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CODED MEMORANDUM

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Due December 1, 2017

TO: CSU Presidents

FROM: Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D. 
Executive Vice Chancellor

SUBJECT: Recommendations for 2017-18 Honorary Degrees, Due December 1, 2017

This memorandum serves as the annual call for campus recommendations for the award of honorary doctoral degrees by the Board of Trustees of the California State University. Please review and adhere closely to the enclosed guidelines for honorary doctorates. If a nomination would require an exception to the guidelines, please obtain the chancellor's approval *before* submitting the nomination. As recipients may receive a CSU honorary degree only one time, we have attached for your reference the complete list of CSU honorary doctorates awarded since 1963.

Board of Trustees policy allows only two recommendations for honorary degree awards for each CSU campus. Campus nominations will be vetted and sent to the Trustees Subcommittee on Honorary Degrees for their review, in preparation for the January 30-31, 2018, Board of Trustees meeting. The conferral of honorary degrees is expected to take place during spring commencements.

By December 1, 2017, please submit to cmallon@calstate.edu:

- 1. Up to two nomination letters for honorary degree awards**
- 2. Very brief supporting documentation for each nominee**
- 3. Eighteen hard copies of the nomination letters and supporting documentation mailed to the Chancellor's Office**
(three-hole punched, no staples please, contents described on the next page)

Please include the following information in your letters of nomination:

- The full name of the nominee exactly as it will read on the degree and a brief summary of the reasons for putting forth the recommendation. Please see the attached “Guidelines for the Awarding of Honorary Degrees in the California State University” sections II-IV for guidance on the purposes, criteria, and limitations for honorary degree nominations.
- The degree for which the individual is nominated:
 - Doctor of Fine Arts (D.F.A.)
 - Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.)
 - Doctor of Laws (LL.D.)
 - Doctor of Letters (Litt.D.)
 - Doctor of Science (Sc.D.)
- For each nominee, a current, brief curriculum vitae (or comparable biographical information).
- A brief description of the nature of the relationship if the nominee has a well-established relationship with the campus.
- Listing of the campus committee members who reviewed the nomination (members’ names and titles).
- Confirmation that the Executive Committee of the campus Academic Senate was consulted regarding the composition of the campus review committee.
- The event at which the degree is to be conferred. If it is proposed that the degree be conferred at an event other than commencement, please identify the appropriate CSU function at which the degree will be conferred.
- Whether the campus prefers that the degree be awarded:
 - a. in the name of the California State University or
 - b. in the names of the California State University and the campus.

For ease of processing, please have all 18 hard copies of the nomination letter and supporting materials three-hole punched but neither stapled nor placed in binders or folders. Please mail your packets to:

*CSU Office of the Chancellor
Attention: Dr. Christine Mallon
401 Golden Shore
Long Beach, CA 90802*

As we all recognize the need for the strictest confidence in dealing with campus nominations, I assure you that you will have our full cooperation in maintaining the necessary confidences. If

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you have any questions about this process, please contact me at (562) 951-4710 or you are invited to contact Dr. Christine Mallon, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Programs and Faculty Development and State University Dean, Academic Programs, at (562) 951-4672 or cmallon@calstate.edu.

Attachments

LJB/clm

c: Ms. Rebecca D. Eisen, Chair, Board of Trustees
Mr. Adam Day, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees
Ms. Lillian Kimbell, Chair, Educational Policy Committee
Dr. Timothy P. White, Chancellor
Dr. Christine Miller, Chair, Academic Senate CSU
Ms. Michelle Kiss, Trustee Secretariat

THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
POLICY FOR AWARDING HONORARY DEGREES

Adopted November 19, 2015

- I. A. Honorary Degrees shall be awarded by the California State University (CSU) only at the doctoral level unless board action allows an exception.
- B. All honorary degrees shall be conferred by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, in the name of the California State University or in the names of the California State University and a campus.
- C. The board of trustees shall determine the number of honorary degrees to be awarded in any academic year. In most cases, the board will consider no more than two nominations from each campus in an academic year. Board members and the chancellor may submit nominations during the same period, with a limit of one trustee nomination for conferral at each campus during an academic year.
- D. A campus president and the chancellor will consult when a trustee submits a nomination for conferral at the president's campus. The president will advise the chancellor of any concerns. If the president and chancellor agree to support the nomination, it will be forwarded to the Trustees Subcommittee on Honorary Degrees for review and recommendation.
- E. The following honorary degree types shall be recognized for conferral by the CSU Board of Trustees:
1. Doctor of Fine Arts (D.F.A.)
 2. Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.)
 3. Doctor of Laws (LL.D.)
 4. Doctor of Letters (Litt.D.)
 5. Doctor of Science (Sc.D.)

Other types may be proposed to the board for consideration. However, the board will not authorize degree designations that are conventionally conferred as earned doctorates.

II. Criteria for the Awarding of Honorary Degrees

Honorary degrees may be awarded to recognize achievements in all parts of the world. Honorary degrees awarded should represent an appropriate balance between local and non-local, and academic and non-academic recipients, and degrees should represent a wide diversity of fields of endeavor.

Service or benefaction to the university do not alone justify the awarding of honorary degrees. However, these criteria do not preclude nominees who are benefactors of the California State University. Personal relationships alone do not justify the awarding of honorary degrees.

Nominees for honorary degrees must demonstrate high moral character, be distinguished in their respective fields, and the eminence of persons nominated must be widely recognized. Nominees must have demonstrated intellectual and humane values that are consistent with the ideals of the California State University, the aims of higher education, and with the highest ideals of the person's chosen fields.

The following are the criteria for awarding California State University honorary degrees:

- A. To recognize inspirational character, excellence and extraordinary achievement in significant areas of human endeavor that reflect the objectives and ideals of the California State University.
- B. To honor meritorious and outstanding service to the California State University collectively or to individual campuses, the State of California, the United States, or to humanity at large.
- C. To recognize individuals whose lives, conduct, and significant achievements serve as examples of the California State University's aspirations for its diverse student body.
- D. The honoree must be present at the appropriate California State University function to accept the degree; or in case of the honoree's severe illness, a family member must be present at the appropriate function to accept the degree.
- E. A family member must agree to accept a posthumous degree at an appropriate California State University function.

III. Limitations on Eligibility

Honorary degrees shall not be awarded to:

- A. Incumbent members of the Board of Trustees of the California State University;
- B. The incumbent chancellor of the California State University;
- C. Incumbent campus presidents of the California State University;
- D. A person who already has been awarded an honorary degree by the California State University;

- E. All incumbent elected officials; and
- F. Honorary degrees shall not be awarded solely on the basis of past or present employment by the California State University.

