

UWO honorary degree nominations due Feb. 11

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The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is seeking honorary degree candidates of exceptional accomplishment and distinction for the spring 2013 commencement.

Nominations by alumni, staff, students and private citizens are due Monday, Feb. 11.

Strong consideration for UWO's honorary degree is given to those candidates who have a current or past connection to Oshkosh and the greater Fox Valley area or Wisconsin; are distinguished alumni or display excellence in reflecting UWO's vision of engaging people and ideas for common good.

In 2012, the University honored international partner and renewable energy pioneer Martin Viessmann, who leads the Viessmann Group of Allendorf, Germany. The company and its leader have worked diligently with educational partners, such as UW Oshkosh, sharing expertise and state-of-the-art technology to develop environmentally sound biogas energy facilities on campus and in the Oshkosh area.

Other past recipients, including Sister Irene Kohne, former administrator of St. Frances Home for the elderly; the late Gaylord Nelson, former Wisconsin governor and Earth Day founder; and Paul Poberezny, founder of the Experimental Aircraft Association, have made major contributions to the University, region, state and/or nation.

In May 2007, UWO honored the Mercury 13, the pioneer women of the 1960s space program, for their determination, strength and bravery.

See a few recent UW Oshkosh honorary doctorate recipients in this video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4GiydLpbixo&feature=youtu.be>

The practice of awarding honorary degrees, which dates back to the Middle Ages, typically involves honoring individuals for their accomplishments. For example, Benjamin Franklin received an honorary master's degree and two honorary doctorates for his scientific accomplishments.

Nomination forms are available in the Provost and Vice Chancellor's Office, Dempsey 335, or [online](#).