

Board Meeting  
November 16, 2017

## AWARD HONORARY DEGREES, CHICAGO

**Action:** Award Honorary Degrees

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The University of Illinois at Chicago Senate has nominated the following persons for conferral of honorary degrees at the Commencement exercises in May 2018.

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois recommends approval of these nominations.

**Randall B. Grove, Executive Director, Chicago Dental Society** -- the honorary degree of Doctor of Science

Mr. Randall B. Grove has served as the Executive Director of the Chicago Dental Society (CDS) for the past 28 years. This organization, so important to the UIC College of Dentistry and its alumni, as well as, to the dental profession in the State of Illinois, has never experienced a period of greater growth and prosperity than during the tenure of Mr. Grove as Executive Director.

Mr. Grove has dedicated his life to improving the lives of dentists and their patients. Under his leadership, the CDS has vastly increased its public service activities by providing oral healthcare to low-income individuals at the CDS Foundation Clinic; assisting organizations that provide oral health education and access to care; providing programs to increase oral health literacy; and connecting dentists with public service programs in need of volunteers.

The success of the CDS during his leadership has allowed for the generous support of two endowed professorships and two clinical fellowships at the UIC College of Dentistry to ensure that the high standard of teaching and

clinical outcomes continues at the College. In addition, through Mr. Grove's efforts, the CDS and UIC College of Dentistry have partnered in a formal mentorship program, in which CDS dentists provide valuable real-world experience and advice to UIC College of Dentistry students.

Mr. Grove received his Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree in Health Education with an emphasis in Psychology, both from Purdue University. Following graduation, he spent three years with the Indiana Department of Public Instruction as an education consultant. He joined the staff of the American Dental Association in 1977 as Director of the Bureau of Health Education. From 1986 to 1989, he was Executive Director of the United Cancer Council, and then joined the Chicago Dental Society in late 1989 as its Executive Director.

Mr. Grove has been awarded the Honorary Fellow of the Odontographic Society of Chicago, Honorary Membership in the Chicago Dental Society, Honorary Fellow of the International College of Dentists, U.S.A. Section, and Honorary Fellowship in the American College of Dentists.

**Steve James, Documentary Filmmaker and Producer** -- the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters

Steve James is a Chicago-based documentary filmmaker, best known perhaps for "Hoop Dreams"-- the story of Chicago school boys trying to make it in basketball, and the effect it has on their lives and on their families. The film won every major critics award in 1994, as well as, a Peabody and Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award in 1995. He is also known for his very personal profile of film critic Roger Ebert, "Life Itself," which also received several accolades including best documentary by the Critic's Choice Awards, the National Board of Review, and the Producers Guild of America.

Mr. James' connection to UIC comes from his film "The Interrupters," a gritty documentary of the successes and failures of CeaseFire Illinois in the same Chicago neighborhoods featured in "Hoop Dreams." CeaseFire is the groundbreaking work of Gary Slutkin, Professor in the School of Public Health and Founder and CEO of Cure Violence. Mr. James has many other movies to his credit as a writer, director, and producer. He has been nominated for many awards including an Oscar.

A unifying theme of Mr. James' movies is that he digs into the human heartbreak, and also the surprising optimism and determination of some of the most challenging and potentially depressing of subjects. In spite of the

sad and tragic stories he brings to life, he manages to show the humanity of all his subjects, and the hope they have in spite of adversity in their lives. Mr. James contributions to the art of filmmaking, and filmmaking in Chicago, are themselves worthy to be considered for an honorary degree. As stated by the nominator “he really touches the vein of what UIC cares about in its education and its graduates. An ability and vision to care about people, not just their successes but also their failures and their struggles, and their hope to make things better. This is very much what UIC is about.” Steve James is a graduate of James Madison University and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

**Juan Salgado, Chancellor, City Colleges of Chicago** -- the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters

Juan Salgado, Chancellor of the City Colleges of Chicago and former President and CEO of Instituto del Progreso Latino, has served the Latino communities just south of UIC since he received his Master’s in Urban Planning from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2001. His innovative work in communities such as Pilsen and Little Village earned him recognition from both the White House, who named him a Champion of Change in 2011, and as a 2015 fellow of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Under his leadership, the Instituto Del Progreso Latino operated two charter high schools. The Instituto Health Sciences Career Academy specializes in educating their students in the math and science students need to be successful in health careers, creating a bilingual population ready to serve in area hospitals and clinics. The Instituto Justice and Leadership Academy focuses on at-risk students and prepares them to be college ready, requiring each student apply to at least five colleges to graduate. The organization also provides economic and workforce development, adult basic education, youth development, and citizenship programs for our community. Both schools provide counseling support to their students for two years following graduation. The Instituto’s mission and work is closely tied to UIC’s own. UIC’s position as a Hispanic Serving Institution with vibrant nursing, applied health, pre-medicine, and medicine programs makes a partnership with the Instituto a natural one. Appointed as Chancellor of the City Colleges of Chicago on May 1, Mr. Salgado who leads the City’s community college system of more than 90,000 students across seven colleges with a diverse and first generation college student body, is representative of UIC.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and Federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with these recommendations.

The President of the University recommends approval.