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SUBJECT:  APPROVED HONOR CORDS/ GRADUATION REGALIA

Background: The purpose of this policy is to clarify regalia and honors cords approved for use by students during commencement activities.

Point of Contact: Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

Other LCSC offices directly involved with implementation of this policy, or significantly affected by the policy: Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, Registrar

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Date of State Board Approval: N/A

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Summary of Major Changes incorporated in this revision to the policy: Added military dress uniform as acceptable for commencement ceremony.

1. Commencement is a formal academic event. Graduates must be properly attired in approved academic regalia in order to participate in commencement activities.

   A. Academic regalia: Commonly called cap and gown, academic regalia includes a mortarboard (cap), black gown, and tassel. The stole is included for baccalaureate degree candidates.

   B. Tassel: The tassel is worn on the right side of the mortarboard (cap) prior to the degree being conferred.

   C. Honor cords, worn around the neck and hanging down the front of the gown, identify students who are graduating with honors. The cords are provided by Lewis-Clark State College and are worn on this one occasion only. Only the cords and stoles listed below are appropriate for commencement at Lewis-Clark State College.

   D. Approved honors cords/stoles/ tassels:

      1) President’s honors (blue/white; Professional-Technical honors, 3.75 GPA)

      2) Cum Laude (silver; with distinction, 3.70 GPA)

      3) Magna Cum Laude (gold; with great distinction, 3.8 GPA)
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4) Summa Cum Laude (silver & gold; with highest distinction, 3.9 GPA)

5) College-sanctioned honor societies and organizations:

   a. Teacher Education: Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society recognizes teacher candidates who have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, demonstrated high academic ideals, and have made significant contributions to the education profession (green and purple cords).

   b. Social Work: Phi Alpha Honor Society recognizes pledged members with a grade point average of 3.25 or higher (silver medallion).

   c. Psychology: Psi Chi Honor Society recognizes declared psychology majors who have earned a GPA that is in the top 35% of their class or a 3.3 GPA, with an average 3.0 GPA for psychology courses (silver medallion).

   d. Ambassador Honor Society: recognizes the academic achievements of members with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and their service contributions (gold tassel).

   e. Military and Veteran Honor Cords: LCSC honors those who serve or have honorably served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Graduates wear red, white, and blue honor cords.

E. Military service men and women may wear a military service dress uniform.

F. Cords, stoles, or medallions beyond those listed in this policy are not to be worn during commencement exercises.

G. Small pins which demonstrate affiliation with other instructional programs or campus groups and organizations may be worn on the stole or the gown.