

HONORARY DEGREE POLICY

Policy Number:
Owner Department: Academic
Effective Date: January 1, 2014
Approved By: President's Council
Date: May 26, 2021

I. POLICY STATEMENT/PURPOSE

An honorary degree is one of higher education's most significant accolades. It is the policy of SCNM to award honorary degrees on a selective basis to extraordinary individuals who merit special recognition. A candidate for an honorary degree must have demonstrated personal and professional qualities that are consistent with the vision, mission and goals of SCNM. This honor is to be given to individuals to recognize and acknowledge outstanding public service, distinguished scholarship, distinctive accomplishment, and exceptional achievement. The honorary doctoral degree shall be the highest honorary award conferred by SCNM

These contributions may be in the following areas:

- A. Art
- B. Education
- C. Health Care
- D. Letters (literature)
- E. Law
- F. Music
- G. Philosophy
- H. Professions
- I. Public Service (philanthropic activity)
- J. Scholarship
- K. Science
- L. Theology

II. POLICY STATUS

Revised (last revision 08/26/2020 – minor revisions to remove process)

III. DEFINITION(S)

None

IV. SCOPE/KEY STAKEHOLDERS

College Honorary Degree Committee, Faculty Senate, President's Council, Board of Trustees

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V. POLICY ITEMS

A. ELIGIBILITY:

Nominations of individuals while actively employed by the College will not be accepted for consideration. However, they are eligible for consideration one year after their departure or retirement from the College.

The honorary degree will be conferred at a regular commencement of SCNM. The individuals to be honored must be present at the award ceremony to receive the honorary degree.

B. TYPES OF HONORARY DEGREES:

Approved degrees conferred honoris causa for SCNM include:

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| i. | Doctor of Naturopathic Sciences | N.S.D. | (Honoris Causa) |
| ii. | Doctor of Humane Letters | L.H.D. | (Honoris Causa) |
| iii. | Doctor of Science | D.Sc. | (Honoris Causa) |

VI. RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

College Honorary Degree Committee

VII. RELATED DOCUMENTS

Honorary Degree Committee Operating Code
Honorary Degree Process

VIII. NEXT REVIEW DATE

As needed.

IX. VERSION CONTROL AND CHANGE HISTORY

Version Control	Approved By/Date	Date Effective	Amendment
1	PC June 26, 2013	January 1, 2014	
2	PC January 23, 2019		Updated committee membership
3	Review by PC August 26, 2020		Minor edits, removing procedure from the policy
4	President's Council 5-26-21		Updated approved degrees to be conferred

X. POLICY AUTHOR/CONTACT

Honorary Degrees Committee/Chair