



**Policy Series #: 3000 – Educational
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Honorary Degrees**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to establish the rationale for honorary degrees, and provide for standards and guidelines under which honorary degrees will be conferred at Riverland Community College.

APPLICABILITY: An honorary degree is a degree title awarded for the purpose to recognize and honor exceptional persons who have made exceptional contributions to a specific field or to society in general, rather than as the result of matriculating and earning a degree based on studies at the institution. Honorary degrees serve to establish a public association between Riverland Community College and such exceptional persons, and assist Riverland Community College with the goals and objectives of the educational programming, the service and outreach missions, and the institutional advancement of the college.

Riverland Community College has the ability to confer honorary degrees consistent with procedures established by, and with the approval of, the chancellor.

Honorary degrees may not be conferred on currently serving faculty or staff members within the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, current members of the Board of Trustees, or current holders of elected political office.

DEFINITIONS: n/a

DOES THIS POLICY HAVE A PROCEDURE? Yes.

LIST RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES OR PLANS HERE: *(if any)*

System policy 3.16 Honorary Degrees: <http://www.mnscu.edu/board/policy/318.htm>

System procedure 3.16 Honorary Degrees: <http://www.mnscu.edu/board/procedure/318p1.html>

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