

**Academic Affairs****AP 4110          Honorary Degrees****References:**

Education Code Section 72122

The conferring of honorary Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degrees provides the Board of Trustees with a vehicle to recognize and honor individuals whose lives, conduct, and significant achievements are consistent with the mission of Marin Community College District and the aims of higher education.

Recipients must have distinguished themselves in education, community or national service, or in their profession. Their service must also support the mission and values of the District.

Any group or individual on or off campus may nominate a candidate for an honorary degree. All nominations are forwarded to the Superintendent/President. The Superintendent/President, with the approval of the Academic Senate, recommends the awarding of an honorary degree to the Board of Trustees.

Recommendations shall include:

- Name of recipient;
- Educational and professional experience;
- Evidence of distinguished service that justifies awarding of an honorary degree.

Honorary degrees shall not be awarded to:

- Incumbent members of the Board of Trustees of the Allan Hancock Community College District
- Any current employee of the District
- Incumbent elected officials

The Board of Trustees shall approve the conferring of all honorary degrees, as required by statute.

If a Marin Community College District honorary degree holder is found not to uphold the criteria and standards for which the degree was awarded, the Superintendent/President may hold the honorary degree in abeyance, pending board action. The Board of Trustees shall meet in closed session and by virtue of its exclusive authority in this matter shall make the final determination regarding whether any previously conferred honorary degree shall be revoked.

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