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310.1 POLICY STATEMENT

Northwest Indian College may grant undergraduate degrees posthumously.

310.2 PURPOSE

Northwest Indian College takes special responsibility to recognize our students' achievements. This is especially true for students who have passed away while in attendance at NWIC. This policy is meant to make clear the college's position, avoid confusion, and empower the College and Registrar to award a degree when appropriate. The Registrar is responsible for determining if a student has met the criteria to warrant granting a degree from Northwest Indian College.

310.3 SCOPE

This policy concerning the criteria for awarding posthumous degrees to students applies only to degree seeking students who have passed away while in attendance at Northwest Indian College.

310.4 BACKGROUND

No policy was in place prior to Fall 2014.

310.5 RESPONSIBILITY

The Registrar's office is responsible for awarding degrees posthumously.

310.6 DEFINITIONS

Posthumous Degree means a degree conferred by Northwest Indian College to a deceased student.

310.7 PROCEDURE

A request for the awarding of a posthumous degree may be initiated by the deceased student's family or by a representative of the college. The Registrar will review the deceased student's record upon request and determine if the student:

- (1) is currently enrolled and in good academic standing;
- (2) is within 20 credits of degree completion.

Should the student meet the requirements, the Registrar will award the degree posthumously. If requested, the graduation program will note the degree was awarded posthumously. A certificate will be presented to the immediate family of the deceased student by an appropriate college representative. The diploma will be sent in the mail following commencement.

310.8 RELATED INFORMATION

Deceased Student Procedure