

## Policy on College/University Academic Awards and Honours

### Introduction

The College of The Bahamas believes that students demonstrating high-ability through their performances evidenced by the stipulated grade point average and/or contribution to The College/University should be recognized publicly as models in the academic community of learners. All students receiving academic awards and honours will be recognized at an honours event held during the annual College/University commencement week of activities.

### 1.0 Honours

Honours calculations are based on a minimum of 12 semester hour credits of new course work. Students who have withdrawn from or failed a course, students who have received an incomplete (I) grade and students who are repeating a course (except those courses which may be repeated for credit) are ineligible for this award. Courses that are graded on a pass/fail basis are not included in honours calculations. A record of this award is documented in each semester on the student's academic record.

#### 1.1 President's List

- 1.1.1. In recognition of a superior level of academic achievement, a President's List is compiled at the end of the spring semester of each academic year.
- 1.1.2. Students who achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or higher in the fall and spring semesters of the same academic year are named to the President's List.

#### 1.2 Dean's List

- 1.2.1 In recognition of an outstanding level of academic achievement, a Dean's List is compiled at the end of each fall and spring semester.
- 1.2.2 Students who achieve a grade point average of 3.00 or higher at the end of each semester are named to the Dean's List.

### 2.0 Special Awards

#### 2.1 The Governor General's Award

The Governor General's Award is given to the student graduating with a baccalaureate degree who has

- 2.1.1 achieved the highest cumulative grade point average over 3.70;
- 2.1.2 been recommended by Academic Board; and
- 2.1.3 been approved by the President's Cabinet.

2.2 The President's Award

The President's Award is given to the student graduating with a baccalaureate degree who, in the judgment of the President of The College/University, has made a significant contribution to the life of the institution through academic achievement and a commitment to the ideals, aims and values of the institution. This student must have

- 2.2.1. achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50; and
- 2.2.2. made significant contribution to The College/University.

2.3 The College of The Bahamas Alumni Association Leadership Award

The College of The Bahamas Alumni Association Leadership Award is presented to the student graduating with a baccalaureate degree who has

- 2.3.1 achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00;
- 2.3.2 demonstrated leadership in a College/University club or organization; and
- 2.3.3 been recommended by the Student Activities Department; and
- 2.3.4 been approved by the President's Cabinet.

**3.0 Family Island Campus Awards**

Family Island Campus Awards may be presented for those Campuses where students are able to complete college-level programmes. Awards for Associate Degree programmes will only be given in those instances where there is no Bachelor Degree programme. Two Family Island Campus Awards may be presented by each Campus each academic year.

3.1 Nominations for the Family Island Campus Award are advanced by the relevant Campus committee, vetted by The Deans Council and Academic Board and approved by the President's Cabinet. The Family Island Campus Award is presented to the graduating student who has

- 3.1.1. achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00; and
- 3.1.2 made a contribution to the development of the Campus.

3.2 The Family Island Campus Award for Academic Excellence is presented to the graduating student who has achieved the highest cumulative grade point average over 3.00. The Academic Affairs Officer/Campus Coordinator will forward the name of the graduating student to Academic Board for ratification.

#### **4.0 School Awards**

Two School Awards may be presented each academic year. Awards for Associate Degree programmes will only be given in those instances where there is no Bachelor Degree programme. Dual Awards on separate campuses of The College/University will not be allowed.

4.1 Recommendations for the Overall School Award are advanced by the Chair and faculty of the School, vetted by the Dean and sanctioned by Academic Board. The Overall School Award is presented to the graduating student who has

4.1.1 achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00; and

4.1.2 made a contribution to the School.

4.2 The School Award for Academic Excellence is presented to the graduating student who has achieved the highest cumulative grade point average over 3.00. The Chair of the School will forward the name of the graduating student to Academic Board for ratification.

#### **5.0 Programme Awards**

Programme Awards may be given to graduating students who exhibit outstanding performance in each academic discipline, as approved by the Office of Academic Affairs. Awards for Associate Degree programmes will only be given in those instances where there is no Bachelor Degree programme.

5.1 Programme Awards will be given to the graduating student who has achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 and the highest grade point average over 3.00 in the major.

5.2 The Chair of the School will forward the name of the graduating student to the Dean for vetting and then to the Academic Board for ratification.