Submit nomination by May 1, 2013 for consideration for 2014 Commencement.

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Criteria:
Becker College awards honorary doctoral degrees to individuals who merit our highest recognition by attaining achievements of extraordinary and lasting distinction and demonstrating personal and professional qualities that are consistent with the mission and values of Becker College: outstanding humanitarian or public service in the global arena, in our nation, or in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; exceptional contributions to knowledge in the world of scholarship; creativity and innovation in any field that has enriched lives; and support of our College.

Who May Nominate:
Any member of the Becker College community, including faculty, staff, trustees, corporators, students in good standing, and alumni, may nominate individuals for consideration for an honorary degree.

Eligibility:
Employees or trustees in the active service of Becker College shall ordinarily not be nominated for honorary degrees during the term of their active relationship with the College except under rare and special circumstances (e.g., terminal illness). These persons become eligible two years after termination of active status. Awards are not conferred in absentia, except when awarded posthumously.

Typically honorary degrees will not be awarded to active politicians engaged in political campaigns for office in an election year. In unusual circumstances, however, and when warranted and consistent with Becker College's educational mission and purposes, an exception to this policy may be made with the approval of the president and the Board of Trustees.

Approval:
The Board of Trustees is responsible for approving all honorary degrees to be conferred by the College. At its September 2012 meeting, the Board will make its selections of honorary degree recipients from nominations formally submitted to the president. To receive full consideration, all nominations must be made formally through the President's Office by May 1, 2013, for awarding of the degree at May 2014 commencement. A maximum of three awards is authorized (two if the Commencement speaker is included).

To ask a question about honorary degrees:
Contact Anne Sroka at 508.373.1905 or anne.sroka@becker.edu.
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CONFIDENTIALITY IS CRUCIAL TO THE NOMINATION PROCESS. Under no circumstances should the nominee be informed that his or her name has been put forward. Not all excellent candidates can be recognized, and knowledge of a failed nomination can be embarrassing or harmful. Further, the nominator should not solicit letters of support on behalf of the nominee from those outside the College. Official notification of the College's wish to confer an honorary degree upon an individual is made by the president on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Summary Statement

Please include a summary statement, not to exceed two typed pages, of the nominee's career and achievements, and the individual's appropriateness for an honorary degree. The statement should present clearly a case indicating the profound impact that the nominee's career has made. The following questions should be answered:

• What is the specific content of the nominee's contribution?
• What is original about that contribution?
• Of all possible contributors to the field, why is this nominee of exceptional merit?
• Why is the contribution of the nominee especially appropriate to Becker?

Citation Draft

Please include a two-line draft of an appropriate citation to be used should the degree be conferred. An example of the citation:

“For her outstanding contributions towards ending world hunger and bringing peace to war-torn parts of the world, Becker College bestows its highest award on Jane Doe.”

Any member of the Becker College community can make a nomination: faculty, staff, trustees, corporators, students in good standing, and alumni. We consider ONLY nominations received from the College community.

Submit nomination forms and all supporting material by May 1 to:

President’s Office
Becker College
61 Sever Street
Worcester MA 01609-2195

508.373.1901 • 508.831.7505 (fax)

anne.sroka@becker.edu

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1. Nominee's Name: ____________________________________________

2. Nominee's Profession/Position/Title: ____________________________

3. Nominee's Organization/Affiliations: ____________________________

4. Nominee's Contact Information: Address __________________________

                            Phone(s) __________________________ Email __________________________

5. Describe why you are nominating this person for an honorary degree: ________________________________________________________

6. How well do you know the nominee, and what is your relationship? ________________________________________________________

7. Please describe how the candidate exemplifies Becker College's mission and core values and meets one or more of criteria a-e.

   a. Mission and core values fit;  b. Humanitarian or public service;  c. Contributions to knowledge;  
   d. Creativity and innovation in any field that has enriched lives;  e. Support of our College

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8. Attach a Summary Statement of the nominee’s career and appropriateness for the degree, not to exceed two pages. (Please see instructions.)

9. Include two-line draft of an appropriate citation. (Please see instructions for example.)

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10. Include the candidate’s curriculum vitae or biographical sketch or equivalent measure of achievement.

11. Proposed by (Please print name): ____________________________________________________________

12. How are you affiliated with Becker?  □ Faculty  □ Staff  □ Student  □ Alumni  □ Trustee  □ Corporator

13. Your Address: ____________________________________________

14. Phone: ____________________________________________  15. Email: ____________________________________________

16. Signature: ____________________________________________  17. Date: __________________________