Honorary Degree
Nomination Form

1. Degree to be Awarded:

   ___Honorary Doctorate ___Honorary Baccalaureate _X_Honorary Associate

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

   James York

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.)

Currently serving as president and CEO of Valley Bank of Nevada, James R. York is its founding principal, where he chartered the first and only bank in his home town of North Las Vegas. York led his financial institution through the successful recovery of one of the most devastating economic downturns in history. He possesses an extensive background in the banking industry and has served in executive and senior management positions at various banks in the Las Vegas market for over 30 years.

York has also managed commercial and corporate loan portfolios for a variety of institutions including Bank of America, First Interstate Bank and a number of local community banks. York is a native Nevadan and is a graduate of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington. He is also an alumnus of the College of Southern Nevada, where he attended the North Las Vegas Campus and earned a diploma in "The Fundamentals of Banking".

In addition to his work with Valley Bank of Nevada, York serves as Chairman of the Nevada Bankers Association and sits on the board of trustees for the College of Southern Nevada Foundation. He is also a 2003 graduate of the Leadership Las Vegas Program and past Chairman of the North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce.

As chairman of Nevada Bankers Association, York worked with the Finance Department at UNLV to develop a 400 level Commercial Banking Course, where he and other local CEOs appear as guest speakers and share their knowledge and career advice.

York is the first in his family to graduate from college and is married to a supportive wife, who was integral in helping him finish his college education and raising two valedictorians, who are now attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Dr. [illegible] 1/30/18

President Date

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