



MOTION TO FGA

BASIC INFORMATION

Name of Motion: **Motion to Award Honorary Doctorate to Lauren Murphy**

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Date: March 11, 2019

Department/College: Academic Affairs

MOTION

It is moved that:

Lauren Murphy be awarded an honorary doctorate at the May 2019 commencement ceremonies.

Rationale (200 words or fewer):

After Lauren Murphy graduated from Fontbonne University in May 2010 with a degree in Fashion Merchandising, she moved to New York to pursue her career. She is a distance runner, having finished multiple marathons. While training in Los Angeles on a business trip, she was hit by a car and suffered traumatic brain injury. She was given a very slim chance of surviving. As she started to heal, she was brought back to her home in O'Fallon, MO under the assumption she would never be able to walk, feed herself or talk. Now she has come back to Fontbonne for aphasia therapy. She has made incredible progress, even completing more than twenty 5k runs with her Dad.

During her determined fight to regain as much of her former life as possible, Lauren has drawn a significant following, including support from artists Taylor Swift, Rick Springfield and NSYNC as well as numerous sports personalities. She is a blogger, BTI survivor advocate, and recently she and her mother have begun appearing as a motivational speaking team. Lauren has become the embodiment of the Murphy family saying, "Murphys Don't Quit" and this has become her calling card.

Proposed Date of Implementation: **May 6, 2019**

Financial Impact (describe/list projected amounts):

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- a. Faculty: \$
 - b. New Library Holdings: \$
 - c. Equipment: \$
 - d. Audio-visual / software: \$
 - e. Other: \$

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- Fontbonne Policy Manual Volume I
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