

HONORARY DEGREES

POLICY

It shall be the policy of Brunswick Community College to award Honorary Degrees to deserving candidates recommended by the President of the College and approved by the Board of Trustees. The College seeks to recognize truly notable achievement through the awarding of Honorary Degrees. As such, the award of an Honorary Degree shall be considered exceedingly special and conferred only in exceptional circumstances to a highly restricted and limited number of honorees. Honorary Degrees shall be presented at the spring commencement exercises.

PROCEDURE

The criteria for awarding an Honorary Degree shall be:

- Significant personal or professional accomplishments that exemplify the mission and core values of Brunswick Community College.
- Outstanding or meritorious public service to the College, the community, and/or the state of North Carolina.
- Achievement of local, state, national or international distinction by significant contributions through one's chosen occupation; service to others; excellence in scholarly fields such as humanities and the arts or sciences; or philanthropy.

Limitations of eligibility:

- Honorary Degrees shall not be awarded to incumbent members of the Board of Trustees, current employees of the College, current Brunswick Community College Foundation Directors, current members of the State Board of Community Colleges, incumbent elected officials, or any other individual for whom the awarding of such a degree would constitute a conflict of interest.
- The College shall award the following degrees as appropriate to the accomplishments of the individual being recognized: Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Engineering, or Associate in Applied Science. Each degree shall bear the designation of "honoris causa" ("as a mark of honor") to indicate that the award is honorary.



Approval of Honorary Degree Nominees:

- The Board of Trustees shall normally meet in Executive Session, with the President, to consider a recommendation for award of an Honorary Degree.
- Every effort shall be taken to preserve the confidentiality of the name(s) of nominees and the action of the Board of Trustees prior to the public announcement.

Approved by the Brunswick Community College Board of Trustees
January 15, 2015; November 20, 2017