The University of Michigan Regents Communication

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:

- Chu, Steven, physicist, Nobel laureate in Physics, and 12th U.S. Secretary of Energy, Doctor of Science

- Lazar, Mitchell, physician-scientist, endocrinologist, and Director of the Institute for Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism at the University of Pennsylvania, Doctor of Science

- Leung, Li Li, sports executive, former President and CEO of USA Gymnastics, and U-M alumna, Doctor of Laws

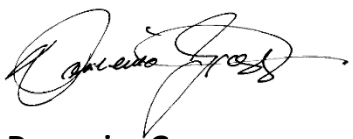
- Sachs, Albie, former Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, anti-apartheid activist, and human rights advocate, Doctor of Laws

- Schur, Michael, television writer, producer, and author, Doctor of Fine Arts

Steven Chu, Mitchell Lazar, Li Li Leung, Albie Sachs, and Michael Schur would receive their honorary degrees at the 2026 Winter Commencement.

We now submit these recommendations for your approval.

Respectfully submitted,



Domenico Grasso
President

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