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HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

- 2007 Frank I. Sanchez, L.H.D., Community Activist and Public Service in New Mexico and the Southwest
- 2007 Joe S. Sando, Litt.D., Noted Author and Scholar in Pueblo and Spanish Colonial History of the Southwest
- 2006 Manuel Lujan, Jr., L.H.D., Political Figure and Lobbyist
- 2006 John Pernovich, L.H.D., Philanthropist and Former President of the University of New Mexico
- 2005 William J. Perry, L.H.D., Linguist and Teacher
- 2005 David Brugge, Litt.D., Anthropologist, Curator, Researcher, and Author
- 2005 Leslie Marmon Silko, Litt.D., Author and Poet
- 2005 Ricardo Montabon, L.H.D., Humanitarian and Actor (Note: Montabon was approved for the honorary degree by Faculty and Regents but was not present to accept.)
- 2004 Denise Chavez, Litt. D., Writer, Actress, Director, Teacher
- 2004 Edward Lewis, L.H.D., Co-founder, Publisher, Chairman and CEO Essence Communications
- 2004 Steward L. Udall, L.L.D., Political Figure, Activist and Scholar of Culture and History of American SW
- 2003 Jimmy Santiago Baca, Litt. D., Poet
- 2003 Klaus Kott, D.Sc., Scientist and Author
- 2002 Simon J. Ortiz, Litt.D., Author and Poet
- 2002 Angela Vachon, L.H.D., Founder of a Therapeutic Preschool
- 2001 N. Scott Momaday, Litt.D., Author
- 2000 John Nichols, Litt.D., Author
- 1999 Sabine R. Libbant, Litt.D., Author, Professor Emeritus, University of New Mexico
- 1999 Bill Richardson, L.D.D., United States Ambassador
- 1997 Angel Gonzalez, Litt.D., Spanish Poet, Professor Emeritus, University of New Mexico
- 1996 Rodolfo Anaya, Litt. D., Author, Professor Emeritus, University of New Mexico
- 1996 Leonora Curtis Palacheimina, L.H.D., Linguist, Writer, Painter
- 1996 George Clayton Pearl, D.F.A., Architect
- 1995 None awarded (Note: Agnes Martin, Artist, was approved by Faculty and Regents for Honorary D.F.A. Degree. She declined the degree. She also declined in 1981.)
- 1994 Henry Roth, Litt.D., Author
- 1993 Robert Creeley, L.H.D., Poet
- 1993 Ferrel Heady, L.L.D., Educator and Former President of the University of New Mexico
- 1992 Andrew S. Cleckanovich, L.H.D., Philanthropist
- 1990 Carl Gorman, L.H.D., Navajo Artist
- 1990 Tony Hillerman, Litt.D., Author
- 1990 Alberto Szekeley, L.L.D., Mexican Ambassador
- 1989 Robert Holzer, S.C.D., Physicist
- 1989 George F. Koehler, L.H.D., Historian (Art of Latin America)
- 1988 Florence Ellis, L.H.D., Anthropologist
- 1988 Stephen Reynolds, L.L.D., State Engineer
- 1987 Elsie Porter, D.F.A., Photographer
- 1986 Frank V. Ortiz, L.L.D., U.S. Ambassador to Argentina
- 1986 John Donald Robb, O.M., Dean Emeritus of Fine Arts
- 1986 Charles Tomlinson, Litt.D., British Poet
- 1985 Richard Diebenkorn, D.F.A., Artist
- 1985 Annie Dodge Wauneka, L.H.D., Native American (Navajo) Civic Leader
- 1985 Paul Alfonson, L.L.D., President of Argentina
1984 David Tenney Kimball, L.H.D., Industrialist
1984 Gordon Randolph Willey, L.H.D., Archaeologist
1983 Nathaniei ... n
1983 Pete V. Domenici, L.H.D., U.S. Senator
1982 Frank Angel, Jr., L.H.D., Educator
1981 Harold Enarson, L.H.D., President, Ohio State University
1981 Douglas Schwartz, Litt.D., Director, School of American Research
1981 Caswell Silver, Sc.D., Geologist
1980 John Lewis, D.Mus., Founder of the Modern Jazz Quartet
1980 Morgan Sparks, Sc.D., President, Sandia Corporation
1980 Chester C. Travensted, L.H.D., Provost Emeritus, University of New Mexico
1979 Arturo Ortega, L.L.D., Attorney, Past University of New Mexico Regent (President)
1979 Louis Rosen, Sc.D., Physicist
1979 Kurt Frederick, D.Mus., Musician
1979 Arturo Ortega, L.L.D., Director, School of American Research
