

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Maya Angelou

Native of Missouri; graduate of public schools in Arkansas and California; “Ruby” in the European tour of George Gershwin’s *Porgy and Bess*, 1954–55; appointed northern coordinator of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 1959–60; associate editor of the *Arab Observer*, Cairo, Egypt, 1961–62; author of more than 30 best-selling memoirs, plays, screenplays, children’s books, and poetry collections, including the Pulitzer Prize nominated *Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water ’Fore I Diie*, 1970–present; lifetime Reynolds Professor of American Studies, Wake Forest University, 1981–present; second presidential inauguration poet in U.S. history, 1993; National Medal of Arts laureate, 2000; three-time Grammy Award winner; namesake of the Maya Angelou Research Center on Minority Health, Wake Forest University School of Medicine—

Because you once chose silence, and in the quiet found the power of your voice; because you use the magic of words to reveal and celebrate the human spirit; because you speak on behalf of the voiceless and encourage the excluded to speak; because you lend your name to address the inequity the overlooked among us face; because you place a prismatic lens over our well-being, revealing the complexity—of culture, politics, access, and economy—that lies beyond the mere physiology of health and disease; because, in those revelations, you inspire the commitment of the University of Minnesota and the School of Nursing to improving human health not simply with the touch of healing hands but also by improving the human condition, and by inviting courtesy, gentleness, and joy into our human conversation—

The regents of the University of Minnesota,
upon recommendation of the faculties,
confer upon you, Maya Angelou, the degree
of doctor of humane letters, *honoris causa*.

Conferred on

October 14, 2007

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Dominick J. Argento

Native of Pennsylvania; graduate of the Peabody Conservatory (Institute) at Johns Hopkins University, B.M., M.M., composition, 1951, 1954; graduate of the Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester, Ph.D., composition, 1958; Guggenheim Fellow, 1955–57 and 1964–65; faculty member, University of Minnesota School of Music, 1958–97, appointed Regents Professor, 1980; cofounder of the Center Opera Company (now the Minnesota Opera), 1963; awarded the Pulitzer Prize in Music for *From the Diary of Virginia Woolf*, 1975; elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters, 1979; appointed lifetime composer laureate to the Minnesota Orchestra, 1997; Grammy Award winner for *Casa Guidi*, 2004; composer of *Evensong: Of Love and Angels*, an oratorio in memory of his wife, soprano Carolyn Bailey Argento, and in celebration of the centennial of the National Cathedral, 2007—

Because you are a world-renowned composer and librettist, hailed as the preeminent creator of lyric opera in the United States; because you helped to establish and strengthen internationally acclaimed artistic organizations in the Twin Cities and have been commissioned by nearly every major performance group in Minnesota; because you were instrumental in making the University's music composition program a destination for young composers, teaching the art of music by example—composing more than 60 works during a 40-year teaching career—all the while sharing the craft of music in the classroom; because you continue to demonstrate the importance of making new music come alive; and because you teach that to study composition is to study oneself in the world, to give voice—in lyric and melody—to universal human expressions of comfort, sorrow, gratitude, and joy—

The Regents of the University of Minnesota, upon recommendation of the faculties, confer upon you, Dominick J. Argento, the degree of doctor of humane letters, *honoris causa*.

Conferred on

June 4, 2008

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

Jack Dangermond

Native of California; graduate of California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, B.S., environmental science, 1967; the University of Minnesota, M.Arch., landscape architecture, 1968; and Harvard University Graduate School of Design, M.L.A., 1969; cofounder, president, and CEO of Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI), 1969–present; member, the Board of Directors of the National Center for Geographic Information and Analysis, the Advisory Committee of the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Directorate at the National Science Foundation, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology—

Because you have been a global pioneer in the development of innovative geographic information system (GIS) software for academic, public, and private use, thereby giving access to real-time information about how the Earth’s environment is changing because of human impact; because you expanded ecological literacy and awareness of place worldwide by quietly working to provide GIS software and training to primary, secondary, and higher education institutions and nonprofit research organizations around the globe; because you have influenced disciplines throughout the academy by seeing technology as more than a means merely to map our physical surroundings and, instead, advocating its use as a tool for improving the human condition through environmental conservation, wildlife management, urban planning, and, most importantly, education—

The Regents of the University of Minnesota, upon recommendation of the faculties, confer upon you, Jack Dangermond, the degree of doctor of science, *honoris causa*.

