HONORARY DEGREES 6203

POLICY: Honorary degrees may be awarded at commencement or some other equally appropriate time.

The Governing Board may award an honorary associate degree to an individual who has distinguished him or herself by outstanding personal or professional achievement, or philanthropic contribution to the District, community, or county in continuance of educational excellence and the District's mission and goals.

Criteria for awarding the honorary degree include the following:

- 1) Extraordinary support of the district or its college to further its programs, activities, or capital construction;
- 2) Extraordinary service to the community or county served by the district;
- 3) Extraordinary achievement in the individual's chosen field of endeavor.
- 4) The Superintendent/President or Designee shall establish procedures and criteria for the award of honorary degrees.

REFERENCES/

AUTHORITY: California Education Code Section 70902, 72122

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PROCEDURE:

The Governing Board may award an honorary associate degree to an individual whose outstanding personal, professional, or philanthropic contribution to the District, community, or county has provided for the continuance of excellence in educational programs, facilities, or any activity associated with the District's mission and goals.

- Criteria for awarding the Honorary degree include:
 - o extraordinary support of the District to further its programs, activities, or capital construction;
 - extraordinary service to the community served by the District;
 - o extraordinary achievement in the individual's chosen field of endeavor:
 - o other extraordinary reasons deemed worthy of recognition, as determined by the Governing Board.
- Procedures for nominations and selection:
 - o Nominations for recipients of honorary degrees must be submitted in writing to the Academic Senate;
 - The written statement must adhere to the criteria for awarding honorary degrees;
 - The College Superintendent/President shall meet with the Superintendent/President Cabinet and the President of the Academic Senate for review, validation of merits, and final recommendation;
 - Final selection of candidate(s) must be mutually agreed upon by the Academic Senate and the Superintendent/President;
 - Approved honorary degrees shall specify "Honorary" on the diploma;
 - O The Superintendent/President will forward to the Governing Board the name(s) of successful candidate(s) for their approval.

REFERENCES/ AUTHORITY:

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