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Leadership in Public Higher Education ^[1]

The Leadership in Higher Education award recognizes a public official or other individual in the state of Colorado whose leadership on issues directly affecting public higher education results in significant, positive change.

Criteria

Nominees should be public officials or individuals who have chosen to assume a public role and who exercise leadership in policy-making, including legislation or regulations, for institutions of public higher education. The award will be given annually, as appropriate recipients are identified, and award recipients will be determined by the Executive Committee of the University of Colorado Faculty Council. The award need not be made in any given year. The recipient will be honored in a public ceremony and will receive a plaque as well as a copy of the resolution supporting the award.

Rationale

In times when higher education is under fire nationally-whether in the form of criticisms of faculty, students, or other members of the higher education community; debates about the purpose of higher education in a free, competitive, and value-conflicted society; or economic pressures - some people stand out for their untiring defense of higher education, for their dreams about what higher education can become and the energy that they devote to realizing such dreams, or for the goals that they express and seek to achieve. This award is for such people, those who care deeply about and work unflinchingly to support higher education. Such people are rare, and they should be recognized by those who benefit from their principles and actions.

Previous Winners

- 2005 - Elizabeth Hoffman, President, University of Colorado
- 2008 - Hank Brown, President, University of Colorado
- 2014 - Kathleen Bollard, Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Colorado
- 2015 - Joe Garcia, 48th Lieutenant Governor of Colorado
- 2016 - Brenda J. Allen, Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion, University of Colorado

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