

Chadron State College Awards Honorary Degree to NET's Ron Hull

NET Senior Adviser Ron Hull received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Chadron State College on Dec. 14, 2012. He also delivered the commencement address to the college's 114 graduates.

"This was a return engagement," Hull said. "I had delivered the commencement address in 1975."

Hull's long association with the college stems from his leadership of the Mari Sandoz Heritage Society, including 19 years as society president, and the society's role in the renovation of the college's former library into the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, dedicated in 2002. The center perpetuates and preserves the culture and history of the people who settled the High Plains – Native Americans, ranchers, explorers and others, he said.

Hull told the graduates of his admiration for the people of the high plains, whom he described as honest and hardworking. He said Sandoz was an exemplar, and despite having just an eighth grade education, she excelled as a writer because she followed the ideal of giving 100 percent of her energy and talents. She rewrote entire books because she felt they weren't "good enough," Hull said.

Hull was NET's fourth employee, hired in 1954, and was program manager from 1955-1982. He helped establish the eighth educational television station in the United States – KUON TV at the University of Nebraska – that grew into the nine-station Nebraska Educational Television and Radio Network known today as NET.

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NET Television:

NET1 is Nebraska's first public television broadcast service and includes PBS and award-winning, locally produced public television programming; **NET2 World** offers live coverage of the Nebraska Unicameral, and other news and public affairs programming; **NET3 Create** is a 24-hour channel featuring the most popular how-to, travel and lifestyle series; and **NET-HD** presents high-definition digital broadcast programming displayed in a wide-screen format.

NET Radio:

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