

Nomination or Suggestion for Honorary Doctorate

1. Please state the name and address of your nominee for an Honorary Doctorate.

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2. Honorary Doctorates shall be awarded to persons who have made significant contributions for the improvement of the quality of academic programs and academic life at one of the NSHE's universities. 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.)

See attached.

Nominator: Dr. Milton Glick Date 1/18/11

President: Dr. Milton Glick Date 1/18/11

Institution: University of Nevada, Reno

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UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO

Honorary Degree Nomination – Dorothy S. Gallagher

The University of Nevada, Reno is pleased to nominate Dorothy S. Gallagher for an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. This honor is in recognition of Dorothy S. Gallagher's significant contributions during a 30-year period as a member of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents, to the state of Nevada, and to the tens of thousands of Nevada residents who have directly benefitted from educations received from the state's public institutions of higher learning. Her outstanding involvement and advocacy for the Nevada System of Higher Education has ensured that the system truly touches all citizens and reaches all corners of the Silver State.

Dorothy S. Gallagher, a fourth-generation Nevadan, is a member of one of Nevada's most distinguished families. Her father, Harvey Sewell, founded Nevada National Bank in 1939. She received her bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of Nevada in 1947. She has been married to prominent Elko dentist Dr. Tom Gallagher since 1947. She was first elected to the Board of Regents in 1980, representing 11 counties in rural Nevada. She served on the Board until 2002 when she retired. She returned to the Board in 2004 when her appointed predecessor chose not to run. Her fifth term on the Board of Regents concluded with her retirement in 2010.

Dorothy S. Gallagher's tenure on the Board of Regents has been notable for its achievement and its historic nature. Her Board of Regents service included serving as chair of the Board of Regents (1989-91), the Investment Committee (1998-99), Academic, Research and Student Affairs (1993-95, 1997-98), DRI Presidential Search Committee (1997), Budget and Finance Committee (1989-90, 1995-96), TMCC Presidential Search Committee (1995), and Legislative Liaison Committee (1985-87). She is credited with leading the creation of Great Basin College in Elko and the subsequent expansion of Great Basin College's curriculum to include associate degree programs and baccalaureate offerings. Her leadership helped create vocational educational programs in the training of craftsmen for the mining industry. Her awards and honors include the prestigious gold medallion from the Mining and Metallurgical Society of America in 2009 (becoming the first woman ever to receive the honor); the Nevada Hospital Association's Trustee Excellence Award (1994), Nevada Women's Fund Hall of Fame Award for Education (1989) and the University of Nevada, Reno's Alumnus of the Year award in 2009. In 2003, along with her husband, she was named a Distinguished Nevadan by the Board of Regents. In recognition of her outstanding achievements, the Nevada Legislature passed concurrent resolutions commending Dorothy S. Gallagher for her service to education. "Her vision and her commitment to higher education for rural Nevadans have been unparalleled," said Great Basin College President Paul Kilpatrick.

In addition to her husband, Dr Tom Gallagher, Dorothy has three sons: Frank S. Gallagher, Thomas H. Gallagher and Michael H. Gallagher, as well as five grandchildren and three great-grandsons.

Dorothy S. Gallagher is hereby nominated for an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the University of Nevada, Reno for her dedicated service to the people of Nevada, and her distinguished and historic commitment to the Nevada System of Higher Education and the University of Nevada, Reno.