Honorary Degree Nominations

Board of Trustees
Loyola University New Orleans

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The enclosed nominees will be presented for consideration at the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board on December 5, 2013, and on the recommendation of the Committee, to the full Board on December 6, 2013.

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

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Fall 2013 Honorary Degree Nominees for Approval

1. Greg Boyle, S.J.

2. Bethany Bultman

3. Harry Connick, Jr.

4. Steve Gleason

5. Angela Hill

6. Phyllis Landrieu


8. Randy Newman

9. Jay C. Zainey
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    Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: November 18, 2013

Subject: Honorary Degree Nominations

The Honorary Degrees Committee met recently and has recommended nine nominees for consideration by you and the Board of Trustees. The nominees are:

Greg Boyle, S.J.
Fr. Boyle, S.J., an American Jesuit priest, is the founder and director of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, California, and former pastor of Dolores Mission Church. Homeboy Industries traces its roots to Dolores Mission’s “Jobs for a Future Campaign”, a campaign developed by Father Greg in 1988 with the Church Base Communities of Dolores Mission. In an effort to address the escalating problems and unmet needs of gang-involved youth, Fr. Greg and the community developed positive alternatives, including establishing an elementary school, a day care program, a community organizing project, Comité Pro Paz en el Barrio, and finding legitimate employment for young people. JFF’s success demonstrated that many gang members are eager to leave the dangerous and destructive life on the ‘streets.’ In 1992, as a response to the civil unrest in Los Angeles, Fr. Greg launched the first business: Homeboy Bakery, with a mission to create an environment that provided training, work experience, and above all, the opportunity for rival gang members to work side by side. The success of the Bakery created the groundwork for additional businesses, thus prompting JFF to become an independent non-profit organization, Homeboy Industries, in 2001. Today Homeboy Industries is the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the United States.

Bethany Bultman
Bethany Bultman is co-founder of the New Orleans Musicians Clinic (NOMC). Founded in 1998, NOMC is dedicated to providing healthcare services to musicians and culture bearers of New Orleans. Many musicians do not qualify for many traditional healthcare programs, even for the indigent, and are financially unable to afford healthcare insurance. The Clinic provides healthcare to over 2,500 musicians and culture bearers essentially for free each year, most of whom have no other access to health services. Through a concerted effort and on-going publicity campaign, many horn players are receiving free dental care that extends their careers, as well as improving their ability to perform. Following Hurricane Katrina, Ms. Bultman led a concerted effort to assist New Orleans musicians return to the city by founding the New Orleans Musicians Assistance Fund (NOMAF). Ms. Bultman was able to coordinate donations from diverse sources wanting to help New Orleans’ musicians, so that funds were applied efficiently and effectively to reach those most in and deserving of need. If not for Ms. Bultman’s efforts, many musicians and Mardi Gras Indians would have never received the assistance provided and many
may not have returned to the city. Since Katrina, NOMAF has evolved into a source for emergency assistance and funding for public music performances that pays musicians well. Ms. Bultman has earned the trust and respect of many musicians for whom she has provided often life-saving interventions, while respecting the dignity of the person and their privacy.

**Harry Connick, Jr.**
Connick, a native New Orleanian, attended Loyola University New Orleans’ College of Music and Fine Arts in 1985. He is an accomplished musician ranked among the top 60 best-selling male artists in the United States has been a driving force in the recovery of New Orleans. After Katrina, he was navigating flooded streets by boat to help where he could, testifying on Capitol Hill about conditions in the city, dedicating record proceeds to hurricane relief and helping launch Musicians’ Village, an effort to rebuild a community for New Orleans artists whose homes were destroyed by Katrina.

**Steve Gleason**
Mr. Gleason is a former New Orleans Saint and an ALS patient and awareness advocate. Far beyond the realm of sports, Gleason’s life has truly epitomized Loyola’s spirit of educating the whole person and service to others. Since his diagnosis with a devastating degenerative disease, he has embarked on a relentless campaign to celebrate life, raised money and awareness for ALS research and treatment through the Team Gleason organization and the “No White Flags” campaign, and developed an assisted living facility for ALS patients in Mid-City.

