

STOCKTON UNIVERSITY



PROCEDURE

Honorary Degrees

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An honorary degree may be bestowed upon individuals whose accomplishments establish standards of excellence for Stockton University and the larger community.

The following criteria shall guide the University community in its efforts to nominate individuals for the award of honorary degrees. An honorary degree may be granted in recognition of two or more of the following criteria:

1. The nominee has demonstrated outstanding achievement in their respective field.
2. The nominee has made a substantial contribution(s) to Stockton University.
3. The nominee will bring substantial prestige to the University by receiving this award.

Nomination Process:

All members of the University community may submit honorary degree nominations to the President. The Honorary Degree Committee consisting of the Provost, President of Faculty Senate, President of Student Senate and faculty, staff and students appointed by the President, will review all nominations and supporting material and present a recommendation to the President who, upon approval, will present a recommendation to the full Board of Trustees for its review and action.

Honorary degrees with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereunto shall be awarded at the University's commencement, honors convocation, or any other occasion deemed appropriate by the President and the Board of Trustees.

The University may revoke an honorary degree if the University's Board of Trustees in its reasonable and good faith opinion determine that circumstances have changed or if information is discovered such that the recipient's recognition would adversely impact the University's reputation or conflict with the University's stated mission, vision, or values. Alternatively, the University's Board of Trustees may, in its discretion, determine an alternative recognition. The University shall make all reasonable efforts to inform the recipient of any termination or change.

Members of the University community may initiate consideration of the revocation of an honorary degree by sending a request, and all supporting material, to the Office of the President for review by the Honorary Degree Committee. The Committee will then present a formal recommendation to the President, who, upon approval, will present a recommendation to the Board of Trustees for its review and action.

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