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## **Arts and Sciences Advocacy Award -- Seeking Nominations**

This award honors an individual or organization demonstrating exemplary advocacy for the arts and sciences, flowing from a deep commitment to the intrinsic worth of liberal arts education.

Beginning in 2008, the award was conferred at the CCAS Annual Meeting. Past recipients of the Arts and Sciences Advocacy Award - chosen by the CCAS Board of Directors - are Phi Beta Kappa (2008); Martha Nussbaum (2009); the American Council of Learned Societies (2010); and Deborah Byrd of EarthSky (2011).

Nominations are now being taken for the 2012 honoree.

### **Guidelines**

Nominations of individuals and organizations are welcome from all dues-paying members of CCAS. However, no current CCAS members are eligible for the award; rather, the award is intended to recognize persons or organizations, such as politicians, business leaders, authors, and/or higher education associations or leaders.

Nominations occur in a two-step process. Members may submit nominations electronically to the CCAS Executive Office by advertised deadlines, and must include the following information: the name of the nominee (individual or organization); a brief rationale (500 words or less) that describes the nominee's exemplary advocacy of the arts and sciences; and, a brief statement of the nominator's acquaintance with the nominee, if any.

The CCAS Board of Directors will review nominations and may consider additional nominees if no suitable candidates were identified. If necessary, the Board will collect additional materials for consideration, such as a narrative describing the finalists' advocacy for the arts and sciences, along with a current vita (when the nominee is an individual). On the basis of those materials, the CCAS Board of Directors will choose an award recipient.

The recipient must be present at the CCAS Annual Meeting to accept the award. CCAS will pay all reasonable and customary travel expenses to the annual meeting for the chosen recipient, and provide a \$1000 cash prize.

## Timelines

This recognition may be awarded annually; however, it is not required that an award recipient be identified each year. The timeline for the 2012 selection process is as follows:

October 1, 2011	Nominations are solicited from CCAS members
November 2011 (Annual Meeting)	Standing Committees are requested to consider submitting nominations
December 16, 2011	Nominations are due in CCAS Executive Office
Early January 2012	CCAS Board reviews initial nominations and identifies finalists
April 2012	CCAS Board reviews finalists' materials and chooses recipient
November 2012	Award presented at 2012 CCAS Annual Meeting

Award nominations or questions should be directed to:

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