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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES  
(Final; Information)

HD.25.06      2024-2025 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees

This report summarizes the activities of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees (HD) during the 2024-2025 academic year. HD held three meetings during the fall 2024 semester (September 3, September 24, November 4) and one meeting during the spring 2025 semester (April 16). More detailed information is provided in the minutes of those meetings.

The following nominations were approved by the committee and the Board of Trustees during the 2024-2025 academic year and will be recognized at the May 2025 Commencement ceremony:

- Sabina Alkire, Director, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative
- Thomas J. Burrell, Founder, Burrell Communications Group
- Larry W. Gies, Founder and CEO, Madison Industries

**I.      ITEMS REPORTED TO THE SENATE**

HD.23.04, Clarification of Honorary Degree Award Process

**II.     ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE**

HD.25.02, Nomination by the Department of Dance

HD.25.04, Nomination by the School of Art and Design

HONORARY DEGREES  
Prasanta Kalita, Chair  
Meng Chen  
Paul Davidson  
Patrick Holt  
Gayle Magee  
Pollyanna Rhee  
Kevin Richards  
Laura Wilhelm-Barr, *ex officio*