

NOMINEES FOR HONORARY DEGREES

1) **Edward Villella**, Founding Artistic and CFO of the Miami City Ballet

Nominated by: Dr. Don McGlothlin, Dean, College of Fine Arts.

Supported by:

- > Dana Gioia, Chair of the National Endowment for the Arts
- > Michael Kaiser, President of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
- > Rhoda Levitt, former Chair of the Florida Arts Council

Committee action: supported without reservation based on the nominee's excellence in his chosen field.

Reasons:

- A) Caliber of the people who supported the nomination (mentioned above)
- B) Status of the awards and honors received:
 - > Recipient of the National Medal of the Arts, presented by Bill Clinton
 - > Service on the National Council of the Arts
 - > Service on the Governing Board of the National Endowment for the Arts
 - > Recipient of the Kennedy Center Honors
 - > Induction into the Florida Artists Hall of Fame
 - > The only American ever to be asked to dance an encore at the Bolshoi Theater
 - > Strong commitment to the arts in Florida

2) **Dr. Nicholas Bodor**, Chief Scientific Officer, IVAX Corporation

Nominated by: Dr. William Riffée, Dean, College of Pharmacy.

Supported by:

- > Dr. George Zografi, Professor Emeritus at the Univ. of Wisconsin
- > Dr. David Challoner, our former VP for Health Affairs and Foreign Secretary for the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy
- > Dr. Alan Katritzky, Director of UF's Center for Heterocyclic Compounds
- > Dr. Bill Higuchi, Distinguished Professor, Univ. Utah
- > Dr. Michael Schwartz, our former Dean of Pharmacy

Note: Nominee UF faculty member until 2003

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Reasons:

- A) Outstanding achievement as a scientist:

- > Author of over 500 publications and almost 200 patents in drug design
- > One of most productive and successful pharmaceutical scientists in the US.
- > UF stated to have more patents from his work than any other faculty member.

B) Outstanding international links in both academic and industrial pharmaceutical chemistry:

- > Fostering biotechnology in Hungary after the fall of communism
- > Creation of Drug Research Institute to bring drugs to clinical trials in/for developing countries
- > Receipt of the Gold Cross of Merit from the President of the Republic of Hungary