



## Honorary Degree

## Nomination Form

1. Degree to be Awarded:

\_\_\_ Honorary Doctorate X Honorary Baccalaureate \_\_\_ Honorary Associate

2. Please state the name and address of your nominee for an Honorary Degree.

Dr. Hugh Sherwood Collett

3. Honorary degrees shall be awarded to persons who have made significant contributions to the improvement of the quality of academic programs and academic life at one of the NSHE's institutions. Persons currently holding public elected office are not eligible for the degree except in extraordinary circumstances.

What are your reasons for nominating this person? (Attach additional pages, if necessary.)

Dr. Hugh Sherwood Collett is this year's recipient of an Honorary Bachelor's Degree to be awarded from Great Basin College.

One of ten Rotarians who founded Elko Community College, now Great Basin College, Dr. Collett was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1921, spending his youth in Crawfordsville, Indiana where he graduated from High School and Wabash College in 1943. He earned his M.D. Degree from the Northwestern University School of Medicine. He then completed his surgical training at the University of Chicago, the Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania, Caylor-Nickle Clinic, Bluffton, Indiana and St. Joseph's Hospital in San Francisco.

Dr. Collett has lived in Elko since 1954 and practiced General Surgery with the Elko Clinic for 30 years. He is certified by the American Board of Surgery and his surgical society memberships include the American College of Surgeons, Southwestern Surgical Congress, and the Western Association of Railway Surgeons of which he is a past president. He was also a trustee of the American Group Practice Association.

He has always been interested in education serving on the Elko County School Board for twelve years. He is Emeritus Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Nevada, Reno. Additionally he has served on the GBC's institutional advisory board continuously for 47 years since the college's founding. For his own amusement and the education of others he has written scores of thoughtful pieces, on life, philosophy, ethics and education.

His efforts have enriched the lives of his patients, thousands of students attending GBC and all those who have had the privilege of knowing him..



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President

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February 2, 2015

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