It is the policy of Cabrillo College to recognize and honor individuals who give or have given extraordinary service to the success of Cabrillo College, its students and staff. A representative committee of college and community members is appointed by the College President to select honorees, in a manner somewhat similar to the scholarship award process. The committee sets a schedule for a nomination process for awards, and it evaluates nominations. Depending on the receipt of nominations and the results of its deliberations, the committee makes recommendations to the College President for his recommendation to the Governing Board no more frequently than once a year. Approval of the Governing Board is required to honor meritorious service.

Within the scope of this policy, recognition of individuals for meritorious service may take one or more of the following forms: 1) annual selection of individuals for inclusion on a prominently placed permanent display; this honor is given very selectively; 2) establishment of an annual award bestowed in the name of an individual, whose inspiration and contributions are thus perpetuated; this extremely prestigious award is established rarely; 3) naming of a campus site after an individual; this unique honor is bestowed only in unusual circumstances, and the award must benefit students through its positive and unifying effect.

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