individual of exceptional accomplishment and distinction. Please give specific examples.

2) This candidate has made significant contributions, to the university or higher education, region (Oshkosh and Greater Fox Valley, Northeastern Wisconsin or New North), state or nation. Please give specific examples.

3) This candidate has demonstrated a consistently outstanding record of accomplishment in their field of endeavor. Please give specific examples.

For Full Consideration, Please Return This Nomination Form By
January 15, 2009
To The Provost & Vice Chancellor's Office, Dempsey 335

Deadline Will Be Extended, If Necessary