



# Honorary Degree

# Nomination Form

1. Degree to be Awarded:

Honorary Doctorate     Honorary Baccalaureate     Honorary Associate

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

Locke and Betty Ray Lesch  
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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.)

Five years ago Locke Lesch was reading the newspaper and saw an article about a donation Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center recently made to WNC. At the time, Lesch and his wife, Betty Ray, were considering organizations both nationally and locally to earmark for a personal donation. Coupled with the fact that their granddaughters were both nurses, the Lesches decided to donate \$60,000 to WNC for high tech nursing education equipment. With the donation, the nursing program purchased state-of-the-art simulation equipment that allows the students to experience bedside care simulations that are very close to reality in a safe, controlled environment. In recognition of the Lesches generosity, the college named the laboratory the Betty Ray and Locke Lesch Nursing and Allied Health Simulation Laboratory. Their generosity didn't stop there; however, in 2007 they established the Lesch Nursing Scholarship Endowment with a gift of \$20,000. By endowing this gift, full-time nursing students will have access to scholarship funds in perpetuity. In 2010, they added another \$10,000 to the endowment and are also providing scholarship funds for full-time students in education. It is clear that Locke and Betty Ray Lesch believe in the power of education to make a difference. It is the honor of Western Nevada College to nominate them for an honorary degree.

Carol A. Lucey                      January 28, 2011  
President                                      Date

Western Nevada College  
Institution

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