

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:

- **Shirin Ebadi**, Iranian Nobel-winning human-rights lawyer, *Doctor of Laws*
- **Ingeborg Hochmair-Desoyer**, electrical engineer and cochlear implant pioneer, *Doctor of Engineering*
- **Michael Phelps**, world-champion swimmer and Olympic record-holder, *Doctor of Laws*
- **Jalen Rose**, founder of the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy, sports analyst, and former U-M and NBA player, *Doctor Humane Letters*
- **Ronald Weiser**, businessman, philanthropist and U-M regent emeritus, *Doctor of Laws*

Shirin Ebadi, Ingeborg Hochmair-Desoyer, Michael Phelps, Jalen Rose, and Ronald Weiser would receive their honorary degrees at the 2026 Spring Commencement.

We now submit these recommendations for your approval.

Respectfully submitted:



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Domenico Grasso  
President