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Rich Hadley to Receive Elson S. Floyd Community Impact Award

Spokane, WA—Rich Hadley, President Emeritus of Greater Spokane Incorporated (GSI), will be the first recipient of the Elson S. Floyd Community Impact Award, which will be presented at the Spokane Citizen Hall of Fame annual breakfast on May 2.

“We are delighted to announce that Mr. Hadley will be the first recipient of this award which honors the legacy of Dr. Floyd and the lasting impact that he has had on Spokane and the greater region,” said Sarah Bain, director of development for Spokane Public Library Foundation.

“Rich Hadley’s contributions to the community have been enormous,” said Library Executive Director Andrew Chanse. “The work that he has done to set the stage for region’s economic future and development is tremendous, and I know that the selection committee was unanimous in their decision to honor Mr. Hadley.”

The Citizen Hall of Fame, a partnership with the Spokane Public Library Foundation, the Spokane Public Library and the City of Spokane, will honor Hadley along with the already announced historic inductees including: Ned M. Barnes, former attorney of Witherspoon, Kelley, Davenport & Toole; Sister Peter Claver, former president and chief executive officer of Sacred Heart hospital; Kirtland Cutter, Spokane’s best-known architect; and Aubrey Lee White, the “father of Spokane parks.”

Additionally, 18 finalists will be honored at the event. The finalists include: David Dutton, Lupito Flores, Moritz Kundig, Dave Clack, Betsy Cowles, Tim Welsh, Lindy Cater, Pastor Alan Eschenbacher, Jim Sheehan, Tom Armitage, Randy James, Luisa Orellana, Lewis Lee, Paul Redmond, Tom Simpson, Dr. Deb Harper, Dr. Darryl Potyk and Dr. George Schneider.

Tickets for the Citizen Hall of Fame breakfast are available online through April 25:

<http://www.spokanelibraryfoundation.org/citizen-hall-of-fame/>

The Spokane Citizen Hall of Fame recognizes individuals, both living and deceased, who have made significant contributions to the city of Spokane in one of six categories. This event raises funds for the Spokane Public Library. The Spokane Public Library, as one of the centers of our community, is a resource to the citizens of Spokane, providing the tools and resources to enhance the lives of all citizens. The library is a valuable resource, which includes experts, curators and navigators of knowledge for our city. Together, the City of Spokane and the Library Foundation, want to honor these outstanding citizens who make Spokane great.

Citizens will be honored for their achievements in the following categories:

1. **Arts and Letters:** for activities that enhance and support the artistic/cultural and literary life and well-being of the community
2. **Economic Development and Business:** for entrepreneurial activity or significant contributions toward the economic betterment of Spokane
3. **Education:** for enriching and inspiring lifelong learning in our community
4. **Innovation and Leadership:** for activities that cultivate strong innovation and leadership city-wide
5. **Public Service and Philanthropy:** for exemplary voluntary and public service activities that benefit the community
6. **Science, Health and Medicine:** for individuals who have made significant contributions in the area of science or medicine

About Spokane Public Library Foundation

The Spokane Public Library Foundation, a 501(c)3 enhances programming, services and resources offered by the Spokane Public Library through advocacy, partnerships and private dollars to ensure the library's excellence. For more information about us visit www.spokanelibraryfoundation.org and follow the library @spokanelibrary on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

About the City of Spokane

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