

**CARL SANDBURG COLLEGE**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Regular Meeting – October 25, 2007**

**Item** 10 Wall of Honor – 2007 Inductees

**Focal Points and Goals**

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**Background**

In 1986, the Board of Trustees dedicated the east wall of the Quiet Lounge in the College's main entrance as a site to honor employees who have made a significant contribution to the development and growth of Carl Sandburg College.

On January 12, 1987, the College family celebrated the birthdate of our namesake, Carl Sandburg, and also dedicated the "Distinguished Service Mural" in memory of the College's first employee, Marylynn Allen. This mural was created by Mr. Werner O. Buser of Galesburg. Located on what is now referred to as our Wall of Honor, Mr. Buser said of his mural, "When asked to design a mural for Carl Sandburg College my first inspiration was Carl Sandburg himself." Mr. Buser drew from the poem "*Prairie*" in Cornhuskers for the quotation imbedded in the mural.

To date, the Board of Trustees has inducted a total of sixteen (16) retirees into this Wall of Honor upon the nomination of candidates by employees and the recommendation of the President. The most recent inductions took place in 1997.

Most recently, the Carl Sandburg College Annuitants Association (CSCAA) reviewed and refreshed the selection process and criteria for induction into the Wall of Honor to include such attributes as: humility, sincere effort in self-growth, performance excellence, leadership within the College community, and service to organizations within the community.

This fall, four (4) outstanding persons have been selected for consideration by the Board of Trustees for induction into the College's Wall of Honor. They are:

1. Harry Grossman  
Business Instructor 1967-1999
2. Berniece Peterson  
English Instructor 1968-1982
3. James Macdonald  
Biology Instructor 1968-2002
4. Thomas Karjala  
Business Instructor 1971-1999

**Recommended Action**

It is the recommendation of the President that retirees Harry Grossman, Berniece Peterson, James Macdonald, and Thomas Karjala be inducted into the Carl Sandburg College Wall of Honor effective December 14, 2007, with an appropriate ceremony to take place coinciding with the Annual Employee Holiday Luncheon to be held in the Dr. Donald G. Crist Student Center.