



**ROBERT H. ALBERT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
NOMINATION FORM**

(All nomination suggestions will be forwarded to the Legacy Committee for consideration.)

Due on or before April 30

Award Nominee:

Name: Dr. Jean Goodnow
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About the Nominee:

On a separate sheet, describe the nominee, listing how he/she meets the award criteria.

Supporting Documents:

Please contact 1-2 individuals to supply supporting documentation to accompany your nomination form. Support documents can take the form of letters, emails, news articles, etc.

Return completed form by April 30th:

By email: Nancy@saginawchamber.org

By mail: 515 N. Washington Ave., 3rd Floor, Saginaw, MI 48607

Jean Goodnow, Ph.D.

Dr. Jean Goodnow is an exemplary leader in the field of higher education, she has made considerable contributions to the community, lead with vision and compassion and is of the highest moral character. Please accept this nomination for her to receive the Robert H. Albert Lifetime Community Service Award.

Dr. Jean Goodnow has been President of Delta College since 2005. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology, a Master of Arts Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Higher Education Administration from the University of Iowa. In addition, she has completed post-graduate study at Harvard University. Jean has over 40 years of higher education experience and before joining Delta College, she was the President of Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby, Illinois (1996-2005).

Jean Goodnow is a servant leader and encourages her team to do the same. She advocates for their involvement in the community and leads by example. She has championed diversity efforts and shared her expertise in building capacity of non-profit and civic organizations. Jean has served on the board of directors for several local organizations, including Midland Tomorrow, Legacy Center for Student Success, Field Neurosciences Institute, Saginaw Future, and the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. She was personally involved in the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail system, including the Saginaw connection. Additionally, she spends a significant amount of time representing Delta College and the area, across the state and nationally.

Jean is a well-respected member of the Saginaw community and Great Lakes Bay region. Her leadership has improved the quality of life for area residents. She is a champion for higher education, equality and innovation. She has contributed to innovative efforts at the College resulting in thousands of area residents improving their education and securing employment. She has maintained that Delta College be affordable to all students and advocated that courses taken at Delta, transfer to four year institutions. Through her leadership, Delta College remains the most affordable option for higher education in 70 miles. Jean's service to the business industry is focused as Delta College provides relevant career education. In fact, over 87% of Delta College graduates live in the region and 93% stay in the state.

For anyone who has ever worked with Jean knows she is a passionate leader whose focus on collaboration has been paramount. She has actively partnered with area businesses to see that Delta College can meet their needs by providing workforce training and academic courses. Through her leadership Delta College is ranked one of the top community colleges in the nation. Delta serves 1 out of every 4 high school graduates and Delta College leads in innovation, safety, and technology access for students.

Jean championed sustainability efforts before they were trendy, because it's the right thing to do. She created the sustainability office and launched campus wide initiatives including energy and water conservation, landscaping and grounds, recycling and re-use. Delta is leading the way where students, staff and faculty can commit to a greener tomorrow for generations to come.

Jean has a vision for increasing access to opportunities and contributing to the vibrancy of the downtown Saginaw Riverfront. Her leadership help secure the needed state and local funds which make it possible for the completion of the brand new Delta College Downtown Saginaw Center which will be holding classes this August. As attendance builds over time, this center will serve 1,110 students a year.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of Dr. Jean Goodnow in recognition of her career long accomplishments in higher education and betterment of the community.

Dr. Jean Goodnow- Leadership Summary

Leadership - National

- American Association of Community Colleges member, Sustainability Task Force and Commission on Diversity, Inclusion & Equity, Board Member
- American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment, Steering Committee
- League for Innovation in the Community College, Board Chair in 2014, Board Member
- STEM Higher Education Council Member

Leadership – State, Regional and Local

- Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
- Field Neurosciences Institute Board of Directors
- Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance Board of Directors
- Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail System committee member
- Legacy Center for Student Success Board of Directors
- Michigan Community College Association, serving as past Treasurer
- Michigan Transfer Steering Committee, member (one of only two community college presidents selected to serve)
- Midland Tomorrow Board of Directors
- MidMichigan Health Corporate Board of Directors, former member
- Saginaw Future, Inc., former member, Board of Directors
- Saginaw Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors (Honorary Member)
- Saginaw Valley Torch Club
- Tri-County Economics Club

Awards

- American Association of University Professors- Delta College chapter, Governance Award
- Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, Athena Award
- Community College Alliance Leadership Award
- Delta College Black Faculty & Staff Association, Spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award
- Fulbright U.S. Scholar, one of only 12 individuals in the nation selected to receive the award in 2018.
- NAACP Saginaw County Branch Lifetime Achievement Award
- Second Nature's 1st Annual Climate Leadership Award for Outstanding Individual Climate Leadership
- Shirley Gordon Phi Theta Kappa National Award
- YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Goodnow is a frequent presenter at regional and national conferences on topics ranging from leadership and student success to civility and sustainability.



