

Will Steger, a polar explorer, educator and eyewitness to the effects of climate change, has accomplished the most significant polar expeditions in history. Steger led the first confirmed dogsled journey to the North Pole without re-supply in 1986, the 1,600-mile south-north traverse of Greenland (the longest unsupported dogsled expedition in history) in



1988, and led the first dogsled traverse of Antarctica (the historic seven month, 3,741-mile International Trans-Antarctica Expedition) in 1989–90. Steger joined Amelia Earhart, Robert Peary and Roald Amundsen in receiving the National Geographic Society's prestigious John Oliver La Gorce Medal for "Accomplishments in Geographic Exploration, in the Sciences, and Public Service to Advance International Understanding" in 1995. This was the first time the Society presented these three categories together and this award has not been given since. Steger holds a Bachelor of Science in geology and Master of Arts in education from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, in addition to five Honorary Doctorates. Steger has continued his commitment to the environment and education through the Will Steger Foundation, a Minneapolis based nonprofit he established in 2006, by educating and empowering people to engage in solutions to climate change. Will Steger provides a credible and moral voice for climate action based on his unique eyewitness account of a warming world through 50 years of arctic exploration and the impacts of climate change on not only the arctic, but on our environment and economy.

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