

BRIDGEVALLEY COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE**STUDENT RECOGNITION**

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Section 1. Policy Statement

- 1.1. BridgeValley Community and Technical College (College) recognizes student academic achievement during each semester, commencement, and upon graduation.

Section 2. Procedures**2.1. Semester Honors**

The academic grade point average (GPA) is calculated by dividing the total number of 100-level, or above, quality points earned by the total number of 100-level, or above, GPA hours. The satisfactory academic progress GPA also includes any course below the 100-level.

- 2.2. In determining semester honors, the student's satisfactory academic progress grade point average is utilized.
- 2.3. At the conclusion of each full semester, students may be eligible to receive one of two honors:

2.3.1 President's List

To recognize academic excellence of students enrolled for 12 semester hours or more, the President's List is published at the end of each regular semester. This list contains names of all full-time students whose satisfactory academic progress GPAs are 4.0.

Each student whose satisfactory academic progress GPA in a particular semester is 4.0 is eligible to receive a certificate. President's List is recorded on the academic transcript.

2.3.2. Dean's List

To recognize academic excellence of students enrolled for 12 semester hours or more, the Dean's List is published at the end of each regular semester. This list contains names of all full-time students whose satisfactory academic progress GPAs are 3.253.99. Each student whose satisfactory academic progress GPA in a

particular semester is 3.25-3.99 is eligible to receive a certificate. Dean's List is recorded on the academic transcript.

Section 3. Commencement Ceremonial and Graduate Honors

- 3.1. In determining commencement ceremonial and graduate honors, the student's cumulative institutional grade point average is utilized. The cumulative institutional grade point average does not include any course below the 100-level or transfer courses.
- 3.2. Special recognition is given at commencement to students who have achieved special distinction in their studies. Spring graduates' ceremonial honors are based on their previous semester averages. Students participating in graduation whose degrees have been conferred (December and August graduates) will be recognized with final graduate honors. A student must have earned 12 or more GPA credit hours at the College to be eligible to receive commencement ceremonial and graduate honors. Final graduate honors will be recorded on the diploma and transcript. Three types of honors may be awarded:
 - 3.2.1 Summa Cum Laude – A student must attain a 3.75 or higher cumulative institutional grade point average.
 - 3.2.2. Magna Cum Laude – A student must attain a 3.50-3.74 cumulative institutional grade point average.
 - 3.2.3. Cum Laude – A student must attain a 3.25-3.49 cumulative institutional grade point average.
- 3.3. At each publication cycle, the College catalog will be updated with the latest student recognition requirements to satisfy this policy.