**Angela Hill**
Angela Hill is a journalist and a former newscaster with WWL-TV newscaster. She was with WWL-TV for more than 35 years, joining the station's "Eyewitness News" staff back in 1975. Ms. Hill retired from nightly newscasts in April 2013, but remains with the station, producing documentaries and special programs for Channel 4. Ms. Hill’s contributions to her community extend beyond the television cameras. She has contributed countless hours to diverse organizations ranging from the LASPCA to Goodwill, the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra and the United Way.

**Phyllis Landrieu**
Phyllis Landrieu attended Loyola University New Orleans as an original member of the incoming class of 1956. She served as the first female chair of the Louisiana Democratic State Committee and as the president of the Orleans Parish School Board in the wake of Katrina. In 2008, she co-founded – and of course became president and CEO – of the Childhood and Family Learning Foundation and of the Mahalia Jackson Early Childhood and Family Learning Center. The center includes head start, prekindergarten and kindergarten classes, along with a library branch and various social and health services, and provides in one place access to the many resources children and their families need, in order for them to be successful, healthy and self-sufficient. The foundation’s outreach program provides health screenings to students in 15 other schools, identifying often simply remedied problems (like undetected hearing or visual impairments or dental decay) along with more severe health issues that can be serious obstacles to student achievement.

**Harold Messmer, Jr.**
Harold Maximillian “Max” Messmer, Jr., graduated from Loyola University New Orleans in 1967. He has used his professional successes to benefit his community. Mr. Messmer embodies the expression “leading by example”. His company, Robert Half International, is a leader in specialized staffing and corporate philanthropy, focusing on education and workforce development. Since 2005, RHI has been a major sponsor of the Dress for Success program, which provides interview-appropriate apparel to those
who are seeking employment. RHI encourages clients, staff, and job candidates to donate clothing items through frequent clothing drives. RHI is a major supporter of Boys and Girls Clubs of America and Canada. Boys and Girls Clubs take the “whole-person” approach to educating disadvantaged young people across the United States and Canada. In a March 2012 Loyola Pack Press article, Messmer attributed the success of his company to his belief in the importance of ethical leadership: “Trust is a big part of leadership. If people think you’re honest and fair and trying to do a good job as a leader, people will help you.” For this reason, RHI still employs many of its original executives, and Messmer has been named one of San Francisco’s Most Admired CEO’s.

**Randy Newman**

The nephew of three famous film composers (Alfred, Lionel, and Emil Newman), Randy Newman is a renowned songwriter in his own right - his works include ‘Louisiana 1927’, a song which gained greater notoriety after Katrina, and one which he sang at the famous Lincoln Center benefit concert for New Orleans in November of 2005. He has been nominated 16 times for Academy Awards (beginning with his music for the film “Ragtime” in 1981), and finally won his first for his work on the film “Monsters, Inc.” in 2001. He has scored nearly 30 films, including “The Princess and the Frog”, set in New Orleans and with original songs by him. He has many family connections with New Orleans, and he lived here as a child. Mr. Newman has a long-standing and profound connection with New Orleans - he is not simply a musician who occasionally visits us, or uses New Orleans as a backdrop for their art in some manner. His knowledge of the city, its problems and aspirations is unusually deep. His interest in social justice and improving the world through art is genuine.

**Jay C. Zainey**

Judge Zainey is an Article III federal judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. He joined the court in 2002 after being nominated by President George W. Bush. He is a 1975 graduate of the Louisiana State University School of Law and he served in the US Air Force Reserve from 1970 to 1976. While serving as president of the Louisiana State Bar Association in 1995-96, Judge Zainey established the first committee to provide legal referral services to the disabled. He co-founded St. Andrew’s Village, a long-term living community serving adults with developmental disabilities—the first of its kind in Louisiana. Judge Zainey also formed Homeless Experience Legal Protection (HELP) to provide free legal consultation and notary services at homeless shelters throughout the New Orleans area. In 2002 he co-founded SOLACE, which assists members of the legal community who experience family tragedy. He has received numerous awards including the Jesuit High School 2008 Alumnus of the Year, Homines Pro Aliis Award given by the Jesuit Southern Province, the Louisiana Bar Foundation’s Distinguished Jurist Award and the Humanitarian Award for Distinguished Leadership from Unity for the Homeless of Greater New Orleans.