

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Board of Regents  
**From:** Board Office  
**Subject:** Two Honorary Doctorates of Humane Letters – University of Northern Iowa  
**Date:** March 2, 2005

**Recommended Action:**

Approve awarding the honorary doctorate of humane letters degree to Rex B. Eno and Christine H.B. Grant.

**Executive Summary:**

The University of Northern Iowa requests approval to award the honorary doctorate of humane letters degree to Rex B. Eno and Christine H.B. Grant at Spring 2005 commencement. The university reports that the UNI Honorary Degree Committee and the UNI Faculty Senate have unanimously recommended Mr. Eno and Dr. Grant for this recognition.

**Background:**

Rex B. Eno is a business leader and education advocate	Mr. Eno attended the University of Northern Iowa in the early 1960s. The university wishes to recognize Mr. Eno for outstanding professional and personal accomplishments as a business leader, contributions to education in the state of Iowa, and for many years of service to the university.
Service to various Cedar Rapids organizations	Mr. Eno has given freely of his time and talent to numerous non-profit organizations and initiatives in his home community of Cedar Rapids. His outstanding citizenship and generosity are evident in a long list of sustained contributions including volunteer leadership for the American Diabetes Association, the YMCA, and United Way of East Central Iowa.
Mr. Eno has provided exceptional service to UNI	Throughout his professional years and into retirement, Mr. Eno and his wife, Kathy, have maintained extraordinarily strong bonds with UNI. Mr. Eno was the leading force in establishing the Iowa Mathematics Coalition housed at UNI and was instrumental in securing grants to support this important mathematics education program. He also played an instrumental role in establishing UNI's Freeburg Early Childhood Education Center and has established, with his wife, Kathy, the Teaching in Iowa Award Fund at UNI to encourage outstanding graduates to stay in Iowa and teach. Mr. Eno extends his service to UNI as a member of the UNI Foundation Board of Trustees and is currently co-chair of UNI's highly successful "Students First" capital campaign.
Christine H.B. Grant has been advocate for gender equity	The university wishes to recognize Christine H. B. Grant for her many years of advocacy for gender equity in women's sports. This advocacy has helped pave the way for millions of young women in Iowa and across the United States to gain access to opportunities in education and athletics.

Dr. Grant has been a leader in women's athletics

Dr. Grant served as Women's Athletic Director at the University of Iowa from 1973 until 2002. Dr. Grant was a founding member and served as President of the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW). She also served on the Board of Directors and as President of the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators.

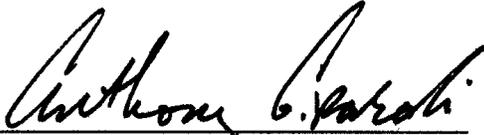
Dr. Grant has received recognition from the NCAA and the Iowa Senate

A citation by the National Collegiate Athletics Association in 2001 honored Dr. Grant as "one of the most influential women in collegiate athletics." In a 2002 resolution, the Iowa Senate acknowledged her role as "a crusader for gender equity in intercollegiate athletics." Her advocacy includes testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives subcommittees, the Office of Civil Rights, and as an expert witness in landmark sports discrimination lawsuits.

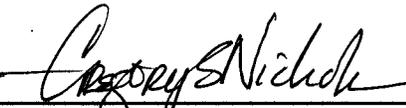
Dr. Grant earned the B.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Iowa

Dr. Grant holds a diploma in Physical Education from Dunfermline College in Scotland, as well as a B.A. in Physical Education and a Ph.D. in Athletic Administration from the University of Iowa. Dr. Grant remains associated with the Department of Health and Sport Studies at the University of Iowa and teaches graduate courses in Athletic Administration.

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Approved:   
Gregory S. Nichols

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