

**Approved by the Regents  
March 15, 2012**

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

**ACTION REQUEST**

Subject: Recommendations for Honorary Degrees


Action Requested: Approval of Recommendations

The Committee on Honorary Degrees has recommended that honorary degrees be awarded to the following individuals:

- **Jose Antonio Abreu**, Venezuelan Pianist and Music Educator, *Doctor of Music*
- **Sanjay Gupta**, CNN Chief Medical Correspondent, Neurosurgeon, *Doctor of Humane Letters*
- **J. Ira Harris**, President JI Harris and Associates, *Doctor of Laws*
- **Susan Orlean**, Journalist and Author, *Doctor of Humane Letters*
- **Richard Sarns**, Inventor, Entrepreneur, Humanitarian, *Doctor of Engineering*
- **Chris VanAllsburg**, Author and Illustrator, *Doctor of Humane Letters*

All of these individuals will receive their honorary degrees at Spring 2012 Commencement. We now submit these recommendations for your approval.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Mary Sue Coleman  
President

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