



## 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.

Mr. Sheldon G. Adelson  
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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.)

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University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
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Institution

**Addendum to  
HONORARY DEGREE NOMINATION FORM**

**NOMINEE: Sheldon G. Adelson**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Mr. Sheldon G. Adelson is an internationally renowned businessman, entrepreneur, and philanthropist.

His business career spans nearly seven decades and has included creating and developing to maturity more than 50 different companies, including the COMDEX tradeshow for the computer industry. At his direction, COMDEX became the world's largest trade show with a presence in many different countries.

Mr. Adelson is also the founder of Las Vegas Sands Corp., a company which has become the leading global developer of integrated resorts. As the company's chairman and chief executive officer, Mr. Adelson's penchant for challenging and changing the status quo has led the company to overwhelming success in every location in which it operates.

In Las Vegas, he is widely credited for helping transform the city from a gaming-centric regional location into the leading convention and exhibition city in the United States. In Macao, Mr. Adelson's vision to recreate the Las Vegas Strip was originally panned by most observers, but since opening The Venetian Macao on the Cotai Strip in 2007, his development plans have become the envy of international leisure and hospitality operators everywhere. In Singapore, the opening of Marina Bay Sands in 2010 helped redefine the tourism industry there and has become the model for integrated resort development around the globe.

Mr. Adelson has been featured on the cover of more than 50 different publications and been profiled by many of the world's leading print and broadcast news organizations. Among his numerous awards for his business and philanthropic work are the Armed Forces Foundation's Patriot Award, Hotel Investment Conference's Innovation Award, Woodrow Wilson Award for Corporate Citizenship, and induction into the American Gaming Association's Hall of Fame.

Mr. Adelson and his family are noted philanthropists who donate to a variety of civic and charitable causes, including the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

## **IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND ACADEMIC LIFE**

Mr. Adelson has been a generous donor to UNLV, supporting capital projects including the Fertitta Football Complex, the Hospitality Hall facility, which opened in January 2018, and more.

Contributions to UNLV include:

College of Hospitality Center for Professional and Leadership Studies  
Hospitality Hall Building Fund  
Fertitta Football Complex  
Sergeant Clint Ferrin Dental Clinic  
Hotel Education Summit  
Intercollegiate Athletics

## **MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT**

Mr. Adelson participated in the UNLV University Libraries Office of Special Collections Oral History project. His participation was in conjunction with a project to document, preserve and collect the stories and histories of Jewish people in Southern Nevada.

In 2015, the College of Hotel Administration hosted a moderated conversation on being successful in life, featuring Mr. Sheldon Adelson himself.

The popular speaker series, “Conversations with . . .”, featuring engaging and educational dialogue with local leaders, was renamed in honor of Mr. Adelson after his participated as a speaker in 2014. In conjunction, UNLV announced plans to move forward with the proposed Center for Professional and Leadership Studies. The center is part of the \$7 million, multi-year gift made by Las Vegas Sands as a part of its corporate citizenship program, Sands Cares.