

November 11, 2008

TO: Members of the Faculty
FROM: Jamie Dreier, Chair of the Faculty/FEC
RE: The Rosenberger Medal of Honor

The Rosenberger Medal of Honor Committee invites your nominations for the Rosenberger Medal of Honor, the highest distinction that the Brown Faculty can award. This Medal is awarded by the Faculty to one or more individuals for notable achievement in scholarship, public welfare, or any other achievement deemed appropriate by the Faculty. The Susan Colver Rosenberger Medal of Honor was established in 1919. The first Rosenberger Medal was awarded in 1925 and there have been twenty-six awards in the past eighty years, most recently in 2007 to Chancellor Stephen Robert. The Rosenberger Medal is not awarded in every year and nominations are kept in an active file for annual review by the Committee. All recipients of this Medal to date have been alumni/ae of Brown University, Officers of Administration, Members of the Brown Corporation, or Members of the Brown Faculty. Under exceptional circumstances, the Medal has occasionally been awarded to persons still actively engaged at the time of the award in the affairs of Brown University. Under normal circumstances, the Medal will be awarded to the recipient in person during Commencement. Attached to this memo is a list of the recipients of the Rosenberger Medal since the award was presented to William Williams Keen in 1925.

Letters of nominations should explain why the Faculty would wish to honor that individual at this time. Nominations that have the support of several individuals may carry additional weight with the Committee. Materials such as descriptions of work or achievements, newspaper articles; etc. that might be useful to the Committee are welcome. For obvious reasons, the entire process is kept confidential. Nominations for the Rosenberger Medal of Honor must be received by the Committee **no later than February 13, 2009**, and should be directed to the Chair of the Faculty/FEC, James Dreier, c/o the Office Faculty Governance, Box 1830.

Rosenberger Medal of Honor Committee:

Susan Allen
Cynthia Garcia Coll
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ROSENBERGER MEDAL OF HONOR

RECIPIENTS

The Susan Colver Rosenberger Medal of Honor is awarded by designation of the Faculty. Provision for the medal was made in 1919 by Jesse L. Rosenberger as a memorial to his wife, with the stipulation that it be used to recognize “specially notable or beneficial achievement in scholarship, in authorship, in public life of any kind; or relating to the advancement of the public welfare, or for whatever it may be thought best to honor and commemorate...” The recipients and years of past awards are the following:

William Williams Keen	1925
Charles Evans Hughes	1928
John Davison Rockefeller, Jr.	1931
Charles Value Chapin	1935
Mary Emma Wooley	1937
Fred Tarbell Field	1940
Henry Dexter Sharpe	1944
Zechariah Chafee, Jr.	1947
Warren Randolph Burgess	1953
Rowland Roberts Hughes	1955
Theodore Francis Green	1956
Alexander Meiklejohn	1959
Waldo Gifford Leland	1965
Thomas John Watson, Jr.	1968
Henry Merritt Wriston	1976
Richard Salomon	1982
Charles Carpenter Tillinghast, Jr.	1982
Howard Robert Swearer	1983
Otto Eduard Neugebauer	1987
Roderick Milton Chisholm	1992
Vartan Gregorian	1997
Sheila Blumstein	2001
Artemis Joukowsky	2005
Martha Joukowsky	2005
Claiborne deBorda Pell	2006
Stephen Robert	2007