1979 Pablita Velarde, L.H.D., Artist
1978 Frank Waters, Litt.D., Author
1977 Theodore Cooper, Sc.D., U.S. Assistant Secretary for Health
1977 Glason L. Emmons, L.H.D., Banker, Civic Leader, University of New Mexico Alumnus and former Regent of University of New Mexico
1976 Roland C. Raetensmeyer, L.H.D., President, University of Colorado; Engineer
1975 Peter Hunt, L.H.D., Artist
1974 Fray Angelico Chavez, L.H.D., Historian, Poet and former Missionary
1974 Clayton S. White, Sc.D., President/Director, Lovelace Foundation
1973 None awarded
1972 Shirley Mount Huftstetler, L.L.D., Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals
1972 Frances Virden Scholle, L.H.D., Professor Emeritus, History; Former Academic Vice President and Dean of Graduate School at UNM
1972 Ignacio Tinoco, Jr., Sc.D., Professor of Chemistry, University of California at Berkeley
1971 Howard C. Bratton, L.L.D., U.S. District Judge
1971 Raymond Jonson, L.H.D., Artist; Professor Emeritus, Art
1970 Pablita Velarde, L.H.D., Photographer
1970 Reuben G. Gustavson, LL.D., Scientist; Former President, University of Colorado; First President, Resources for the Future
1970 William Morgan, Sr., L.L.D., Navajo Linguist
1969 Tom L. Popejoy, L.L.D., UNM President, 1948-88
1968 Brandt Blanchard, L.H.D., Mathematician
1968 Roman Jakobson, Sc.D., Linguist, Literary Historian, Teacher
1966 Ward Darley, L.L.D., Physicist
1965 Emil Krenek, D.F.A., Composer
1964 Rene d'Harnoncourt, D.F.A., Director, Museum of Modern Art
1964 William Howard Schuman, D.F.A., President, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts
1964 Ezra Taft Benson, Sc.D., President, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
1964 Lulu Wolf Hassenplug, Sc.D., Dean, School of Nursing, UCLA Center for the Health Sciences
1964 Richard Buckminster Fuller, D.F.A., Engineer, Designer, Inventor
1964 William Orville Douglass, LL.D., Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court
1964 Henry Merrill Wrlston, LL.D., Chairmen, The American Assembly, formerly President, Brown University
1964 John Dale Russell, LL.D., Former Executive Secretary, BEF
1964 Georgia O'Keeffe, D.F.A., Artist (Santa Fe)
1964 Robert Moody McKinney, LL.D., Editor and Publisher New Mexican, former Ambassador to Switzerland
1964 Felix Candela, D.F.A., Architect-Engineer (Mexico)
1964 Hugh Besse Woodward, L.L.D., Businessman, Attorney, Conservationist
1964 Agapito Rey, Litt.D., Agapito Rey, Teacher, Author (Tucson, Arizona)
1964 Paul Horgan, Litt.D., Author (Middletown, Conn. And Santa Fe)
1964 John Walter Gruner, Sc.D., Geologist (University of Minnesota)
1963 John Walter Gruner, Sc.D., Geologist (University of Minnesota)
1963 Witter Bynner, Litt.D., Poet (Santa Fe) (degree awarded in absentia)
1963 Horace Marden Albright, L.L.D., Conservationist, Corporation Consultant (U.S. Potash, Los Angeles)
1961 Joseph Wood Krutch, Litt.D., Author (Tucson, Arizona)
1961 Carl Kitchen, Sc.D., Physicist (Albuquerque), U.S. Public Health Service (retired)
1961 Victor Babbin, D.F.A., Composer, Concert Pianist (Tasque)
1961 Arthur Newton Park, L.L.D., President, Charles Lathrop Pack Forestry Foundation
1959 Emil Walter Haury, LL.D., Archaeologist, Chairman, Department of Anthropology and Director, Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona
1959 Estella Ford Warner, Sc.D., Physician (Albuquerque), U.S. Public Health Service (retired)
1958 Carl Michael Richter, Litt.D., Author (Pine Grove, Pennsylvania)
1958 Andrew Dasburg, D.F.A., Artist (Taos)
1958 Harriet Stilman Cosgrove, Sc.D., Archaeologist (Albuquerque)
1957 Frank Harold Hanna Roberts, Jr., L.L.D., Archaeologist (Associate Director, Bureau of Ethnology, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C.)