Conferred on

April 2, 2008

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

Sir Paul M. Nurse

Native of London, England; graduate of the University of Birmingham, B.Sc., biological sciences, 1970, and the University of East Anglia, Ph.D., cell biology and biochemistry, 1973; head of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's Cell Cycle Control Laboratory, 1984–87; Iveagh Professor of Microbiology and Napier Research Professor of the Royal Society, Oxford University, 1987–93; director of research and director general for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 1993–2002; director general and chief executive at Cancer Research UK, 2002–03; president of The Rockefeller University, New York, 2003–present; knighted by Queen Elizabeth II for services to cell biology and cancer research, 1999; winner of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, 2001; admitted to the French *Légion d'honneur*, 2002.

Because your unique insight and adherence to the highest scientific ideals have led to profound understanding of how cells divide and why normal cells become cancerous; because your research has opened new doors for the treatment and medical management of cancer; because your deep and unwavering commitment has inspired and educated a new generation of scientists; and because you have remained true to your origins by pairing your adroit intellect with engaging enthusiasm and humor in order to share the importance of cancer research with the lay community and promote science as a liberalizing and progressive force for humanity—

The Regents of the University of Minnesota,
upon recommendation of the faculties, confer
upon you, Sir Paul M. Nurse, the degree of
doctor of science, *honoris causa*.

Conferred on
August 2, 2007

Sample Citation 1

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



DOCTOR OF LAWS

Willard L. Boyd

Native of St. Paul, Minnesota; graduate of the University of Minnesota with a B.S.L., 1949, and an LL.B., 1951, and of the University of Michigan with an LL.M., 1952, and S.J.D., 1962; professor of law, University of Iowa, since 1954; vice president of academic affairs and dean of the faculties, University of Iowa, 1964-69; president, University of Iowa, 1969-81, now president emeritus; president, Field Museum of Natural History, 1981-96, now president emeritus; first chair of the University of Iowa Human Rights Committee; board and committee member of numerous arts and humanities organizations; one of the first winners of the National Endowment for the Humanities Charles Frankel Prize

Because you are one of the most important and distinguished figures in American education today; because you guided the University of Iowa through tumultuous times with adroitness and grace, and under your leadership the university grew in strength and stature; because you put the Field Museum of Natural History on solid financial footing and rejuvenated its mission; because of your lifelong commitment to societal justice; because you have been a passionate defender of human rights and a tireless advocate for opening up opportunities for all; because you are now teaching a new generation of law students with the same creativity and energy that have marked your whole career

The regents of the
University of Minnesota,
upon recommendation of
the faculties, confer upon
you, Willard L. Boyd, the
degree of doctor of laws,
honoris causa.

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Sample Citation 2

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



DOCTOR OF LAWS

Carl T. Rowan

Native of Tennessee; graduate of Oberlin College with a B.A. in mathematics, 1947, and the University of Minnesota with an M.A. in journalism, 1948; distinguished journalist, writer, and commentator for almost 50 years; the only journalist to be awarded the coveted Sigma Delta Chi medallion three years in a row; ambassador to Finland during the Kennedy administration; director of the U.S. Information Agency during the Johnson administration, and the first African American to sit with the President's cabinet and on the National Security Council; author of eight books; nationally syndicated columnist; founder of the Project Excellence scholarship program

Because your career across five decades has been marked by an unwavering commitment to fairness, accuracy, and integrity; because your fearless reporting helped to expose and reverse segregation in our country; because you have been an eloquent voice against racism and a defender of human freedom and equality for people everywhere; because the scholarship program you established has started thousands of young African Americans on their way to college and strong careers; because your words have opened people's eyes and spoken to their hearts; because you have brought pride to Minnesota as a renowned journalist, ambassador, and adviser to presidents and world leaders

The regents of the University of Minnesota, upon recommendation of the faculties, confer upon you, Carl T. Rowan, the degree of doctor of laws, *honoris causa*.

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