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Robert H. Albert Community Service Award
Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce
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Dear Members of the Selection Committee:

It is my pleasure to submit this letter of support for the nomination of Dr. Jean Goodnow for the Robert H. Albert Community Service Award.

Dr. Goodnow has been a driving force in the Saginaw community for many years. Her dedication to providing accessible and affordable education is inspiring. She was appointed as Delta College's fourth President in 2005 and has established herself as a true visionary leader who is passionate and energetic about the College, the Great Lakes Bay Region, and improving the personal and professional lives of everyone in this community.

Saginaw Future has worked with Dr. Goodnow on many projects including the development of the Fast Start programs, which are accelerated training courses for specific certifications requested by local employers. The relationships formed between businesses, Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! and Delta as a result of these programs, have had a tremendous economic impact. This program continues to be a driver in increasing the educational attainment in our community by training our citizens for meaningful and rewarding occupations. It is one of the most important training programs offered as we assist in business expansion and attraction projects.

In order to maximize the impact Delta College has on the community, Dr. Goodnow has led the expansion of multiple locations including the most recent downtown Saginaw campus. Students and faculty will be encouraged to take advantage of all the benefits associated with this new location. The new facility adds an element currently missing in downtown and will most certainly have a huge economic impact on the revitalization of the City core. Delta has also broke ground on a Midland satellite campus.

Jean could have led Delta College as an internally focused organization, but she chose instead to partner with area businesses, economic developers, MI Works, local K-12 education and other four-year institutions. She served on Saginaw Future's Board for six years and is very active on other boards throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region. She has been a leader, visionary and active participant in improving the quality of life and economic development in Saginaw County and the Great Lakes Bay Region. It is for those reasons that Saginaw Future Inc. is very proud and honored to support the nomination of Dr. Jean Good now for the distinguished Robert H. Albert Community Service Award.

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Award Nomination Letter
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Thank you for your consideration of Dr. Goodnow for the Robert H. Albert Community Service Award. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JoAnn Crary", is written over a faint circular stamp.

JoAnn Crary, CEcD, FM, HLM
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Selection Committee

Robert H. Albert Lifetime Community Service Award
c/o Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce
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Saginaw MI 48607

Dear Selection Committee:

I am honored to submit this letter of support for the recommendation of Dr. Jean Goodnow, President of Delta College, for the Robert H. Albert Lifetime Community Service Award. I currently serve as Chair of Delta College's Board of Trustees.

Having attended the Saginaw County Chamber's annual Leadership Awards Luncheon several times in the past, I am familiar with this prestigious award and the caliber of individuals previously honored with its presentation. I know that it is only bestowed on individuals who truly exemplify "service above self," and strive to create sustainable opportunities to benefit the citizens of the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Professionally, I serve with the Midland Business Alliance, an integration of the chamber of commerce and economic development organizations in Midland. In my career with chambers, and my volunteer Board roles, I've had many experiences selecting honorees for various awards. It's never an easy decision; the discussions are long, tough, and involve a labored comparison of the incredible accomplishments of individuals your community is so fortunate to call citizens. But at the end of the day, you just know when you've made the perfect selection, because you can't wait to present them with the award and add their name to the legacy list of honorees.

Dr. Jean Goodnow has served as President of Delta College since 2005. Since then, Delta has undergone significant transformation, updating its strategies, programs, and facilities to truly serve as the community's first choice for education. These initiatives have required the expertise of many dedicated individuals, but it is Jean's vision and leadership that has consistently set the tone—and incredible level of support and enthusiasm—for the hard work from ideation to implementation. As a wonderful example, we are beyond excited to open the new Downtown Saginaw Center this summer. The value of this Center for Saginaw residents and revitalization of downtown just cannot be overstated. And another, similar project will break ground in downtown Midland in the next few months.

These projects are the jewels in the physical upgrades to Delta College, but countless internal initiatives to better serve our students and the community have been implemented, as well. Outdated programs have been retired, while new programs for emerging industries have been created. Programs to proactively espouse diversity and inclusion, sustainability, and increase awareness and interest in STEM careers have been launched. Through Jean's leadership, the college has expanded our networks and involvement in the Great Lakes Bay Region, the state, and nationally. She's also placed strong, focused energy on growing the field of women leaders at Delta College.

In short, Jean consistently nudges Delta College leadership, administration, staff and faculty to keep the bigger picture in mind and diligently keep the students' success and community benefit in the very forefront. She has done a wealth of good for Delta College and positioned the college and the community for success well into the future. And, you won't be surprised to learn that her service extends well beyond the campus. She has served on the Boards of Directors for Midland Tomorrow, Legacy Center for Student Success, Field Neurosciences Institute, Saginaw Future, Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, and Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail. She is a strong asset for any organization with which she generously shares her time and talent. Where she is unable to give her own time and talent, she advocates for members of her administration team to do so, giving them leadership growth opportunity and benefitting the community at the same time.

