

## HONORS

### I. Honors recognized by MDCC are as follows:

- A. Phi Theta Kappa\*
- B. Hall of Fame\*
- C. Departmental Awards\*
- D. Achievement Awards\*
- E. HEADWAE\*
- F. All USA Academic Team\*
- G. Service & Leadership Awards
- H. Scholars List and Honor Roll\*
- I. National Career-Technical Honor Society

\*Recipients of these honors will be recognized at annual Honors Day program.

### II. Criteria for Awards

A. Phi Theta Kappa — The Zeta Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is a non-secret national honor society for junior/community colleges that was inaugurated at Mississippi Delta Community College in 1947. Initial selection of candidates is made by a review of transcripts by society advisors. Candidates must meet all of the following criteria.

1. Must be a full time student enrolled in a program of study leading to a B.A. or B.S. degree or a Technical degree and have completed one or more semesters with at least fifteen academic/ technical hours. Intermediate, developmental and remedial courses will not be considered;
2. As a freshman, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better on fifteen semester hours during the \*qualifying semester. (\*Fall or Spring semester). Summer school hours will not be considered.
3. As a sophomore, have a cumulative grade point of 3.5 on at least thirty semester hours;
4. Transfer students must complete fifteen hours through MDCC before being considered for membership;
5. Exhibit superior scholarship and leadership; and
6. Show evidence of good character.
7. To remain in good standing, a student must maintain a cumulative grade point of 3.0.

B. Hall of Fame — This is the highest honor bestowed by Mississippi Delta Community College. The Standing College Committee on Honors and Awards is

responsible for the selection of candidates based on recommendations from the faculty. It is bestowed upon an un-designated number who meet the following criteria:

1. Be a sophomore.
2. Have a scholastic average of 3.5 or better through the first term of the sophomore year.
3. Have been in school for an equivalent of three consecutive semesters.
4. Have rendered service and contributions to the school program.
5. Possess qualities of leadership, loyalty, character, overall excellent school citizenship, and potential community leadership.
6. Be presently enrolled in school.

C. Departmental Awards — A Departmental Award is the highest honor bestowed on a student by a department. In order for a student to be eligible for a departmental award, he/she must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a sophomore (unless he/she is in a one-year program).
2. Possess good traits of citizenship.
3. Show potential of success in the future in the departmental area of study.
4. Be selected by the faculty members of that department under the direction of the department chair.
5. Be currently enrolled at MDCC.
6. Have taken at least twelve semester hours or equivalent in the department (including three semester hours of courses in which currently enrolled).
7. Each department may award one departmental award.
  - a. Should a student receive a Departmental Award, he/she will not be eligible for an Achievement Award from the same department.

D. Achievement Awards — Achievement Awards are awarded to students by departments for achievement in a particular discipline. An Achievement Award may be given to students meeting the following criteria:

1. Must be enrolled as a full-time freshman or sophomore.
2. Must have completed six hours in the department (which may include hours of current enrollment).
  - a. If more than one instructor teaches the course — one award per instructor, per 6 hour course (or two related 3 hour courses) may be given.
  - b. Departments may have additional requirements.

E. HEADWAE — HEADWAE is sponsored by the Mississippi Association of Colleges and the Mississippi Legislature. The HEADWAE student is selected by the Standing College Committee on Honors and Awards from faculty recommendations. The student is recognized at a luncheon and is the guest of legislators while the legislature is in session. The students must:

1. Be a Sophomore.
2. Have a scholastic average of 3.5 or better at the end of the preceding (freshman) year.
3. Be enrolled full-time and have been in school at MDCC for two consecutive semesters.

F. All USA Academic Team — The Phi Theta Kappa faculty committee will select two students from faculty nominations. They will be recognized on the state level as well as be considered for national honor.

1. To be eligible for nomination, a student must be currently enrolled in an institution that is a member of the American Association of Community Colleges.
2. The nominee must have completed at least twelve semester hours in pursuit of an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or an Associate of Applied Science degree, prior to being nominated and must currently post a cumulative grade-point average of not less than 3.5 and all course work taken at that college.

G. Service and Leadership Awards — These awards are not given for academics, but are to recognize students who have gone above the call of duty in giving their time and energies in some specific area of the school program at MDCC. The student should not have a record of academic or disciplinary probation. The Standing College Committee on Honors and Awards is responsible for the selection of candidates based on recommendations from the faculty.

H. President's, Dean's and Honors List — At the end of each semester, the Director of Admission's Office will prepare and issue an Honor Roll. This list will include those students who have, as judged by their grade marks, done superior academic work during the term. Those attaining an average of 4.0 will be listed on the President's List. Those making 3.5-3.99 averages will be cited on the Dean's List. Those with 3.0- 3.49 will be recognized on the Honor List. Averages will be based on the total load carried. To be considered for any type of honor recognition, the student must carry a minimum load of twelve academic hours and have no grade lower than a C.

I. National Career-Technical Honor Society—The mission of NC-THS is to reward excellence in workforce education, build stronger industry education partnerships in local communities, and encourage students to develop the skills needed in today's quality-driven workplace.

1. Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
2. GPA for technical program or major 3.25 or higher
3. One or more faculty and/or staff recommendations
4. Active involvement in student government, CTSO, civic, or service organization(s)