

UAM OPERATING PROCEDURE 555.2

HONORARY DEGREES

In accordance with Board Policy 505.3, recommendations for honorary degrees will be submitted by the Chancellor to the President for recommendation to the Board of Trustees. No more than two recommendations may be presented at the same commencement. Public announcements are not to be made until the honorees have notified the Chancellor that they will accept the award.

Honorary degrees are awarded to persons who have attained significant recognition for their academic excellence or service, have demonstrated appreciation for the ideals and purposes of the university and higher education or have achieved extraordinary distinction in a career that has affected the lives of others, through scholarly achievement, public service, or philanthropy. Particular attention will be given to those who have a close connection to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, southeast Arkansas, or the State of Arkansas.

Letters of nomination should include biographical information and discussion of the achievement of service that warrants the conferral of an honorary degree. Notable professional accomplishments and contributions to the nominee's profession, community, state, or the University should be included. Consideration of an honorary degree rests with the University's Executive Council. Nominations and documentation should be submitted to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs by October 1 for the December commencement and February 1 for May commencement.

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