# **Academic Recognition**

#### **Dean's List**

To recognize students with outstanding scholastic records, the College publishes a Dean's List on its website after each semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete a minimum course load of 12 curriculum credit hours and achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester, without an incomplete (I) grade.

### Phi Theta Kappa

The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), an international honor society of two-year colleges, is to promote scholarship, the development of leadership, and service by cultivating fellowship among qualified students. Students are invited to join the society once they have completed 12 hours of college course credit and earned a 3.5 or higher GPA.

### **National Society of Leadership and Success**

The National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) is the largest leadership honor society in the United States. The mission of NSLS is to help people discover and achieve their goals. It offers life-changing lectures from the nation's leading presenters and communities where like-minded, success-oriented individuals come together and help one another succeed.

#### **Commencement Marshals**

The role of Commencement Marshal is one of the highest honors the college awards to non-graduating curriculum students. Graduation marshals are appointed by the Director of Admissions and Students Records based on their involvement in and contribution to the campus community. To be considered for the honor of Commencement Marshal, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above and cannot be graduating the academic year when the ceremony is held. Commencement marshals are involved in every aspect of the commencement ceremony, from the rehearsal, opening procession, and seating of the candidates to the concluding recessional. Their participation is critical to the ceremony's success.

## **Graduation with Distinction/Honors**

Students who demonstrate high levels of scholarship through completion of their programs of study will graduate with distinction. This recognition is awarded to graduates who achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or better for all coursework completed at the College.

Graduates receiving associate degrees who achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or better, will earn honors as outlined below:

- 3.50 Cum Laude
- 3.75 Magna Cum Laude
- 3.90 Summa Cum Laude

All candidates will be recognized at the annual commencement ceremony.