

Policy Title: **HONORARY DEGREES**

Fox Valley Technical College will give special recognition to individuals by issuing honorary degrees based on the policy guidelines outlined below:

**Honorary Degree**

Upon the recommendation of the president, the Fox Valley Technical College board of trustees may authorize the issuance of an honorary associate degree or technical diploma as a special recognition of an individual external to the College. An honorary degree or diploma is intended to honor an individual for distinguished service to the community and/or exceptional accomplishment in life or career endeavors. The honorary degree/diploma does not infer any academic rights or privileges.

**Posthumous Honorary Degree**

At the recommendation of the respective program dean, an FVTC student may be considered for a posthumous honorary degree. Upon the recommendation of the president, the Fox Valley Technical College board of trustees may authorize the issuance of an honorary associate degree or technical diploma to the family of the deceased student. The honorary degree/diploma does not infer any academic rights or privileges; it is intended to honor the student's pursuit of the credential.

All honorary degrees/diplomas are listed and recognized in the College graduation ceremony program.

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