

National-Louis University Criteria for Honorary Degrees

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From the Board of Trustee's Policy Document, "Criteria for Awarding Honorary Doctorates," 1978 revision

Each year National-Louis University presents honorary degrees to distinguished individuals as part of the Commencement ceremony and on other appropriate occasions. These nominations will be reported to the Faculty Senate and sent to the Board of Trustees for its selection and approval.

Criteria for honorary degrees, as approved by the Board of Trustees, are as follows:

1. Achievement: Outstanding achievement in professional education and/or academic discipline.
2. Service: Outstanding contribution to National-Louis University or the larger human community.

Guidelines for selection of individuals who might be considered:

1. Outstanding scholars who have made notable contributions to knowledge or to society.
2. Outstanding leaders who have served individuals and society in a significant, distinguished way over an extended period of time.
3. Individuals who have made significant contributions to the University in helping it fulfill its mission.
4. Outstanding leaders outside the boundaries of American public education who have served individuals and society in a significant, distinguished way over an extended period of time.
5. Individuals who have made significant contributions to the University in helping it fulfill its missions. The following might be considered:
 - a) Faculty members and administrators who have served the University in a distinguished manner for an extended period.
 - b) Trustees who have served the University in a distinguished manner over time.
 - c) Individuals whose financial contributions to the University make possible ongoing programs or specific new programs effecting major advances for the University.