To: Members of the University Community

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Secretary of the University

Subject: Call for 2008 Honorary Degree and Commencement Speaker Nominations

The Faculty Committee on Honorary Degrees, consisting of representatives from all three campuses and chaired by Professor Barbara A. Lee, is now accepting honorary degree and commencement speaker nominations for the University Commencement to be held on May 14, 2008. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, October 6, 2006.

An honorary degree is one of the most prestigious honors the university can bestow on an individual who is not currently a member of its faculty or staff. Nominees should be individuals of outstanding national and international acclaim. They should add to the distinction and tradition of the university and should have attained scholarly excellence or made major contributions to society in other fields. Since the commencement speaker will also be awarded an honorary degree, nominations for a speaker should follow the same guidelines as honorary degree candidates. Nominators should also ensure that all nominees are individuals whose accomplishments support the ideals of Rutgers. Honorary degrees may be awarded in four categories based upon the standards listed below:

- **Doctor of Laws**: Distinguished service to state or to nation, to learning or to humankind, coupled with intellectual gifts and moral qualities that entitle the recipient to rank with persons of culture and high principle.

- **Doctor of Letters or Doctor of Fine Arts**: Distinguished service to letters, art, music or education, coupled with intellectual and moral qualities that are widely recognized.

- **Doctor of Science**: Distinguished service to science, coupled with personal qualities and a kind of learning that entitle the recipient to recognition by a learned educational body of high standing.

- **Doctor of Humane Letters**: Distinguished service of a general nature, coupled with personal qualities and a kind of learning that entitle the recipient to recognition by a learned educational body of high standing.

All members of the university community are invited to nominate candidates for consideration. Beginning this year, information on the honorary degree nomination process is available online at [http://ruweb.rutgers.edu/governance/secretary/hondegrees.shtml](http://ruweb.rutgers.edu/governance/secretary/hondegrees.shtml). Nominations must be submitted using a standardized Honorary Degree and Commencement Speaker Nomination Form along with appropriate biographical information or a curriculum vitae, if available, and/or other supporting material. If you have nominated someone in the past and would like that person to be reconsidered this year, please renominate the individual.
Nominations will be kept confidential. Nominees should not be contacted. You may send
nominations and supporting documentation electronically to duvelssa@oldqueens.rutgers.edu or
by U. S. Postal Service or campus mail to:

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We welcome your participation in this important university process. If you have questions on the
nomination or selection process, please contact me at fehrenbach@oldqueens.rutgers.edu or
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