

# Academic Recognition

## Graduation Honors and Awards

Graduates in programs leading to a degree or diploma qualify for academic recognition at graduation. Students earning a cumulative GPA of 4.00 in their program will be granted a degree or diploma with high honors. Students earning a cumulative GPA of 3.50 to 3.99 in their program will be granted a degree or diploma with honors.

## Honor Society - Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society of two-year colleges. The purpose of the society is to recognize academic excellence among two-year college students, provide opportunities for leadership training, provide an intellectual climate for the interchange of ideas and ideals and instill in students the desire for continued education. In order to qualify for membership, students must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or better and have earned at least 18 and no more than 48 hours of credit and be enrolled in an associate degree program. Current members must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 to remain in good standing.

# Semester Honors

Credit students who earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 to 3.999 for the semester are named to the Dean's List for the semester. Credit students with a GPA of 4.0 are named to the President's List for the semester. To be eligible for these honors, students:

1. Must be approved and enrolled in a program. (This excludes students in special credit and certificate programs.)
2. Must earn their GPA on a minimum of nine credit hours of credit courses.
3. Must have completed all coursework for the semester. Students with grades of incomplete (I) will not be eligible.

# Commencement

Commencement is held at the end of spring semester on the date published in the academic calendar. Degrees, diplomas and certificates are awarded at this time. Students must notify the director of Records/Registrar of their intention to participate in the exercises when they submit their *Intent to Graduate Form* at the time of their last semester registration.

## Commencement Marshals

Marshals are selected from students in degree programs who have maintained the highest scholastic averages. The marshal who has the highest academic average is named chief marshal.

## School Rings

Students in good standing who have completed at least one-half of the credit hours required for graduation in their program may order a school ring. Students are required to pay a deposit at the time the ring is ordered, with the balance due upon delivery. Rings may be ordered in the Forsyth Tech Bookstore (lower level),

Technology and Student Services Building, Main Campus, during the annual Graduate Fair, and at other student events as announced and via the bookstore's TechLink page.