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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**

A student who at the time of death was in good standing in an associate degree or technical diploma program and had 75% of credit hours earned, shall, upon recommendation by the program faculty or division dean and approval by the Chief Academic Officer be issued a posthumous degree or diploma. The program dean or faculty will coordinate the appropriate delivery of the degree to the family of the deceased student. The posthumous honorary degree/diploma does not infer any academic rights or privileges; it is intended to honor the student's pursuit of the credential.

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

**Degrees in Memoriam**

A Degree in Memoriam is a recognition provided to honor a deceased student's progress toward the degree. The Degree in Memoriam is not included in the official count of degrees nor do they appear in the College graduation ceremony program.

For associate degrees and technical diplomas, a student who was in good standing at the college at the time of his or her death and who does not meet the requirements necessary to be awarded a posthumous degree may be awarded a Degree in Memoriam. Degrees in Memoriam will be issued by the department or division in coordination with the Registrar's Office and will read "Associate in Applied Science in Memoriam" or "Technical Diploma in Memoriam" as appropriate to the credential being sought at the time of the student's death.

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