IV. Procedures for Selecting Honorary Degree Recipients

In all steps of these procedures, utmost care is to be taken to ensure confidentiality. A breach of confidentiality could seriously embarrass the California State University and those individuals under consideration for the receipt of an honorary degree. Members of campus honorary degree selection committees and the Trustees Subcommittee on Honorary Degrees shall maintain the strictest confidences regarding nominations considered and recommended. No campus representative or trustee is to contact a prospective nominee to discuss the possibility of a nomination. Only after the chancellor officially informs the campus of trustee action may campus personnel discuss the honorary degree with the honoree.

- A. Recommendations of persons to receive honorary degrees are encouraged from any member of the California State University community, including trustees, the chancellor, presidents, faculty, students, administrative staff, alumni, campus advisory board members and other friends of the California State University. Such recommendations may include the type of honorary degree believed appropriate.
- B. In each nomination cycle, the campus (through the president) may submit two nominations for conferral in the current or immediately subsequent academic year. An approved degree may be awarded in the academic year in which it was authorized for conferral and no later than in the year immediately following the originally approved conferral year. Campuses are responsible for maintaining the limit of conferring only two campus-nominated honorary degrees in one academic year. Trustee-nominated degrees are not included in the limits of two campus-nominated and conferred degrees per year.
- C. Recommendations originating in any of the campus communities shall be submitted through the campus president. The submission shall note whether the degree is to be conferred only in the name of the California State University or in the names of the California State University and the campus. Recommendations originating elsewhere within the California State University community at large shall be submitted through the chancellor.
- D. Each campus president, after consultation with the executive committee of the campus academic senate, shall establish an honorary degrees selection committee that includes faculty representation. The committee shall review recommendations and assist in the development and compilation of materials in support of

nominations to be forwarded. Following appropriate consultation with this committee, the president shall select no more than two nominations to be forwarded to the chancellor in any given academic year. Honorary degrees awarded to couples (as individuals) shall count as only one degree of the two nominations allowed for each campus annually.

- E. The chancellor, in turn, shall review and forward all qualified nominations, with any appropriate comments to a separately constituted Trustees Subcommittee on Honorary Degrees of the Committee on Educational Policy, which meets in conjunction with the annual January meeting of the board.
- F. The Trustees Subcommittee on Honorary Degrees shall be chaired by a member of the Committee on Educational Policy and shall be named by the chair of that committee. The Subcommittee shall be staffed by a member of the Academic and Student Affairs Division and shall include:
 - 1. One additional trustee (other than the chair of the subcommittee), to be named by the board chair;
 - 2. The chancellor or designee;
 - 3. Two presidents, to be named by the chancellor; and
 - 4. The following representatives, to be appointed by the chancellor following consultation with the respective bodies:
 - a. Two faculty members nominated by the Academic Senate, CSU;
 - b. One alumnus nominated by the California State University Alumni Council; and
 - c. One student nominated by the California State Student Association.
- G. The Trustees Subcommittee on Honorary Degrees, meeting in closed session, shall review all nominations received, and shall forward to the Committee on Educational Policy each nomination with the subcommittee's notation of "recommended" or "not recommended," using the policies and criteria set forth in this policy as the basis for the subcommittee's determinations.
- H. The full Committee on Educational Policy, following similar procedures, shall forward to the full board for final consideration no more than two nominations per campus and those nominations originating with the board and/or the chancellor, indicating in each case the full committee's determination of "recommended" or "not recommended."

- I. The Board of Trustees, meeting in closed session, shall make the final determination in each case, and will, by virtue of its exclusive authority in this matter, agree to award the degree type it considers most appropriate.

V. Conferral of Degrees

- A. Honorary degrees may be conferred during any California State University function that the board of trustees considers appropriate.
- B. If the degree is to be conferred only in the name of the California State University, the chair of the board of trustees, the chancellor, and the campus president, where appropriate, will participate in the conferral ceremony. Convention is as follows:
 1. When a campus is involved:
 - a. The chair of the board of trustees (or designee) will read the citation;
 - b. The chancellor, if present, or the campus president will confer the degree; and
 - c. The campus president (or designee) will hood the degree recipient.
 2. When a campus is not involved:
 - a. The chair of the board of trustees (or designee) will read the citation;
 - b. The chancellor (or designee) will confer the degree; and
 - c. The vice chair of the board of trustees (or designee) will hood the degree recipient.
- C. If the degree is to be conferred in the names of the California State University and the campus, the chair of the board of trustees or designee will participate in the conferral ceremony. Usually the campus president or designee will confer the degree.
- D. The Chancellor's Office shall reimburse campus hood and regalia costs for trustee-nominated honorees. Costs associated with campus-nominated honorees will be the responsibility of the campus.

VI. Limits of Degree Authorization

- A. Authorization to confer an honorary degree remains in effect for two academic years after board action. If a confirmed honoree cannot agree to accept the degree at an appropriate California State University function within the year following the originally planned conferral, the authorization shall be rescinded, and the honoree may be nominated subsequently by the same campus or a different campus during a later nomination cycle.

- B. If a CSU honorary degree holder is found not to uphold the criteria and standards for which the degree was awarded, the chancellor may hold the honorary degree in abeyance, pending board action. The board of trustees shall meet in closed session and by virtue of its exclusive authority in this matter shall make the final determination regarding whether any previously conferred honorary degree shall be revoked.

VII. Amending Honorary Degree Policy

- A. Proposals for amendments to this policy may be directed to the chancellor, who will forward proposals to the chair of the board of trustees. The chair shall consider and may forward the proposed amendments to the Educational Policy Committee of the board. The Educational Policy Committee shall consider proposed changes and may present to the board a recommended action.
- B. The full board of trustees shall meet in closed session and by virtue of its exclusive authority in this matter shall make the final determination on proposed changes to honorary degree policy.

Questions may be directed to Dr. Christine Mallon at cmallon@calstate.edu or (562) 951-4672.