I urge you to select Dr. Jean Goodnow to receive this year's Robert H. Albert Lifetime Community Service Award. She does not simply meet your qualifications; her work, passion, and accomplishments truly embody the very spirit of this award. The Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce would do well to include her name on the legacy list of honorees.

Best Regards,



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May 6, 2019

Ms. Veronica Horn
Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce
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Dear Ms. Horn:

I have been asked to write this letter on behalf of Dr. Jean Goodnow, President of Delta College, in support of her recent nomination for the Robert H. Albert Community Service Award. At the outset, allow me to share with you that I am happy to do so and honored to be asked to do this as I have worked closely with Dr. Goodnow on multiple occasions and have been pleased to serve alongside her on the Delta College Foundation Board of Directors, recently as Chair of that organization. I have known Dr. Goodnow for many years, meeting her not long after her appointment as President of Delta College in 2005. I consider her a friend, and one of the most important leaders in our region.

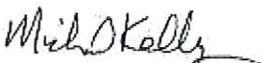
Dr. Goodnow has exhibited an extraordinary commitment to the entire Great Lakes Bay Region, and Saginaw County in particular. In addition to her great work on campus, which includes the development of innovative and creative academic and training programs, continued development of the campus teaching and athletic facilities, and maintaining affordable tuition for students, she has made the quality of life in our region a top priority. She has personally guided the mission of Delta to go beyond its University Center campus, into other communities. In particular, it was her steadfast leadership that focused on Downtown Saginaw as the site of the new Delta Saginaw Campus. This new site will not only expand and increase opportunities for education in Saginaw, but it will also provide a new facility for public use and generate important visitor numbers downtown, which will no doubt have spinoff economic impacts. Dr. Goodnow's concern for students and her belief that a college education should be convenient and affordable, have been at the heart of all of her decisions at Delta. The Saginaw Campus is a perfect example of that.

Additionally, Dr. Goodnow's support for our region and Saginaw has not been limited to the Delta campuses alone. She has supported and participated in multiple groups that are increasing the quality of life in our area. Her personal involvement in the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail system (especially the Saginaw connection), the Great Lakes Bay Region Board of Directors, the Field Neurosciences Board of Directors, and more, are testament that her interest in Delta mirrors her interest in the success of our entire region.

Dr. Goodnow's leadership has allowed Delta to win the prestigious "Top 150" award by the Aspen Institute, which recognizes Delta as one of the country's leading community colleges. While this is an award specifically for the college, I think that it represents an award for our entire region.

I wholeheartedly offer this Letter of Recommendation on Dr. Goodnow's behalf. She not only is truly deserving of it, but I also believe that she is one of our region's most important assets and leaders.

Sincerely,



Michael Kelly, Director
Great Lakes Office



A Fulbright for Delta

President Goodnow heads to France this October

When the letter arrived, Delta College President, Dr. Jean Goodnow, was ecstatic. It isn't every day that a college president is given the opportunity to represent her country, and her college, as a Fulbright scholar.

She'll be one of 12 American Fulbright international education administrators selected to go to France this October to attend an educational exchange seminar between the people of the United States and of France. Of the 12 selected to attend the seminar, Dr. Goodnow will be the only one representing a community college, or the State of Michigan.

Her specific research is on France's Higher Education System and how they address issues like affordability, graduation rates, job placement rates, and more.

"One thing I've learned in my 40 years in higher education is that some of the richest professional development occurs through connections and sharing of best practices," said Goodnow. "There is always more to learn. France is the next step for me."

As Delta College president, she has also traveled to Kenya in support of Delta's partnership with two Rift Valley area colleges, as well as traveled to India with 15 other college presidents to share the community college model.

Bringing best practices and more knowledge back to Delta is the overall goal, as well as inspiring Delta's faculty and staff to create more on- and off-campus international learning experiences.

"I have always been captivated by different cultures," said Goodnow. "My first trip abroad was to Europe right after I received my bachelor's degree. It was an amazing experience."

She's proud that we have some of those types of experiences available to Delta College students. And, she's excited about the prospect of providing even more.

Last year, 146 Delta College students traveled abroad conducting service projects and learning about other cultures. The hope is for even more in the future. "When students have the opportunity to study abroad they get a taste of the world and its diversity," said Goodnow. "It's invaluable."

"Global travel can offer an opportunity to explore other cultures," said Goodnow, a recognized lifelong learner. "It'll be intellectually stimulating and that is very intriguing to me."

Also interested in genealogy, Goodnow said, "Family stories said my great grandmother – who came to America as an orphan – originally came from France, which I haven't been able to confirm."

She went on to share, "This trip offers the chance to see new cultures and how other people live." ■

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– Dr. Jean Goodnow
Delta College President