THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTIONS 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:

- Robert Cailliau, computer science engineer; co-creator of the World Wide Web; and U-M alumnus, Doctor of Science
- Janet Guthrie, pioneering racecar driver; member, International Women’s Sports Hall of Fame, former aerospace engineer; and U-M alumna, Doctor of Laws
- Bryan Stevenson, human rights attorney; social justice activist and executive director, Equal Justice Initiative; professor of law, New York University, Doctor of Humane Letters
- Twyla Tharp, Tony and Emmy award-winning choreographer and dancer, Doctor of Fine Arts
- James Toy, LGBTQ and human rights activist; co-founder, UM Spectrum Center; and U-M alumnus, Doctor of Humane Letters

All of these individuals will receive their honorary degrees at Spring 2021 Commencement.

We now submit these recommendations for your approval.

Respectfully submitted:

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President

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