Honorary Degree Nominations

Board of Trustees
Loyola University New Orleans

March 12-13, 2015

CONFIDENTIAL ACTION ITEM

Nominees for honorary degrees will be presented for consideration as an Action Item at the full Board meeting on March 13, 2015.

Honorary degree nominations are considered confidential and for discussion only in meeting sessions in order to protect the privacy of the nominees.
Fall 2014 Honorary Degree Nominees for Approval

Honorary degree nominations approved by the Board of Trustees go into a pool of names for future selection by the president. Honorary degrees are customarily awarded at commencement ceremonies. An individual must be present to receive an honorary degree.

CRITERIA FOR HONORARY DEGREES
The Loyola University Honorary Degrees Committee and the Board of Trustees have established the following general guideline for honorary degrees:

An Honorary Degree may be bestowed upon any person who has made outstanding achievements, particularly in those fields of endeavor which are at the heart of Loyola’s mission as a university (such as religion, scholarship, the arts, business, philanthropy, and public service). Above all, the recipient’s life and achievements should exemplify those goals and principles spelled out in Loyola’s Character and Commitment Statement: specifically, academic excellence, the pursuit of faith and justice, and service to others. (Approved by the Board of Trustees on May 18, 1995)

The Honorary Degrees Committee and President Wildes, S.J., have recommended the following nominations for approval:

Kenneth Polite
Mr. Polite was nominated as an honorary degree candidate. He currently serves as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana. In this position, he has made it his priority to address violent crime and civil rights violations in New Orleans. Mr. Polite is fully engaged in teaching young lawyers about civil rights and is a graduate of Georgetown Law Center, making him knowledgeable of the mission of the Society of Jesus. He is a distinguished attorney and ethical prosecutor upon whom to bestow such a degree.

Bob Woodward
Mr. Woodward was nominated as commencement speaker and an honorary degree candidate. He has worked at the Washington Post since 1971, is currently associate editor and has shared in two Pulitzer Prizes. Woodward was the lead reporter for The Post's articles on the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks that won the National Affairs Pulitzer Prize in 2002. Woodward is probably most well-known for the 1973 Pulitzer Prize The Post won for his coverage of the Watergate Scandal with Carl Bernstein.