**CSU Honorary Degrees
 Awarded 1963 Through 2017**

| Recipient | | Degree | Campus | Date |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Ablin | Mildred Jean | Doctor of Humane Letters | Bakersfield | 6/13/1998 |
| Abramowitz | Morton I. | Doctor of Laws | Stanislaus | 5/29/1993 |
| Achtenberg | Roberta | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Marcos | 5/19/2017 |
| Acosta | Jack | Doctor of Humane Letters | East Bay | 6/12/2010 |
| Aganbegyan | Abel G. | Doctor of Laws | Hayward* | 6/15/2002 |
| Akiba | Yoshie | Doctor of Fine Arts | East Bay | 6/14/2014 |
| Allen | William C. "Bill" | Doctor of Humane Letters | Northridge | 5/22/2014 |
| Allende | Isabel | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 5/24/2008 |
| Alquist | Alfred E. | Doctor of Laws | San José | 5/24/1997 |
| Amaya | Abel Coronado | Doctor of Humane Letters | Dominguez Hills | 5/18/2007 |
| Anka | Paul | Doctor of Fine Arts | Pomona | 6/16/2013 |
| Antle | Robert | Doctor of Humane Letters | Monterey Bay | 5/19/2007 |
| Armer | Alan | Doctor of Humane Letters | Northridge | 5/31/2002 |
| Asawa | Ruth | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Francisco | 5/30/1998 |
| Auen | Ronald M. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/13/2013 |
| Auen | Sherrie C. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/13/2013 |
| Baggett | Robin | Doctor of Laws | San Luis Obispo | 6/15/2014 |
| Bakewell, Sr. | Danny J. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Dominguez Hills | 5/19/2017 |
| Balabanis | Homer P. | Doctor of Fine Arts | Humboldt | 6/15/1985 |
| Baldessari | John | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Diego | 5/17/2003 |
| Baltimore | David | Doctor of Science | San Luis Obispo | 9/28/2001 |
| Barabba | Vincent P. | Doctor of Laws | Northridge | 5/24/2012 |
| Barclay | David | Doctor of Humane Letters | Dominguez Hills | 5/24/1997 |
| Barker | Betty M. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/17/2010 |
| Barron | Arthur | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/24/1998 |
| Barty | Billy | Doctor of Humane Letters | Los Angeles | 6/10/1995 |
| Bassett | Leslie | Doctor of Fine Arts | Fresno | 5/23/2009 |
| Baxter | Marvin R. | Doctor of Laws | Fresno | 5/16/2015 |
| Bayless | Glenda M. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 12/10/2011 |
| Bear | Joseph E. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Marcos | 5/15/2015 |
| Bechtel Jr. | Stephen | Doctor of Humane Letters | East Bay | 6/13/2014 |
| Beckman | Arnold O. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fullerton | 5/26/1984 |
| Benedetti | Gene M. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sonoma | 5/20/1995 |
| Bengu | Sisbusiso M. E. | Doctor of Laws | Sacramento | 7/17/1996 |
| Bening | Annette | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Francisco | 5/22/2015 |
| Bently | Donald E. | Doctor of Science | San Luis Obispo | 6/16/2007 |
| Berk | James | Doctor of Fine Arts | Northridge | 5/24/2011 |
| Bernardo | Jose | Doctor of Humane Letters | Stanislaus | 6/5/2010 |
| Black | Dan | Doctor of Science | Fullerton | 5/20/2007 |
| Blake | Bishop Charles E. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Los Angeles | 6/12/2010 |
| Bleich | Jeffrey L. | Doctor of Laws | San Francisco | 5/21/2011 |
| Bloom | Gary L. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Luis Obispo | 6/12/2010 |

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| Boccardo | James F. | Doctor of Laws | San José | 5/24/2003 |
| Bolden | Charles F. | Doctor of Science | San Diego | 5/18/2003 |
| Bond | Julian | Doctor of Humane Letters | Monterey Bay | 5/22/1999 |
| Bonderson | Paul R., Jr. | Doctor of Science | San Luis Obispo | 6/16/2007 |
| Bookstein | Harvey Alan | Doctor of Humane Letters | Northridge | 5/22/2016 |
| Boswell | James W. | Doctor of Science | San Luis Obispo | 6/16/2013 |
| Boyce | Phillip R. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 5/27/2017 |
| Boyer | Ernest L. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Chico | 5/22/1988 |
| Brinker | Norman | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/21/2005 |
| Broome | John Spoor | Doctor of Humane Letters | Channel Islands | 5/21/2005 |
| Brophy | Roy T. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 5/23/1987 |
| Brosnahan | James J. | Doctor of Laws | San Francisco | 5/27/2006 |
| Brown | Andreas | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Diego | 5/21/2005 |
| Brown | Corrick | Doctor of Fine Arts | Sonoma | 5/22/1999 |
| Brown | Edmund G. "Pat" | Doctor of Laws | Los Angeles | 6/11/1982 |
| Brown | Jack H. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/19/2005 |
| Brown | Lee Patrick | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/27/1994 |
| Brown | Harold | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/13/2017 |
| Brown | Willie | Doctor of Laws | San Francisco | 5/29/2004 |
| Brown Sr. | Hardy | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/14/2014 |
| Burciaga | Jose | Doctor of Humane Letters | Monterey Bay | 5/24/1997 |
| Burke | James L. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Bakersfield | 6/14/1997 |
| Burnham | Malin | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/23/2009 |
| Burr | Raymond | Doctor of Fine Arts | Sonoma | 5/28/1993 |
| Cage | Nicolas | Doctor of Fine Arts | Fullerton | 5/25/2001 |
| Caldwell | Tracy | Doctor of Science | Fullerton | 5/17/2008 |
| Cameron | James | Doctor of Fine Arts | Fullerton | 5/29/1999 |
| Cannon | Louis "Lou" | Doctor of Humane Letters | Channel Islands | 5/18/2013 |
| Cano | Natividad "Nati" | Doctor of Humane Letters | Los Angeles | 6/13/2015 |
| Capps | Lois | Doctor of Laws | San Luis Obispo | 6/17/2017 |
| Cardenas | Jesus & Luz | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/14/2014 |
| Caret | Robert L. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 5/29/2004 |
| Carlos | John | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 5/28/2005 |
| Carlsen | Dale | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sacramento | 5/24/2013 |
| Carpenter | Richard | Doctor of Fine Arts | Long Beach | 5/26/2000 |
| Casey | Peter William | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Francisco | 5/25/2017 |
| Cha | Jun-Boo | Doctor of Humane Letters | Dominguez Hills | 5/27/1995 |
| Chambers | John | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 4/26/2013 |
| Chang | Iris | Doctor of Humane Letters | Hayward* | 6/12/2004 |
| Chang | Yung Fa | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 9/13/1990 |
| Change | Gareth C.C. | Doctor of Science | Fullerton | 5/26/2001 |
| Channing | Carol | Doctor of Fine Arts | Stanislaus | 5/29/2004 |
| Chen | John | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 5/23/2008 |
| Cherng | Andrew J.C. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Pomona | 6/14/2008 |
| Child | Julia | Doctor of Humane Letters | Pomona | 12/1/2000 |
| Chisholm | Shirley | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/22/1999 |

