

Honors Convocation Committee (HCC)
Annual Report, 2014-15
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The Honors Convocation Committee had a successful and productive year during 2014-15. The committee received seven requests for inclusion of new awards for the Honors Convocation, held on May 1, 2015. In a meeting held on March 25, 2015, the Committee accepted five of these requests. Each of these five awards fulfilled the following three criteria: they recognized academic achievement, had a GPA requirement, and were programs on the main campus at SU. The Honors Convocation ceremony was a success. 134 students received 146 awards. In addition, initiates of 24 honor societies were recognized, along with Dean's List students and participants in the Presidential Citizen Scholars program. All committee members seamlessly executed their guarding duties and arrived early to the ceremony. They enthusiastically assisted students in finding their seat on stage, helped direct them back to their seat during the ceremony, and were on hand for help after the ceremony. The Honors Convocation ceremony began punctually and concluded in a timely manner.

The Chair for the 2014-15 academic year was Dr. Manav Ratti (Department of English). In his capacity as Chair, Dr. Ratti worked closely throughout with Kim Meyer (Provost Office Manager) to ensure the successful running of the Honors Convocation. He created the awards guarding schedule for fellow committee members, invited President Dudley-Eshbach to the Convocation, served on stage alongside committee member Dr. Ann Barse in handing award scrolls to recipients, sent a thank you e-mail to all committee members for their hard work, and sent a welcome e-mail to the two new members elected to the committee in May 2015: Moushumi Chakraborty (Library) and Dr. Jenny Toonstra (Health and Sports Sciences). The committee particularly notes the meticulous and efficient support of Kim Meyer throughout its operations in 2014-15. In sum, the committee worked collegially and industriously in its service to the University community. The committee enjoyed a successful year and looks forward to its continuing work on behalf of SU.