Awarding of Honorary Degrees

The Stetson University College of Law, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, confers an Honorary LLD (Doctor of Laws) to individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary lifetime achievements in areas central to the University's mission and values.

The awarding of an Honorary Degree celebrates an individual’s deep resonance with the University’s mission and values, thereby presenting exemplars as role models and emissaries for the University community. The individual shall be held in high regard professionally, have received recognition based on professional accomplishments, and have had a distinguished career.

Honorary degrees are not awarded to active faculty, administrators, staff members, or current trustees.

Honorary Degree Selection Procedure

The Dean of the College of Law shall make a recommendation and provide a biography to the President who shall make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees through the Academic Affairs Committee for consideration.

Timeline

Honorary Degree nominations must be received by the President no later than January 1 during the year in which the Honorary Degree will be awarded. Such a date may be extended by the President based on individual circumstances. Typically, the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees will consider the recommendation at its February meeting during the academic year in which the Honorary Degree will be awarded. The Dean of the College of Law will communicate with the Honorary Degree awardee to confirm his/her willingness and availability to participate in the May Commencement.

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