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| Chouinard | Malinda | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/19/2007 |
| Christopher | Roy | Doctor of Fine Arts | Fresno | 5/19/2007 |
| Christopher | Warren | Doctor of Laws | Los Angeles | 6/9/2007 |
| Cisneros | Evelyn | Doctor of Fine Arts | Monterey Bay | 5/23/1998 |
| Cisneros | Henry G. | Doctor of Laws | Dominguez Hills | 5/21/2010 |
| Clark | William | Doctor of Letters | San José | 5/23/1992 |
| Clinton | Hillary Rodham | Doctor of Laws | San Francisco | 5/27/1995 |
| Codding | Constance | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sonoma | 5/21/2017 |
| Cohn | Hillel | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/17/2017 |
| Cole | Robert Judson | Doctor of Fine Arts | Long Beach | 5/6/2015 |
| Cole | Regena Cummings | Doctor of Fine Arts | Long Beach | 5/6/2015 |
| Colley, Sr. | Nathaniel S. | Doctor of Laws | Sacramento | 5/21/1988 |
| Collins | James A. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Pomona | 6/13/1992 |
| Colwell | Rita | Doctor of Science | San Luis Obispo | 9/28/2001 |
| Considine, Jr. | R. J. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Luis Obispo | 6/12/1999 |
| Contreras-Sweet | Maria | Doctor of Humane Letters | Los Angeles | 6/10/2016 |
| Cook | Lodwick M. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Dominguez Hills | 2/21/1995 |
| Cortines | Ramon C. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 5/27/1989 |
| Coryell | Don | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/22/2010 |
| Cotchett | Joseph W. | Doctor of Laws | San Luis Obispo | 6/15/2002 |
| Coussoulis | Nicholas J. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/21/2009 |
| Covin | Adele | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 5/25/2013 |
| Cox | Carol A. | Doctor of Laws | San Marcos | 5/15/2010 |
| Craig | Sidney Harvey | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/22/1993 |
| Curb | Mike | Doctor of Fine Arts | Northridge | 5/19/2009 |
| Dalis | Irene | Doctor of Fine Arts | San José | 5/29/1999 |
| Dangermond | Jack | Doctor of Humane Letters | Pomona | 6/11/2005 |
| Danziger | Robert Nathan | Doctor of Fine Arts | Monterey Bay | 9/14/2011 |
| Davidson | Charles W. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 4/25/2014 |
| Davis | Belva | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sonoma | 5/22/2004 |
| Davis | Richard K. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fullerton | 5/17/2014 |
| de Bellis | Frank V. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 6/11/1965 |
| de Souza | Heitor Gurgulino | Doctor of Laws | Sacramento | 7/17/1996 |
| Dees | Morris | Doctor of Laws | San Francisco | 5/23/2009 |
| DeFrantz | Anita L. | Doctor of Laws | Dominguez Hills | 5/25/1996 |
| Dell | Cheryl Ebright | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sacramento | 5/20/2017 |
| Dellums | Ronald V. | Doctor of Laws | Hayward* | 6/10/2000 |
| Deukmejian | George | Doctor of Laws | Long Beach | 5/29/2008 |
| DeYoung | Michelle | Doctor of Fine Arts | Northridge | 5/18/2010 |
| Dezember | Rayburn S. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Bakersfield | 6/8/1996 |
| Dilsaver | Evelyn | Doctor of Humane Letters | East Bay | 6/12/2016 |
| Disney | Roy | Doctor of Humane Letters | The Maritime Academy | 4/26/2008 |
| Dobbs | Mary Carolyn | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/22/2004 |
| Dugan | Regina E. | Doctor of Science | Fullerton | 5/22/2011 |
| Dumke | Glenn S. | Doctor of Laws | San Francisco | 5/29/1982 |
| Duncan | Robert E. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/25/1996 |

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| Dunham | C. Alden | Doctor of Humane Letters | Office of the Chancellor | 9/20/1976 |
| Durazo | Maria Elena | Doctor of Humane Letters | Los Angeles | 6/14/2014 |
| Dwight | Herbert McGilvray | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sonoma | 5/26/2001 |
| Edelman | Marian Wright | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 5/29/1993 |
| Edwards | Lori L. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/18/2016 |
| Edwards | Mark C. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/18/2016 |
| Edwards | Harry | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 5/28/2016 |
| Eisner | Michael D. | Doctor of Fine Arts | Northridge | 6/3/2005 |
| English | Floyd | Doctor of Science | Chico | 5/21/2005 |
| Enomoto | Dorothy Stevens | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sacramento | 5/25/2001 |
| Epstein | Norman | Doctor of Laws | Dominguez Hills | 5/28/1999 |
| Escalante | Jaime A. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Los Angeles | 6/9/1990 |
| Esparza | Ofelia | Doctor of Humane Letters | Los Angeles | 6/11/2016 |
| Evans | Gregory Clark | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Marcos | 5/21/2016 |
| Farr | Samuel Sharon | Doctor of Laws | Monterey Bay | 5/20/2017 |
| Farrer | John | Doctor of Fine Arts | Bakersfield | 6/13/2014 |
| Farris | Vera King | Doctor of Humane Letters | Hayward* | 6/11/1994 |
| Favor | David C. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Chico | 5/22/2010 |
| Feinstein | Michael | Doctor of Fine Arts | Los Angeles | 6/14/1997 |
| Ferlinghetti | Lawrence | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Francisco | 5/22/2015 |
| Field | Mervin | Doctor of Laws | Sonoma | 5/18/1996 |
| Fielding | Michael | Doctor of Humane Letters | Humboldt | 5/17/2008 |
| Figaji | Brian De Lacy | Doctor of Humane Letters | Hayward* | 6/9/2001 |
| Fischler | Franz | Doctor of Laws | Hayward* | 6/14/1997 |
| Fleming | David W. | Doctor of Laws | Northridge | 5/20/2009 |
| Folino | Paul F. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fullerton | 5/23/2010 |
| Fontana | Leo | Doctor of Humane Letters | East Bay | 6/13/2009 |
| Forbes | Bert E. | Doctor of Science | San Luis Obispo | 6/10/2012 |
| Forbes | Candace M. | Doctor of Science | San Luis Obispo | 6/10/2012 |
| Foster | Robert | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 4/24/2015 |
| Fowler | Ron L. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/21/2005 |
| Frank | Richard N. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Pomona | 6/14/2009 |
| Franklin | John Hope | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 5/30/1998 |
| Friedman | Marcy | Doctor of Fine Arts | Sacramento | 5/21/2010 |
| Fuller | Millard | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 5/25/2002 |
| Fuller | R. Buckminster | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 6/10/1966 |
| Gabel | Peter | Doctor of Laws | San Francisco | 5/22/2015 |
| Galbreath | Fred. B. | Doctor of Science | Humboldt | 5/20/1995 |
| Ganz | Claude | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sonoma | 5/23/2009 |
| Garaventa Jr. | Sil | Doctor of Humane Letters | East Bay | 2/25/2011 |
| Garcia | Samuel Ruiz | Doctor of Humane Letters | Monterey Bay | 5/25/2002 |
| Gardner | John W. | Doctor of Laws | San José | 6/13/1969 |
| Garza | Florentino | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/13/2004 |
| George | Susan Elizabeth | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fullerton | 5/30/2004 |
| Gibson | Robert L. | Doctor of Science | San Luis Obispo | 6/12/2004 |

