

BOARD OF REGENTS BRIEFING PAPER

1. **AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** GBC Requests Approval to award an Honorary Baccalaureate Degree to Caroline McIntosh

MEETING DATE: March 6-7, 2025

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Great Basin College is pleased to recommend Caroline McIntosh be awarded an Honorary Baccalaureate degree.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

Amber Donnelly, Interim President of Great Basin College, requests approval to present Caroline McIntosh with an Honorary Baccalaureate degree.

4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

Caroline McIntosh is a lifelong resident of Ely, Nevada and longtime supporter of Great Basin College. She has been instrumental in partnering with GBC to grow our programs in White Pine County. She has served many years on the GBC Institutional Advisory Board and the GBC Foundation Board of Trustees. We feel that it is very fitting to award Caroline with this honor as it will also coincide with our Ely Campus' 50th Year Celebration this year.

5. CHECK THE NSHE STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL THAT IS SUPPORTED BY THIS REQUEST:

- Access (Increase access to higher education)
- Success (Improve student success)
- Close Institutional Performance Gaps
- Workforce (Meet workforce needs in Nevada)
- Research (Increase solutions-focused research)
- Coordination, Accountability, and Transparency (Ensure system coordination, accountability, and transparency)

XNot Applicable to NSHE Strategic Plan Goals

6. INDICATE HOW THE PROPOSAL SUPPORTS THE SPECIFIC STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

N/A

7. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- Caroline has been an educator and supporter of K-12 and Higher Education in rural Nevada for many years.
- She has worked as a teacher, principal, and Superintendent of schools and now volunteers her time on various boards in her community that supports economic development, diversification, and tourism as well as her work on the GBC Institutional Advisory Council and the GBC Foundation Board of Trustees.
- She works continually to improve the quality of life in White Pine County by building capacity in broadband, housing, childcare and workforce opportunities.

8. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

None.

9. ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

N/A

10. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE:

The Chancellor's Office recommends approval.

11. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amends Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # _____ Section # _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal Impact: Yes _____ No _____ Explain: _____ |



Honorary Degree

Nomination Form

1. Degree to be Awarded:

___Honorary Doctorate XX Honorary Baccalaureate ___Honorary Associate

2. Please state the name and address of your nominee for an Honorary Degree.

Caroline McIntosh

3. Honorary degrees shall be awarded to persons who have made significant contributions to the improvement of the quality of academic programs and academic life at one of the NSHE's institutions. Persons currently holding public elected office are not eligible for the degree except in extraordinary circumstances.

What are your reasons for nominating this person? (Attach additional pages, if necessary.)

Caroline McIntosh is a White Pine County native and a retired Nevada educator. Throughout her career in K-12 education, Caroline held positions including teacher, principal at Mt. High School at Ely State Prison, Nevada's only maximum-security institution, Assistant Superintendent of White Pine County School District, Superintendent of Lyon County School District, and Head of School at Nevada Virtual Academy. She has also served for many years on the Great Basin College Foundation Board of Trustees and the Great Basin College Institutional Advisory Council.

Caroline is an experienced education leader and advocate for higher education in rural Nevada. Her 23 plus years (nonconsecutive) serving on the GBC IAC and seven years as a Trustee on the GBC Foundation Board is a testament to that commitment. She has been instrumental in advising the college on the workforce training needs of the community and connecting the appropriate people to implement needed training programs and workforce programs like Nursing and Diesel Mechanics. She continually pushes for new programs for her beloved White Pine County.

Caroline holds an Associate of Arts from Cottey College, a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Master of Arts in Elementary Education from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Caroline works continually to improve the quality of life in White Pine County by building capacity in broadband, housing, childcare and workforce opportunities. It is for these reasons and many more not mentioned that we are nominating Caroline McIntosh for an Honorary Baccalaureate degree.

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| Amber Donnelly | February 4, 2025 |
| President | Date |
| Great Basin College | |
| Institution | |

(B/R 3/03; Added 6/05)