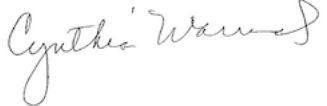


## STILLMAN COLLEGE

Policy Name: POSTHUMOUS DEGREE POLICY		Approved by President
College Division: Academic Affairs	Date Established: 6/2/2020	
Date Revised:	Date Removed:	

### **Policy Statement:**

Stillman College seeks to demonstrate sympathy and concern to the families of students who pass away during their matriculation. The Posthumous Degree Policy allows the College to establish guidelines and procedures for the awarding the posthumous degree or a certificate of attendance if the criteria for the posthumous degree are not met.

The posthumous degree is an official Stillman College degree; therefore, the student must have met the following criteria:

- (1) Been enrolled at Stillman College at the time of his/her death;
- (2) Have earned credit hours that place him/her at senior level status (92 or more credit hours);
- (3) Have completed 80% of the major requirements at the time of his/her death; and
- (4) Have earned at least a 2.0 GPA

### **Procedures for Implementation:**

The request for a posthumous degree may originate with the family of the deceased or a Stillman employee. The request should be presented to the Provost for review. The Provost will notify the Registrar who will assess the criteria listed above to determine if the deceased student is eligible for a posthumous degree. If the deceased student does not meet the criteria, but was enrolled and in good academic standing at the time of death, a certificate of attendance may be awarded. The Registrar will provide the Provost with the assessment of eligibility and the Provost will notify the family if the degree will be awarded.

The awarding of the posthumous degree will be made at the time of the next Commencement.

### **Publication of Policy and Procedure:**

The Posthumous Degree Policy and associated procedures are published on the College's website and in the Faculty, Staff, and Student Handbooks.