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| Ginter | Marshall Lloyd | Doctor of Science | Chico | 5/22/2004 |
| Glover | Danny | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Francisco | 5/31/1997 |
| Goldman | Richard N. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 5/26/2001 |
| Goldstein | Bernard | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sonoma | 5/31/2003 |
| Gould | Stephen Jay | Doctor of Science | San Luis Obispo | 4/5/2002 |
| Gray | James H. | Doctor of Laws | Long Beach | 5/24/2000 |
| Green | Donald | Doctor of Fine Arts | Sonoma | 5/23/1998 |
| Green | Maureen | Doctor of Fine Arts | Sonoma | 5/23/1998 |
| Gregoire | Ronald W. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Pomona | 6/14/2014 |
| Gregorian | Vartan | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 5/29/2004 |
| Griffeth | William C. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Northridge | 5/19/2017 |
| Grossman | Ken | Doctor of Humane Letters | Chico | 5/25/2008 |
| Grupe, Jr. | Greenlaw | Doctor of Humane Letters | Stanislaus | 5/27/2016 |
| Guerrero | Douglas K. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Chico | 5/21/2017 |
| Guinn | Kenny C. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/22/2010 |
| Hadley | Monica P. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Humboldt | 5/16/1998 |
| Haggard | Merle Ronald | Doctor of Fine Arts | Bakersfield | 6/14/2013 |
| Hall | Harvey L. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Bakersfield | 5/19/2017 |
| Hallowell | Coralein | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/20/2000 |
| Hallowell | James | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/20/2000 |
| Hampton | Claudia H. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Los Angeles | 6/10/1995 |
| Hancock | Herbie | Doctor of Fine Arts | Fresno | 5/24/1997 |
| Hanks | Tom | Doctor of Fine Arts | Sacramento | 5/25/1996 |
| Hanley | Rudy | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fullerton | 5/22/2010 |
| Harer, Jr. | W. Benson | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/16/2001 |
| Harrington | Charles L. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Luis Obispo | 6/11/2016 |
| Harrison | Lou | Doctor of Fine Arts | Sacramento | 5/28/1993 |
| Hart | Donald M. | Master of Public Service | San Luis Obispo | 6/7/1969 |
| Hartenstein | Eddy W. | Doctor of Science | Pomona | 6/14/2014 |
| Hauck | Bill | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 5/24/2014 |
| Hawkins | Augustus F. | Doctor of Laws | Los Angeles | 6/15/1985 |
| Heck | Gary | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sonoma | 5/10/2014 |
| Heilbron | Louis H. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 5/28/1988 |
| Hemmings | Peter | Doctor of Fine Arts | Northridge | 6/1/2000 |
| Herrera | Juan Felipe | Doctor of Literature | Fresno | 5/21/2016 |
| Hixon | Helene A. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/18/2015 |
| Hixon | Philip E. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/18/2015 |
| Holt | Lester | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sacramento | 5/23/2015 |
| Horowitz | Scott | Doctor of Science | Northridge | 5/29/1997 |
| Hosseini | Khaled | Doctor of Fine Arts | East Bay | 6/14/2009 |
| Hostler | Charles W. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/21/2010 |
| Huerta | Dolores C. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Northridge | 5/29/2002 |
| Hunter | Richard E. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Marcos | 5/17/2003 |
| Huntley | Don B. | Doctor of Science | Pomona | 6/13/2009 |
| Hurwitz | T. Alan | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/10/2013 |
| Husband | James | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Marcos | 5/15/2004 |

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| Iacobellis | Sam F. | Doctor of Science | Fresno | 5/20/2006 |
| Inamori | Kazuo | Doctor of Science | San Diego | 4/5/2011 |
| Inghram | Dorothy | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/14/2003 |
| Ireland | Kathleen Marie | Doctor of Humane Letters | Channel Islands | 5/19/2012 |
| Isenberg | Phillip L. | Doctor of Laws | Sacramento | 5/24/2002 |
| Jackson | Anthony L. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 5/28/2011 |
| Jacobs | Irwin | Doctor of Science | San Diego | 8/26/2006 |
| Jealous | Benjamin | Doctor of Humane Letters | Monterey Bay | 5/21/2016 |
| Jenkins | David | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 5/30/1992 |
| Jensen | Rodger B. and Margaret | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/22/2010 |
| Johanson | Richard A. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/21/2005 |
| Johnson | Grantland | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sacramento | 5/26/2001 |
| Johnson | Robert A. | Doctor of Science | Sonoma | 5/28/2011 |
| Johnson | Walter | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 5/24/2008 |
| Johnston | Patrick | Doctor of Humane Letters | Stanislaus | 5/31/2003 |
| Johnstone | D. Bruce | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 8/20/1997 |
| Jordan | I. King | Doctor of Humane Letters | Hayward* | 6/10/1995 |
| Kahane | Jeffrey | Doctor of Fine Arts | Sonoma | 5/28/2005 |
| Karcher | Donald F. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fullerton | 9/25/1992 |
| Karpe | Robert W. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Bakersfield | 6/11/2005 |
| Kassing | Don | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 5/24/2008 |
| Kearney | William J. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Channel Islands | 5/16/2015 |
| Kellogg | Janet R. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Marcos | 5/29/1999 |
| Kellogg | Will Keith | Doctor of Humane Letters | Pomona | 11/12/1998 |
| Kellogg II | W. Keith | Doctor of Humane Letters | Pomona | 6/12/1994 |
| Kennedy | John F. | Doctor of Laws | San Diego | 6/6/1963 |
| Kennedy | Kathleen | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Diego | 5/15/2004 |
| Keppel | Francis | Doctor of Humane Letters | Los Angeles | 5/15/1964 |
| Kern | Albert | Doctor of Science | San Marcos | 5/17/2008 |
| King | Billy Jean | Doctor of Humane Letters | Los Angeles | 6/14/1997 |
| Klein | Robert N. | Doctor of Laws | Humboldt | 5/12/2012 |
| Kochiyama | Yuri | Doctor of Humane Letters | East Bay | 6/12/2010 |
| Kondos | Gregory | Doctor of Fine Arts | Sacramento | 5/21/2016 |
| Korematsu | Fred | Doctor of Laws | Hayward* | 6/8/1996 |
| Kramek | Robert E. | Doctor of Science | The Maritime Academy | 5/2/2009 |
| Kriens | Scott | Doctor of Humane Letters | East Bay | 6/14/2009 |
| Lacayo | Henry L. "Hank" | Doctor of Humane Letters | Channel Islands | 5/19/2012 |
| Ladouceur | Robert E. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 5/23/2015 |
| Lagomarsino | Robert J. | Doctor of Laws | Channel Islands | 5/21/2005 |
| Lanahan | Daniel J. | Doctor of Laws | Sonoma | 5/26/2007 |
| Lane | Jane | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Luis Obispo | 6/15/2008 |
| Lane, Jr. | L. William "Bill" | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Luis Obispo | 6/15/2008 |
| Lang | Linda A. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/18/2013 |
| Lasorda | Tommy | Doctor of Humane Letters | Long Beach | 5/27/1998 |
| Lavin | Leonard H. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/18/2012 |

