

Commencement Speakers and Honorary Degrees

Commencement speakers are selected by the President after recommendations are received from members of the University community. The University awards honorary degrees to individuals who embody the ideals for which the University stands and have distinguished themselves through service to the University, the community, the Church, or society. The President solicits nominations for honorary degrees from the University community and makes recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees for approval of the recipients.

Individuals selected to receive an honorary degree from the University should meet one or more of the following requirements:

- show evidence of intellectual acumen and exercise wisdom;
- demonstrate a commitment to advance the mission of the University and support its value system: service to others, quest for justice, quality in education, and dignity of the person;
- contribute in an outstanding way to a profession which impacts the intellectual level or quality of life of society.