



Honorary Degree

Nomination Form

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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.

Mary Swetich

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.)

Mrs. Mary Swetich is this year's recipient of an Honorary Bachelor's Degree to be awarded from Great Basin College.

Mary Swetich was the lifeblood of the Ely Center of Great Basin College for two decades before retiring in 2015. As an instructor and later as the Center Director, Mary assisted instructors and students alike in furthering the Mission of GBC. She continues that effort now as an advisor to students.

Ever an advocate for higher education, Mary has worked tirelessly for the betterment of the GBC Community creating numerous community partnerships. Under her direction the college acquired the technology to broaden its course offerings through distance learning, bringing new educational opportunities to eastern Nevada. Her steady leadership attracted many instructors and courses to GBC's Ely Center. Always supportive and genuinely interested, Mary bolstered every instructor and took an interest in every class. Students universally attest to her taking a personal interest in them and their educational endeavors.

She played a crucial role in getting the addition to the Ely Center built and worked diligently with the local Ely Foundation, the GBC Foundation, and the Ely State Prison (who provided the brick layers for the project) to get the addition completed at \$200,000 – the most cost effective space the college has ever obtained.

Mary has left an indelible mark on the institution, its instructors, and each individual student.



President

February 2, 2016

Date

Great Basin College

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