

2033.                    POLICY ON AWARDING HONORARY DEGREES

References: California Education Code Sections 70902 and 72122

Overview

- A.     Honorary degrees shall be awarded by the Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees.
- B.     All honorary degrees shall be conferred in the name of the Long Beach Community College District.
- C.     The Board of Trustees shall be the governing body with the authority to recommend nominees and confer honorary degrees. Nominations shall come from board members or the Superintendent-President.
- D.     If a nomination is made by a Trustee, the Superintendent-President shall have an opportunity to consider the nomination and consult with the nominating Trustee regarding any concerns. Upon agreement to support the nominee, the recommendation shall be forwarded to the full Board of Trustees for review and formal action to confer the honorary degree.
- E.     The following types of honorary degrees shall be awarded by the Board of Trustees:
  - 1.     Associate of Arts (A.A.)
  - 2.     Associate of Science (A.S.)

Criteria for Awarding Honorary Degrees

The following are the criteria for awarding Long Beach City College honorary degrees:

- A.     To recognize inspirational character, excellence and extraordinary achievement in significant areas of human endeavor that reflect the objectives of an education at Long Beach City College.
- B.     To honor meritorious and outstanding service to Long Beach City College or the greater Long Beach Community.



- C. To recognize individuals whose lives, conduct, and significant achievements serve as examples of Long Beach City College's aspirations for its diverse student body.
- D. The conferral of a posthumous honorary degree must be agreed upon by a family member of the honorary degree recipient.

Limitations on Eligibility

Honorary degrees shall not be awarded to:

- A. Incumbent members of the Board of Trustees;
- B. Any incumbent employee of the Long Beach Community College District;
- C. Incumbent campus superintendent-presidents of the Long Beach Community College District;
- D. All incumbent elected officials; and
- E. Honorary degrees shall not be awarded solely on the basis of past or present employment by the Long Beach Community College District.

Conferral of Degrees

- A. Honorary degrees may be conferred during any a Board of Trustees meeting, a commencement ceremony, or another campus event deemed appropriate by the Superintendent-President.

Limits of Degree Authorization

- A. If an honorary degree holder is found not to uphold the criteria and standards for which the degree was awarded, the Superintendent-President maintains authority to hold the honorary degree in abeyance, pending action by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall meet in closed session, and by virtue of its exclusive authority over honorary degrees, shall make the final determination regarding potential revocation of any previously conferred honorary degree.

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