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| Lawson, Jr. | Rev. James M. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Northridge | 5/23/2016 |
| LeBaron | Gaye | Doctor of Letters | Sonoma | 5/20/1995 |
| Leiweke | Timothy J. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Dominguez Hills | 5/23/2003 |
| Leonard | William E. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/16/2007 |
| Leon-Portilla | Miguel | Doctor of Letters | San Diego | 5/3/2002 |
| Lerner | Sandra | Doctor of Science | Chico | 5/19/2012 |
| Leung | Winnie | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sacramento | 5/26/2007 |
| Lewitzky | Bella | Doctor of Fine Arts | Long Beach | 5/30/1997 |
| Lieberman | Ann | Doctor of Humane Letters | Northridge | 5/30/1997 |
| Linkletter | Arthur G. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/24/1998 |
| Linscheid | A. Robert | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 5/27/2016 |
| Lipinsky | Bernard | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/26/1996 |
| Lisagor | Mark | Doctor of Humane Letters | Channel Islands | 5/21/2016 |
| Lizarraga, | David C. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Los Angeles | 6/10/2006 |
| Loker | Katherine B. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Dominguez Hills | 5/28/1999 |
| Longenecker | Martha | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Diego | 5/19/2007 |
| Lopez | Steven M. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 4/29/2011 |
| Lozano | Monica | Doctor of Humane Letters | Dominguez Hills | 5/22/2008 |
| Lucas | Donald | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 4/20/2012 |
| Lucas | Sally | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 4/20/2012 |
| Lucchetti | David | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sacramento | 5/21/2016 |
| Ludwick | Arthur J. | Doctor of Science | Pomona | 6/11/2010 |
| Ludwick | Sarah L. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Pomona | 6/12/2010 |
| Lundberg | Wendell J. | Doctor of Science | Chico | 5/26/2013 |
| Lurie | Connie L. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 5/25/2013 |
| Lyles | William M. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/26/2001 |
| Mack | John | Doctor of Humane Letters | Los Angeles | 6/11/2011 |
| Maddox | Douglas | Doctor of Science | San Luis Obispo | 6/18/2017 |
| Madni | Asad M. | Doctor of Science | Northridge | 5/22/2013 |
| Madonna | Phyllis | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Luis Obispo | 6/13/2015 |
| Madrid | Arturo | Doctor of Humane Letters | Hayward* | 6/12/1993 |
| Magaram | Philip S. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Northridge | 5/28/2003 |
| Malavalli | Kumar | Doctor of Science | East Bay | 6/14/2013 |
| Mallett | Jeffrey | Doctor of Science | San Francisco | 5/27/2016 |
| Maloof | Sam | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Bernardino | 6/16/2007 |
| Mandela | Nelson | Doctor of Laws | San Francisco | 5/31/1997 |
| Mangrum | Bob L. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Marcos | 5/27/2000 |
| Marcus | George M. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 5/21/2011 |
| Mardirosian | Vahac | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/23/1998 |
| Marin | Rosario | Doctor of Laws | Los Angeles | 6/15/2002 |
| Marquez | Ernest D. | Doctor of Science | Fresno | 5/25/2002 |
| Martin | George F. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Bakersfield | 6/12/1999 |
| Martin | Steve | Doctor of Humane Letters | Long Beach | 8/25/1989 |
| Mashouf | Manny | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 5/24/2008 |
| Massey | Walter E. | Doctor of Science | San Luis Obispo | 4/5/2002 |
| Masten | Ric | Doctor of Letters | Monterey Bay | 5/19/2007 |

