



COMMENCEMENT

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Iowa City, Iowa

THE UNIVERSITY
OF IOWA

HONORARY DEGREES

The University of Iowa confers honorary degrees to individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary achievements in such areas as research, scholarship, education, artistic creation, social activism, human rights, or humanitarian outreach. Nominations are made by the faculty, with selections approved by the Provost and the Board of Regents, State of Iowa.

Honorary degrees have been awarded to the following individuals:

Marvin Pomerantz, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, December 2007

Ignacio Ponseti, Honorary Doctor of Science, December 2007

Robert Solow, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, May 2008

Himie Voxman, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, December 2008

Johan Hultin, Honorary Doctor of Science, May 2009

Henry B. Tippie, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, December 2009

Tom Brokaw, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, May 2010

Robert Hass, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, May 2010

John Pappajohn, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, May 2010

C. Vivian Stringer, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, May 2010

Gregs Thomopoulos, Honorary Doctor of Science, May 2010

Arthur A. Neu, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, December 2010

The University of Iowa is pleased to make the following awards in May 2011:

RICHARD (DICK) MYERS, HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS:

Richard (Dick) Myers was educated at The University of Iowa, Iowa State University, and Kirkwood Community College. Following service in the U.S. Army, he founded the Hawk I Truck Stop in Coralville and later Hawk I Harley Davidson. His service on numerous voluntary and elected councils and boards led to his election in 1994 to the Iowa House of Representatives, where he became House Minority Leader. Gaining bipartisan trust and respect, he focused on education, small business, agriculture, and local government. Mr. Myers has long been an advocate for public higher education in general and the UI in particular, working actively to educate others about the value of higher education to the community and the importance of scientific research. He has spoken with many UI classes about the connections between the statehouse and local communities. Mr. Myers continues to advocate for higher education, and to assist the UI on such matters as general operating funding, capital projects, and operational issues.

JERRE STEAD, HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS:

Jerre L. Stead earned a BBA from The University of Iowa in 1965 and is a graduate of the Harvard University Advanced Management Program in Switzerland. After holding numerous executive positions with other technology and information firms, he is currently Chairman and CEO of IHS Inc., which provides information and insight services to businesses worldwide. Known as a leader who displays the highest standard of ethics and focuses on the values of teamwork, respect, accountability, integrity, and innovation, Mr. Stead has served on 34 corporate and several nonprofit boards and was honored by the Outstanding Directors Exchange as one of its 2009 Outstanding Directors. It was thanks to his vision and support that the UI Tippie College of Business established the Stead Technology Services Group. He also teaches in Tippie's Executive MBA Program. Currently, Mr. Stead and his wife, Mary Joy, serve as co-chairs of the "Iowa First" development campaign, which aims to raise \$500 million in support of UI Health Care's academic and clinical missions.