AP 4110 – Honorary Degrees

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References: Education Code Sections 70902, 72122

There are two categories of conditions under which the District may award an honorary degree:

1) In rare and unusual circumstances, the District may award an honorary degree for:

- Significant contributions to the District
- Outstanding academic achievement
- Extraordinary circumstances
- Exemplary service to the community or commitment to her/his profession

2) An honorary posthumous degree may be awarded to recognize the academic achievements of a student who dies while enrolled in a degree program at Butte College subject to the following conditions:

- At the time of death, the student was enrolled in courses required for completion of a degree program offered by the College and nearing completion of work required for the degree.
- The student was in good academic standing and successfully progressing toward completion of requirements for the degree to be awarded.
- The student must not have been dismissed or suspended at the time of death.
- The student must not have died while committing a felony (crime).

Honorary degree recipient(s) will be selected by a committee consisting of the:

- Superintendent/President
- President of the Board of Trustees
- Academic Senate President
- President of the Butte College Foundation Board

The Board of Trustees may hold a closed session to approve the conferring of honorary degrees to the proposed recipient(s).

Recipients of honorary posthumous degrees will be recognized at the appropriate commencement as part of the graduating class.

The diploma for the honorary posthumous degree will be sent or presented to the recipient’s immediate family.