



January 9, 2017

Dear colleagues,

The Office of Faculty Governance, on behalf of the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Special Awards, is now accepting candidates for UNC honorary degrees to be awarded at the 2018 May Commencement ceremony.



A maximum of five of these prestigious awards will be given to recognize individuals who have rendered outstanding service to humanity in the world arena, in our nation, in the American South, or our State of North Carolina; people who have made outstanding contributions to knowledge in the world of scholarship; people whose talent and creativity in the world of the arts has enriched our lives; and people whose devotion to and support of our University merits our highest recognition.

It is important to note that members of the Board of Governors or staff of the University of North Carolina or any of its constituent institutions are not eligible. These persons become eligible two years after termination of such status. Awards are not conferred in absentia or posthumously.

The deadline for nominations this year is **February 24, 2017**

Full information about this award, including criteria, eligibility, and the process for submitting a nomination is available at <https://facultygov.unc.edu/awards/honorary-degrees/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve W. Matson".

Steve W. Matson

Chair of the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Special Awards

Professor of Biology  
Dean of The Graduate School

*Pictured above: Honorary Degree Recipients (left to right: Paul Fulton, Jr., Anne-Marie Slaughter, Sandra Cisneros, Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, and Nell Irvin Painter) stand with Chancellor Carol L. Folt before the Spring Commencement ceremony on May 8, 2016 at Kenan Stadium at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Melanie Busbee/UNC-Chapel Hill).*

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