

HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BP 4110 Honorary Degree

Reference: Education Code Section 72122

An honorary degree is an academic degree awarded by the College to an individual who has made significant contributions to a particular field or to society in general, often without requiring the recipient to complete a formal course of study. This degree serves as a form of recognition, signifying that the College honors the recipient's achievements. The primary purpose of an honorary degree is to acknowledge and celebrate an individual's outstanding achievements and impact in areas like public service, arts, science, business, and philanthropy. While the degree does not confer academic credentials or the right to practice a profession, honorary degrees are considered a high honor from the College, symbolizing the institution's values and the recipient's embodiment of those ideals. Honorary degrees may be awarded at commencement or some other equally appropriate time. The names of persons receiving honorary degrees must be approved by the Board.

The CEO shall establish procedures and criteria for the award of honorary degrees.

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