

Bradley Prize 2015

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Nominee Information

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Nominee's Areas of Expertise:

Academia; Culture; Education Reform; Law

STATEMENT OF NOMINATION

Ken Starr is a household name – largely for his high-profile impeachment prosecution of President Bill Clinton. But what he is not known for, and for which he deserves national recognition, is his exemplary service to American higher education. As the 14th president of Baylor University and before that Dean of the Pepperdine Law School, Starr has been a real leader, demanding that institutions promote strong academic standards and a free exchange of ideas. Baylor's core curriculum is one of only 22 to receive an ACTA "A" in our What Will They Learn? core curriculum rating, modeling the strong foundation in math and science, and solid exposure to history and Western civilization, that graduates need to sustain a lifetime of civic engagement and effectiveness in the workforce. Working with Georgetown University, he is currently spearheading a courageous campaign to advance religious liberty in the Middle East and to save Christians there, based on the historic success of dedicated Christians to advance higher economic growth and greater educational achievement in the regions where they serve.

Clearly his efforts are not going unnoticed. In a remarkably unusual step, the Faculty Senate at Baylor recently voted unanimously to congratulate Starr on his new title as Baylor Chancellor, with the Faculty Senate President noting Starr's collegial style and appreciation for "loyal and respectful opposition" and lively debate.

As a former DC Circuit Judge and Supreme Court law clerk, Starr serves on the faculty of Baylor Law School as The Louise L. Morrison Chair of Constitutional Law. He also brought considerable legal cachet and experience to Pepperdine, raising the law school's profile as a center of thoughtful analysis of constitutional law and procedure.

And, proving his belief in education as a key to upward mobility, he has personally volunteered many hours teaching in the inner city and assisting disadvantaged students with summer internships, after-school programs and guidance for financing a college education.

Ken Starr would be a worthy recipient and I nominate him wholeheartedly.

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