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Deaton Wins Missourian Award

**Chancellor Emeritus Brady J. Deaton to be honored
for his 24 years of service.**

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Update: Deaton, who earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics and a master's degree in diplomacy and international commerce from the University of Kentucky, will receive an honorary doctor of science degree at UK's commencement ceremony, Dec. 19, 2014. Videos of the ceremony will be posted online. In addition, Deaton will be inducted into UK's Hall of Distinguished Alumni during the hall's 50th anniversary year. Deaton will receive the honor along with 21 others, including former Ohio Gov. Theodore "Ted" Strickland and former North Carolina Gov. Beverly Eaves Perdue, April 17, 2015, in Lexington, Kentucky. Of the more than 220,000 UK graduates, Deaton will be one of 306 to be inducted into the hall.

It takes a special kind of Kentuckian to be given The Missourian Award.

Kentucky native Brady J. Deaton will receive a 2014 Missourian Award Sept. 27 in a ceremony at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri. The award recognizes Chancellor Emeritus Deaton's academic and administrative career at the University of Missouri, which spanned nearly a quarter century, from 1989 to 2013.



Brady J. Deaton. Photo by Rob Hill.

Created by Ralph and Corrine Slavens, The Missourian Award honors outstanding citizens who were born in Missouri or became famous in Missouri.

Born in rural Kentucky to a family of modest means, Deaton rose through public schools and universities to become MU's chancellor from 2004 to 2013. Previous roles at MU included provost, deputy chancellor and chair of the agricultural economics department.

In 2011, President Barack Obama appointed him chair

of the Board for International Food and Agriculture Development, an advisory group to the U.S. Agency for International Development, a position he still holds. He also serves as executive director of the Anne and Brady Deaton Institute for University Leadership in International Development housed at MU.

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