HONORARY DEGREE

• Generally, honorary degrees are awarded to the Commencement speaker plus 2-3 others

• Key considerations for recipients:
  
  o **Stature**
    ▪ Individuals who have achieved a national reputation for distinctive contributions in the Arts, Sciences, Business, Humanities, Education, or Public Service
  
  o **Capacity to Give**
    ▪ Individuals with the means and possible inclination to make a substantial financial gift to the university, or individuals who have made such a gift
  
  o **Connection**
    ▪ While recipients need not have an existing, direct tie to the institution, consideration should be given to some kind of connection that provides a reasonable expectation the individual would accept the honor.
  
  o **Institutional/Regional Contribution**
    ▪ One of the degrees may be given to an individual who has made a long-term, distinctive contribution to the institution or surrounding community