1957 James Webb Young, L.L.D., Advertising Consultant (Santa Fe)
1956 Thomas Sydney Bell, L.L.D., Attorney, Lumberman, Businessman, Scholar, and Botanist (Pasadena, California)
1956 Howard Riley Raper, D.D.S., L.L.D., Radiodontist, Specialist in Dental X-rays and Diagnostics (Albuquerque, NM)
1955 John Milne, L.L.D., Educator, Superintendent of Schools (Albuquerque, NM)
1955 Francis Fergusonson, Litt.D., Literary Critic, Professor, Department of Comparative Literature, Rutgers University
1955 Paul Alfred Francis Waiter, L.L.D., Banker, Author (Santa Fe)
1955 Judson Eugene Owens, L.L.D., Tax Agent of Santa Fe Railroad
1954 George Gaylord Simpson, Sc.D., Geologist, American Museum of Natural History
1954 George Peter Hammond, L.L.D., Professor of History and Director of the Bancroft Library, University of California
1954 Sam Gilbert Bratton, L.L.D., Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th District
1953 Myrtle Carter, L.L.D., Composer, Concert Pianist (Santa Fe)
1953 Ross Calvin, L.L.D., Rector, St. James Episcopal Church, Scholar and Author (Clovis, NM)
1953 Norris Edwin Bradbury, LL.D., Director, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory
1952 James Stokley Ligon, LL.D., New Mexico Game Department formerly Regional Inspector for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1952 Kenneth Milton Chapman, L.H.D., Professor Emeritus of Indian Art, University of New Mexico
1951 George Boas, LL.D., Professor, History of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University
1950 Harold Walter Stoke, LL.D., President, Louisiana State University
1949 Clyde Kay Nabonee Klurichon, L.H.D., Professor of Anthropology, Harvard University and Director, Russian Research Center, Harvard
1948 J. Anton de Haas, LL.D., Professor of International Relationships, Claremont Men’s College
1947 Clarence Addison Dykstra, LL.D., Provost, University of California, Los Angeles
1947 J. Robert Oppenheimer, Sc.D., Professor of Physics, University of California Institute of Technology (Director, Institute for Advanced Study since October 1947)
1947 Kirk Bryan, Sc.D., Professor Physiography, Harvard
1947 Ernest L. Blumenschein, M.F.A., Painter (Awarded several $1,000 prizes)
1947 Fray Angelico Chavez, M.A., Research in Early New Mexico History (Author)
1946 Robert L. Stearns, LL.D., President, University of Colorado
1946 Vicente Teodulo Mendoza, M.Musi., Mexican Musician and Educator (Music)
1946 Earl Lake Moulton, M.A., President and General Manager, Charles Hild Co.
1946 William Aloysius Keleher, M.A., Lawyer and Author
1946 Howard Landis Bevis, LL.D., President, Ohio State University
1944 None awarded
1944 Ernest T. Pyle, Litt.D., Scripps-Howard War Correspondent
1944 Arfonso Caso y Andrade, Sc.D., Mexican Lawyer and Archaeology Professor
1944 Jaime Tomas Bretel, Litt.D., Minister of Public Education, Mexico
1944 Pablo Martinez del Rio, Litt.D., Mexican Historian and Educator
1944 Alexander Grant Ruthven, L.H.D., President, University of Michigan
1944 Francisco Villagran Prado, Litt.D., Rector National University, Mexico
1944 Rudolfio Brito Foucher, Litt.D., Director, National Preparatory School, National Autonomous University of Mexico
1943 Fabian Garcia, Sc.D., Director, Agricultural Experimental Station, State College, New Mexico
1943 Erma Ferguson, Litt.D., Author
1943 Homer Price Rainey, Litt.D., President, University of Texas
1942 Douglas Wilson Johnson, Litt.D., Professor and Executive Officer, Department of Geology, Columbia University
1942 Joaquin Ortega, Litt.D., Professor and Chairman, Department of Spanish and Portugueese, University of Wisconsin
1941 James Ross McCollum, Litt.D., Albuquerque Elementary School Principal Investigator of School Financial Problems
1941 Robert Lincoln Kelly, Litt.D., Emeritus Executive Officer, Association of American Colleges (former President)
1940 Robert Gordon Sproul, Litt.D., President, University of California
1939 Harry Llewellyn Kent, LL.D., Director, Administrative Research, Texas Technical College
1939 Harold L. Ikies, LL.D., Secretary of the Interior
1938 Rufus B. von Klenkemid, LL.D., President, University of Southern California
1937 Herbert E. Bolton, Litt.D., Chairman, Department of History, University of California
1936 Robert MacDonald Lester, Litt.D., Secretary of the Carnegie Corporation
1936 Reford G. Tugwell, Litt.D., Under Secretary of Agriculture
1934 Frederick Weible Hodge, LL.D., Director, Southwest Museum, Los Angeles, Ethnologist (Excavated One of the Seven Cities of Cibola)
1934 Alfred Vincent Kidder, L.H.D., Archaeologist (Excavated Pecon, NM)
1934 Edgar Lee Hovey, L.H.D., Director, School of American Research and Head Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, UNM
1934 Aurelio Macedonio Esplor郫s y Martinez, Litt.D., Professor and Head of Department Romance Languages, Stanford University
- 1933 Mary Austin, LL.D., Author
- 1933 Florence M. Bailey, LL.D., Author
- 1932 None awarded
- 1931 Herman G. James, LL.D., President, University of South Dakota
- 1930 Thomas Reed Powell, Doctor of Civil Law., Langdell Professor of Law, Harvard University
- 1929 Clarence Cook Little, LL.D., President, University of Michigan
- 1928 Ray Lyman Wilbur, LL.D., President, Stanford University
- 1927 Charles E. Hodgin, LL.D., Retired 1925 as Vice President, UNM
- 1927 David Ross Boyd, LL.D., President, UNM 1912-19
- 1926 John C. Futrall, LL.D., President, University of Arkansas
- 1924 John J. Tigert, LL.D., U.S. Commissioner of Education

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