

# **ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY**

## **Academic Excellence**

## **Responsible Administrator: Chief Academic Officer**

Southwest Tech recognizes and celebrates the academic achievement of students through the following academic honors initiatives.

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

The Dean's List is compiled and made public at the end of each academic semester (exclusive of the summer term). The Deans' List is made up of students enrolled in associate degree and technical diploma programs who have completed 12 or more credits during the semester and earned a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher for the semester (non-cumulative). Part-time students enrolled in associate degree and technical diploma programs are eligible for the Deans' List once a minimum of 12 credits has been completed and 6 or more credits are completed during the semester with a GPA of 3.0 or higher for the semester.

### Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society for two-year institutions which recognizes and encourages scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa provides opportunities for developing leadership and service skills, exchanging ideas and ideals, developing life-long friendships between scholars, and stimulating interest in continuing academic excellence. Students who achieve an overall 3.5 cumulative GPA having completed 12 or more credits in an associate degree program and are invited by the College President are eligible for the annual induction in the Beta Rho Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

A Phi Theta Kappa member whose GPA falls between 3.0 and 3.5 is placed on club probation. Processes identified in Phi Theta Kappa by laws are implemented. A member whose GPA falls below 3.0 will be dismissed from the honor society.

### **Graduation with High Honors**

A graduate who completes all the required courses in his/her associate degree or technical diploma program and achieves a program cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above will graduate with high honors. Students who have attained this program GPA will be recognized as honors students and will receive gold cords to be worn during the commencement program.

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