

# **ACTION ITEM #1**

Honorary Doctoral Degree Selection Committee  
(Dr. Erica Weintraub Austin, Committee Chair)

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Honorary Doctoral Degree, 2025

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents consider and confer two candidates for Honorary Doctoral Degrees from Washington State University.

SUBMITTED BY: Dr. Erica Weintraub Austin, Committee Chair  
Honorary Doctoral Degree Selection Committee 2024/2025

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: Members of the Honorary Doctoral Degree Committee met recently to review eleven nominations for Honorary Doctoral Degrees. After careful deliberation, the committee was pleased to present two outstanding candidates to President Kirk Schulz and the Faculty Senate Steering Committee to consider for recommendation to the Board of Regents.

With the unanimous approval of President Schulz and the entire Faculty Senate Steering Committee, it is my honor to present two candidates to the WSU Board of Regents for consideration as recipients of an Honorary Doctoral Degree:

The Honorary Doctoral Degree is an award of the highest esteem to be presented to individuals who have made a profound and enduring contribution to their field of scholarship and improved quality of life to society at large. Recipients are individuals of great integrity whose work will enhance the intellectual climate of Washington State University.

The selection committee has determined these individuals have made tremendous contributions of significant impact locally, nationally, and globally. Their lives' missions continue to inspire our students at Washington State University and exemplify WSU's mission and Strategic Plan as a Land Grant University.

ATTACHMENTS: Nomination Submission Materials