
In AY 2018-19, five candidates were considered (one was denied, four were approved for the nomination process). In the end Albert Gore, Christine Darden, Savannah Guthrie, and Cindy McCain were recommended to receive honorary degrees at The George Washington University Commencement on May 19, 2019.

Please see all the candidates considered below:

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<th>Nominee First Name</th>
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<th>Nominated by</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Faculty Senate Rec</th>
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<td>1 Albert Arnold</td>
<td>Gore</td>
<td>Lorraine Voles</td>
<td>Former VP</td>
<td>YES</td>
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<td>2 Christine</td>
<td>Darden (Mann)</td>
<td>Peak Sen Chua</td>
<td>aeronautical engineering</td>
<td>YES</td>
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<td>3 Savannah Clark</td>
<td>Guthrie</td>
<td>Renee McPhatter</td>
<td>TV News host</td>
<td>YES</td>
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<td>4 Cindy</td>
<td>McCain</td>
<td>Reuben Brigety, II</td>
<td>businesswoman, philanthropist and humanitarian. Widow of U.S. senator McCain.</td>
<td>YES</td>
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<td>5 Robert Eugene</td>
<td>Russman</td>
<td>Linda E. Russman</td>
<td>Diplomat, an essential role in the Camp David Accords.</td>
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Additionally, the Committee has requested an April 2019 meeting with the Provost to discuss streamlining the process by which the Administration provides information and requests time-sensitive feedback from the Committee, this includes the conditions under which the Admin can evoke “the expedited process” to bypass the Senate Honors Committee and only need confer with the Senate EC Chair.

Committee members are as follows:

The following are the members on this committee as per faculty senate records:
- Chair: Rehman, Scheherazade S., International Business and International Affairs
- Friedman, Leonard, Health Services Management and Leadership
- Ingraham, Loring J., Professional Psychology
- Plack, Margaret, Physical Therapy
- Rilind Abazi (GW Student Association rep)
- Miriam Galson, (Faculty Senate EC Liaison
- Christopher Bracey, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs (non-voting member)
- Michael Peller Associate VP, Events & Venues (non-voting member)

Please note the votes and the voting process is only open for Senate voting members and is confidential.

The member of the Senate Voting Committee reviews the nominations and recommends whether the nominee MEETS THE CRITERIA for an honorary degree at GW. This is NOT A VOTE on whether they should get the honorary degree or not, but rather if they meet the criteria (i.e. are they eligible).
Can each of the voting members please vote (YES or NO) on each candidate based on the criteria as described below:

The Senate Committee vote is tallied and resent to the Committee for further discussion or approval (depending on the vote distribution and comments). All votes are confidential. There is no restriction on the number of nominees that can be deemed to have successfully met the criteria.

Once we are done, we send that information to Michael Peller transmission to the Committee on Academic Affairs of the Board of Trustees.

**CRITERIA:**

1) What is the nature of the nominee's professional achievements? Is the nominee at the summit of his/her career? In general, "summit" has nothing to do with the age of the candidate (a scientist is generally at the summit of her career when she's in her 60's or 70's while a professional athlete is generally at the summit of his career when he's in his 20's or 30's) but with the general level of achievement.

2) Has the nominee made a contribution to the public good outside of his/her profession? This is a very broad category. Generally, the nominee must have done some sort of public service (Darrell Green, a former member of the Washington Redskins, started an organization to help underprivileged children improve their reading skills) but any sort of contribution will do (William H. Rehnquist, the late Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, was an amateur historian who wrote several books on the Court's history).

3) Does the nominee have a connection to GW? This is also a broad category. Any connection--from being an alumnus to giving one lecture several years ago--will do. To be sent forward from the Senate Committee, a nominee must score highly in two of the above three categories. What this really means is that we take it for granted that everyone will score highly on professional achievement (#1) and we'd like them to score highly on public service (#2); depending on the make-up of the Senate Committee, a good GW connection (#3) often doesn't count for much if evidence of public service (#2) is lacking.

The only people who can't receive an honorary degree are current faculty, administrators, and trustees. Once these people become former faculty, administrators, and trustees, they become eligible (if nominated).