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| Mathis | John | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Francisco | 5/25/2017 |
| Matsui | Robert T. | Doctor of Laws | Sacramento | 5/20/2006 |
| Matsui | Toshikiyo Andy | Doctor of Science | Monterey Bay | 5/20/2017 |
| Mawby | Russell G. | Doctor of Science | Pomona | 6/10/1989 |
| Mayor | Federico | Doctor of Laws | Sacramento | 7/15/1996 |
| Mays, Jr. | Willie Howard | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 5/23/2009 |
| Mazor | Stanley | Doctor of Science | San Francisco | 5/24/2014 |
| Mbikusita-Lewanika | Inonge | Doctor of Laws | San Luis Obispo | 6/14/2009 |
| McClatchy | James | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/20/2006 |
| McCune | Sara Miller | Doctor of Humane Letters | Channel Islands | 5/14/2016 |
| McEnroe | Paul V. | Doctor of Science | San Luis Obispo | 6/11/2016 |
| McEnroe | Tina Hansen | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Luis Obispo | 6/11/2016 |
| McFadden | Nancy | Doctor of Laws | San José | 5/24/2014 |
| McGarvin | Mike L. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/20/2017 |
| McGrory | Jack | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/14/2017 |
| McGuire | Andrew | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sonoma | 5/18/1996 |
| McNeil | Albert J. | Doctor of Fine Arts | Northridge | 5/28/2003 |
| McPeak | Sunne Wright | Doctor of Humane Letters | Hayward* | 6/13/1998 |
| McPherson | Bruce A. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Luis Obispo | 6/11/2005 |
| McPherson | Charles | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Marcos | 5/16/2015 |
| Mehas | Peter G. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/17/2014 |
| Mehran | Alex | Doctor of Humane Letters | East Bay | 6/12/2011 |
| Mehta | Shailesh | Doctor of Humane Letters | East Bay | 6/17/2007 |
| Mendoza | Joe I. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Channel Islands | 5/20/2017 |
| Menuhin | Yehudi | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Francisco | 5/9/1997 |
| Meyer | Otto E. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 5/26/1990 |
| Mihaylo | Steven G. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fullerton | 5/29/2005 |
| Mineta | Norman | Doctor of Laws | San José | 5/25/2002 |
| Ming | Jenny J. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 5/26/2012 |
| Monville III | Louis G. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/17/2017 |
| Morales | Dionicio | Doctor of Humane Letters | Los Angeles | 6/6/2008 |
| Moreno | Rita | Doctor of Fine Arts | East Bay | 6/1/2007 |
| Morgan | Joe | Doctor of Humane Letters | East Bay | 6/14/2008 |
| Morris | Emory W. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Pomona | 6/7/1969 |
| Morris | Gwynna M. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Humboldt | 5/18/2002 |
| Moses | Ingrid | Doctor of Letters | Sacramento | 5/23/2003 |
| Munger | Lajpat Rai | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/17/2003 |
| Munitz | Barry | Doctor of Humane Letters | Los Angeles | 6/10/2000 |
| Murguía | Janet | Doctor of Humane Letters | Dominguez Hills | 5/20/2011 |
| Musco | Sebastian Paul | Doctor of Humane Letters | Stanislaus | 5/12/2007 |
| Nettleton | Steve G. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Chico | 5/24/2003 |
| Neuerburg | Norman | Doctor of Fine Arts | Dominguez Hills | 5/23/1998 |
| Neuman | Susan B. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Hayward* | 6/15/2002 |
| Nickerson | Ruth Marie | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/21/2005 |
| Nishizu | Clarence Iwao | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fullerton | 5/29/1999 |

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| Noel | Craig R. | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Diego | 5/20/2006 |
| Noski | Charles H. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Northridge | 6/1/2007 |
| Obershaw | Charles | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/18/2006 |
| Obershaw | Shelby | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/18/2006 |
| Obledo | Mario G. | Doctor of Laws | Sacramento | 5/22/2010 |
| O'Connell | Jack T. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Channel Islands | 5/21/2011 |
| O'Connell | John F. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Chico | 5/26/1985 |
| Oliphant | Richard R. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/16/2006 |
| Oliver | Charles R. | Doctor of Science | Pomona | 6/6/1996 |
| Olmos | Edward James | Doctor of Fine Arts | Fresno | 5/25/1996 |
| O'Neill | Paul H. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/22/1999 |
| Oppenheimer | Peter | Doctor of Science | San Luis Obispo | 6/9/2012 |
| Orfalea | Paul J. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Luis Obispo | 6/16/2007 |
| Orfila | Alejandro | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Marcos | 9/23/2014 |
| Osher | Barbro | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 5/19/2012 |
| Osher | Bernard A. | Doctor of Humane Letters | East Bay | 6/11/2011 |
| Pachon | Harry P. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Los Angeles | 6/12/2004 |
| Packard | Julie | Doctor of Science | Monterey Bay | 5/17/2014 |
| Palomino | Ernesto R. | Doctor of Fine Arts | Fresno | 5/20/2017 |
| Panetta | Leon | Doctor of Humane Letters | Monterey Bay | 5/24/1997 |
| Panetta | Sylvia M. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Monterey Bay | 5/21/2016 |
| Pappas | Harry | Doctor of Humane Letters | Stanislaus | 5/31/2008 |
| Pardee | J. Douglas | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Marcos | 5/21/2011 |
| Parisi | Joseph | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 5/25/2013 |
| Parisi | Nicki | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 5/25/2013 |
| Park | Hae | Doctor of Humane Letters | Pomona | 6/16/2013 |
| Patterson | Isabel | Doctor of Humane Letters | Long Beach | 5/31/1995 |
| Payne | L. Robert | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/19/2012 |
| Perenchio | A. Jerrold | Doctor of Fine Arts | Fresno | 5/21/2011 |
| Peres | Shimon | Doctor of Laws | San Diego | 8/20/1997 |
| Pérez | Roy M. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 4/4/2012 |
| Perkins | Neale | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/14/2008 |
| Perle | George | Doctor of Fine Arts | Sacramento | 5/25/1996 |
| Person | Evert B. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sonoma | 5/28/1993 |
| Peters | Leon S. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/24/1997 |
| Peters | Pete | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/17/2008 |
| Petrucci | Vincent E. | Doctor of Science | Fresno | 5/28/1994 |
| Pitchess | Peter J. | Doctor of Laws | Office of the Chancellor | 7/20/1994 |
| Polese | Kim | Doctor of Humane Letters | East Bay | 6/11/2011 |
| Polonsky | Abraham | Doctor of Humane Letters | Northridge | 5/27/1998 |
| Power III | James David | Doctor of Humane Letters | Northridge | 6/3/1999 |
| Prebys | Conrad T. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 6/3/2015 |
| Price | Sol | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/18/2003 |
| Price | Robert E. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 6/6/2014 |

