



**AP 4110      Honorary Degree**

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

1. 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. Exceptions may be granted by the Superintendent/President on a case-by-case basis.
- 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).

The Superintendent/President can award an honorary posthumous degree.

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.

2. 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

Rare and Unusual Circumstance honorary degrees will be approved by a committee consisting of the:

- Superintendent/President
- President of the Board of Trustees
- Academic Senate President

A recommendation requesting a Rare and Unusual Circumstance honorary degree can be brought to the Superintendent/President via the Vice President to be evaluated before the committee is assembled.

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