MEMORANDUM

TO: University of Oklahoma Board of Regents  
University of Oklahoma Alumni Association  
University of Oklahoma Foundation  
Executive Officers  
Deans, Directors, and Chairs – Norman Campus and Health Science Center  
Faculty Senates, Norman and HSC  
Staff Senates, Norman and HSC  
Student Government Associations, Norman and HSC

FROM: Kyle Harper, Ph.D., Senior Vice President and Provost, Norman Campus  
Chair, Honorary Degrees Screening Committee

CC: James L. Gallogly, President of the University of Oklahoma  
Jason R. Sanders, MD, MBA, Senior Vice President and Provost, HSC  
Honorary Degrees Screening Committee

SUBJECT: Honorary Degrees Nominations  
Deadline: March 15, 2019

DATE: February 12, 2019

By action of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the University of Oklahoma was authorized to confer honorary degrees for the first time in May 1991. Since that time, over 100 outstanding individuals have been honored at Commencement with this distinction, recognizing excellence and elevating the stature of the University. It is now time to begin the nomination, review, and selection process for OU's May 2020 honorary degree recipients.

The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents has authorized honorary degrees to be awarded according to the policy and criteria enclosed with this memorandum, including the following:

- The University will award honorary degrees only in recognition of the extraordinary achievement or in recognition of outstanding contributions to the welfare and/or enrichment of the University, State, nation, or world. A recipient may be any individual who has made outstanding contributions to a field or profession represented at the University.

- Nominations may be made by any individual, although no individual may nominate himself or herself.

- Honorary degrees shall not be conferred on any faculty member, administrator, or other official associated the University before such individual has been separated from the institution for at least two years; nor awarded to any individual currently in state government.

- Honorary degrees will not be awarded in absentia unless extraordinary circumstances exist.
The attached nomination form is due in my office on or before **March 15, 2019**. All nominations will be treated confidentially by the committee.

If you have any questions, please contact Grey Allman or me at 405.325.3221.