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| Qasimi | Sheikha Lubna Bint Khalid Al | Doctor of Science | Chico | 5/24/2009 |
| Qöyawayma | Alfred E. | Doctor of Science | San Luis Obispo | 6/15/2013 |
| Quintero | Jose | Doctor of Fine Arts | Fullerton | 5/28/1989 |
| Rapoport Caplan | Frieda | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Luis Obispo | 6/14/2014 |
| Rattigan | Joseph A. | Doctor of Laws | Sonoma | 5/27/1994 |
| Rawlins | Jack L. | Doctor of Science | Chico | 4/11/2007 |
| Raymond | Jack | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Marcos | 5/17/2008 |
| Razi | Ali | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/15/2002 |
| Reischauer | Edwin O. | Doctor of Laws | San Diego | 4/1/1968 |
| Reynoso | Cruz | Doctor of Laws | Sacramento | 5/18/2012 |
| Richards | Lloyd | Doctor of Humane Letters | Dominguez Hills | 5/22/1993 |
| Richter | Elmer | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/23/1998 |
| Riley | Richard W. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sacramento | 12/14/2001 |
| Rios | Rosie | Doctor of Laws | East Bay | 6/11/2017 |
| Rivlin | Alice Mitchell | Doctor of Laws | Monterey Bay | 5/19/2012 |
| Roberts | Terrence J. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Marcos | 4/22/2014 |
| Rodda | Albert S. | Doctor of Laws | Sacramento | 5/23/1987 |
| Rodriguez | Henry | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Marcos | 6/3/2001 |
| Rogers | John Stuart | Doctor of Humane Letters | Stanislaus | 5/28/2005 |
| Rogers | June | Doctor of Humane Letters | Stanislaus | 5/28/2005 |
| Rollins | Edward | Doctor of Humane Letters | Chico | 5/18/2012 |
| Rosas | Hugo Morales | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/22/1999 |
| Rosas | Hugo Noe Morales | Doctor of Fine Arts | Sacramento | 5/20/2011 |
| Roscoe | Patricia L. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/16/2014 |
| Rosser | Cotton | Doctor of Science | San Luis Obispo | 6/16/2013 |
| Rossi | Robin L. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Luis Obispo | 6/13/2009 |
| Roybal | Edward R. | Doctor of Laws | Los Angeles | 6/13/1998 |
| Rudee | Helen B. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sonoma | 5/18/1996 |
| Rutan | Burt | Doctor of Science | San Luis Obispo | 6/30/1987 |
| Saenz | Thomas A. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Los Angeles | 5/20/2017 |
| Salinas | María Elena | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fullerton | 5/22/2016 |
| Salka | Susan R. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/13/2016 |
| Sanchez | Rafael | Doctor of Humane Letters | Chico | 5/19/2007 |
| Sanders | Jerry | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/17/2013 |
| Santuccio | John | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Marcos | 5/15/2004 |
| Schatz | Louis W. | Doctor of Science | Humboldt | 5/21/1994 |
| Schilling | Stephen W. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Bakersfield | 6/10/2016 |
| Schlegal | John P. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 5/27/2000 |
| Schulz | Jean Forsyth | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sonoma | 5/27/1994 |
| Seaborg | Glenn Theodore | Doctor of Laws | San Diego | 6/10/1966 |
| Segovia | Andres | Doctor of Humane Letters | Northridge | 2/18/1983 |
| Seidner | Cheryl | Doctor of Humane Letters | Humboldt | 5/17/2008 |
| Selvin | David F. | Doctor of Laws | San Francisco | 5/27/2000 |
| Shankar | Ravi | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Marcos | 8/22/2001 |

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| Sharp | Larry | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/15/2008 |
| Shehadey | Larry A. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/25/2002 |
| Sherratt | Richard H. | Doctor of Humane Letters | East Bay | 6/16/2012 |
| Shiley | Darlene | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Diego | 5/24/2008 |
| Shultz | Charlotte Mailliard | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Francisco | 5/27/2016 |
| Silbert | Mimi Halper | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Francisco | 5/29/1993 |
| Simons | Ronald R. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Pomona | 6/10/2012 |
| Simpkins | Alan | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 5/26/1996 |
| Simpkins | Phyllis Forward | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 5/26/1996 |
| Sinegal | James | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/22/1999 |
| Sinise | Gary Alan | Doctor of Fine Arts | Stanislaus | 10/25/2008 |
| Sitton | Judy Lynn | Doctor of Humane Letters | Chico | 5/25/2003 |
| Siva | Ernest H. | Doctor of Fine Arts | San Bernardino | 6/20/2009 |
| Skorepa | Andrea | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/12/2017 |
| Slaughter | John Brooks | Doctor of Science | San Luis Obispo | 6/15/2002 |
| Smiley | Tavis | Doctor of Humane Letters | Dominguez Hills | 5/23/2008 |
| Smith | Anna Deavere | Doctor of Fine Arts | Sacramento | 5/25/1996 |
| Smith | George Walker | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/19/2002 |
| Smith | Gil D. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Dominguez Hills | 5/18/2007 |
| Smith | Margaret Chase | Doctor of Laws | Northridge | 5/31/1974 |
| Smith | Osborne Earl | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Luis Obispo | 6/14/2003 |
| Smith | Tommie | Doctor of Humane Letters | San José | 5/28/2005 |
| Smittcamp | Earl S. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Fresno | 5/27/1995 |
| Smothers | Richard | Doctor of Fine Arts | San José | 5/27/2000 |
| Smothers | Thomas | Doctor of Fine Arts | San José | 5/27/2000 |
| Soares | George | Doctor of Laws | San Luis Obispo | 6/14/2008 |
| Spaght | Monroe E. | Doctor of Laws | Humboldt | 6/4/1965 |
| Spanos | Alex G. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Luis Obispo | 6/12/2004 |
| Sperber | Stuart | Doctor of Science | Pomona | 6/9/2007 |
| Spetzler | Herrmann | Doctor of Humane Letters | Humboldt | 5/17/2014 |
| Spidell | Janet | Doctor of Humane Letters | Long Beach | 5/29/2008 |
| Spidell | Robert | Doctor of Humane Letters | Long Beach | 5/29/2008 |
| Stanford | Dwight E. | Doctor of Laws | San Diego | 5/20/2002 |
| Steinhauser | Christopher J. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Long Beach | 5/17/2016 |
| Stennis | Michael D. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Monterey Bay | 5/26/2001 |
| Steppe | Cecil H. | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Marcos | 5/20/2017 |
| Stiern | Walter W. | Doctor of Laws | Bakersfield | 6/14/1986 |
| Stockton | Dave | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Bernardino | 6/17/2012 |
| Stolman | Edward R. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sonoma | 5/31/2003 |
| Stone | Irving | Doctor of Literature | Office of the Chancellor | 3/22/1971 |
| Stork | Gil | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Luis Obispo | 6/17/2017 |
| Storm | Alvena | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/26/1996 |
| Suarez | Rafael A. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Monterey Bay | 5/16/2009 |
| Swanson | William H. | Doctor of Science | San Luis Obispo | 6/11/2005 |
| Szekely | Deborah | Doctor of Humane Letters | San Diego | 5/18/2007 |

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| Takei | George H. | Doctor of Humane Letters | Los Angeles | 6/10/2016 |
| Tamayo | William "Willie" | Doctor of Humane Letters | Sonoma | 5/20/2017 |
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