

Honorary Degree Awards (2013)

I. PURPOSE

The University of Saint Joseph may award, upon the recommendation of the President and acceptance by the Board of Trustees, the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters to outstanding leaders on the basis of meritorious service and contributions to society and education.

II. CRITERIA

The Committee shall consider each candidate's suitability based on the following criteria:

- Personal and professional achievements
- Eminent scholarship and/or research accomplishments
- Notable creative work
- Outstanding public service
- Leadership in their profession and/or the community
- Regional, national, or international prominence that will bring favorable attention to the University
- Demonstrated or potential service to the University
- Demonstrated commitment to education
- Reflection of the University's Mission and Core Values and its underlying Catholic intellectual and spiritual values

A candidate for an honorary degree will generally have demonstrated excellence in at least one, but preferably more than one, of the criteria listed above.

III. PROCEDURES

- A. In the fall of each year, the President will convene a committee co-chaired by the Provost and the Vice President for Institutional Advancement. The Honorary Degree Award Nomination Committee will be made up of campus constituents including, but not necessarily limited to, the following individuals:
 - Faculty Committee of the Whole (FCW) Chair
 - A staff member appointed by the President
 - Director of Marketing and Communications
- B. Nominations for honorary degree recipients may come from any member of the University community. Calls for nominations will be made in appropriate USJ publications annually.
- C. The Nomination Committee will present a list of recommendations to the President.
- D. The Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee will present a list of recommended names to the Academic Affairs Committee and, if approved, to the full Board for its acceptance.