

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES AND OTHER FORMS OF RECOGNITION

To: Members of the University Community

From: Marion Buller, Chancellor and Chair, Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Recognition

Date: February 2, 2026

Re: Call for Nominations: Honorary Degrees at the University of Victoria

We invite you to consider nominating an individual you believe to be a worthy recipient of an honorary degree from the University of Victoria. These degrees offer the university an opportunity to recognize and celebrate individuals who have made remarkable contributions to society and reflect the values we uphold as a scholarly community.

Recent honourees include Robert Amos (DFA, November 2025), Maureen Maloney (LLD, November 2025), the Honorable Janet Austin (LLD, June 2025), Christopher Richard Barnes (DSc, June 2025), Simon Keith (LLD, June 2025), whose accomplishments span a wide range of fields and reflect excellence in leadership, service, scholarship, and impact.

The Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Recognition warmly welcomes your suggestions of candidates who embody exceptional achievement. While nominations are welcome from all geographic regions and nationalities, we especially encourage consideration of individuals with a meaningful connection to British Columbia or to the University of Victoria. The committee is committed to ensuring a diversity of voices and backgrounds among honourees, and we strongly encourage nominations that reflect this commitment. The deadline for submission of nominations for consideration at the next meeting of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Recognition is **March 20, 2026**.

Full details, including the committee's terms of reference, nomination procedures, and the Honorary Degree Nomination Form, can be found online at:
<http://www.uvic.ca/universitysecretary/senate/honorary/index.php>.

Each nomination package should include:

- A letter outlining the nominee's achievements and why they merit recognition by the University of Victoria.
 - Information, as relevant, on the nominee's professional accomplishments, scholarly or creative work, community engagement, leadership, and recognitions.
 - A current biography and curriculum vitae.
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Please note that all deliberations of the Committee are confidential. Nominee must not be informed of their nomination to avoid disappointment should the nomination not be successful.

Nomination packages may be submitted to:

Associate University Secretary

Office of the University Secretary

Room A138, Michael Williams Building

For further information, please contact Ada Saab, Associate University Secretary at 721-8104 or asaab@uvic.ca.

On behalf of the Committee, thank-you in advance for your thoughtful nominations. We look forward to reviewing your submissions.