



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 24, 2021

MEDIA CONTACT:

Fabiola DeCaratachea

Communications Director

PH: (559) 816-2780

Fdecaratachea@doloreshuerta.org

DOLORES HUERTA RECEIVES AN HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM YALE UNIVERSITY

Monday May 24, 2021- Yale University President Peter Salovey presented honorary degrees to nine recipients in recognition of their achievements and contributions. Dolores Huerta was honored as an **Honorary Doctor of Laws**. Of Huerta, President Salovey said, “From the Fields to the state house you have united people in pursuit of justice. Your skills as an organizer are matched by the strength of your convictions that there is dignity in labor, that rights are worth fighting for and that people power is the strongest force on earth.” At age 91, Huerta continues to work to center the voices of those most directly impacted by injustice. Most recently, the Dolores Huerta Foundation has provided education and outreach to stop the spread of COVID-19 and motivate individuals to get vaccinated. They have distributed thousands of pounds of non-perishable food to those in need and directed \$250,000 in financial assistance to community members in need during the pandemic.

In her remarks, **Dolores shared that**, “This honorary doctorate honors workers who sustain society but are often not rewarded, recognized or respected. A formal education obligates one to serve workers and create a world of justice.”

Below is a list of the nine recipients honored by Yale University:

1. Dolores Huerta Doctor of Laws
2. Ava DeVernay Doctor of Fine Arts
3. Robert Farris Thompson Doctor of Humanities
4. Donald R. Hopkins Dr. of Medical Sciences
5. Stephen Colbert Doctor of humane letters
6. Daniel Todd Gilbert Doctor of Social Science
7. Judy Blume Doctor of letters
8. Nergis Mavalvala Doctor of Science
9. Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks Doctor of Divinity (In Memoriam)

About DHF

The Dolores Huerta Foundation is a 501 (c)3 organization whose mission is to inspire and organize communities to build volunteer organizations called Vecinos Unidos chapters empowered to pursue social justice. Vecinos Unidos members develop their community organizing, civic engagement, and leadership skills by working on policy advocacy on issues such as health, environment, education, and youth development in their communities. Learn more about the Dolores Huerta Foundation at www.doloreshuerta.org.

###