HONORARY DEGREE

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OPERATIONAL

OVERVIEW

This operational procedure describes the district process for awarding the Honorary Associate of Humanity degree to individuals who have made significant contributions to society, their respective fields, or the academic community in alignment with Metropolitan Community College's mission and values.

NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY

The following criteria will be considered when selecting nominees for an honorary degree:

Professional Achievement: The nominee has achieved extraordinary success and distinction in their chosen field, demonstrating exceptional talent, innovation, and impact.

Contributions to Society: The nominee's contributions have positively impacted society, making a significant difference in areas such as education, science, arts, humanities, public service, or other relevant domains.

Leadership and Influence: The nominee has exhibited exceptional leadership qualities and demonstrated influence in their field, inspiring others and leading by example.

Alignment with MCC Values: The nominees' values and principles align with the mission and vision of MCC.

Impact on MCC: The nominee's accomplishments and contributions have had a direct or indirect positive connection to MCC.

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL

Nominations for honorary degrees may be submitted at any time by faculty, administrators, staff, alumni, or other individuals with a significant affiliation to MCC. Nominations will be submitted to the Office of the Chancellor for consideration and will provide specific examples which highlight ways in which the individual meets the eligibility criteria.

The Executive Cabinet will review and make recommendations to the chancellor for approval for an award recipient. Recipients will be informed of the selection and award details by the Office of the Chancellor.

REVOCATION	The college may revoke the honorary degree of a recipient after consideration of evidence that the individual engaged in activities that are in violation of or incompatible with the college's mission and values. The Executive Cabinet will review and submit revocation nominations to the Chancellor for approval. Upon the Chancellor's approval, the honorary degree will be immediately revoked and the recipient will be notified.
CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS	All relevant records and documentation of the award must be maintained in accordance with the college's archive policy.
PROCEDURE MODIFICATION	This procedure must be reviewed regularly by the chief academic officer at a minimum of every five years.
ENFORCEMENT	This operational procedure and applicable regulations shall be strictly enforced. Violations may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.
VALUES ALIGNMENT	People, Integrity, Excellence
NOTIFICATION	The responsible officer will ensure districtwide communication is made within 30 days of approval through the college-wide communication platform available.
REFERENCE	6.20000 BP Curriculum 6.20500 DR Degrees and Certificates 2.15050 BP Archives 2.15050 DP Archives