



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.

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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.)

It was the spring of 2007, when Michael Thomas first started coming to the Jack C. Davis Observatory to become acquainted with the astronomy program and subsequently join the Western Nevada Astronomical Society. It's been full-speed ahead since then as Mike has become one of our most active and ardent volunteers and supporters. He was elected president of the WNAS in 2008 and still serves in that role. Each month he writes an article for "The President's Corner" in the WNAS newsletter. Additionally, Mike lectures on astronomy and other interesting topics at the observatory on Saturday nights for the free Star Parties that are held at the observatory. The Star Parties are free to the public and provide a wonderful outing for family and friends. Mike's presentations fill up the observatory with standing room only. Mike also operates the C-400 telescope and does research on deep space objects on Mondays and Thursdays. It is estimated Mike donates 50 hours a month to promoting the expansion of astronomy and the observatory. Mike also serves on the Jack C. Davis Observatory Board of Governors, a group dedicated to the oversight and operation of the observatory. Without Mike and the other volunteers, Western Nevada College would be unable to open the observatory to the public on a regular basis. WNC is grateful to his dedication to education and furthering the understanding of science, and we proudly honor him with an Honorary Associate's Degree.

Carol A. Lucey January 28, 2011
President Date

Western Nevada College
Institution

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