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## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

## **GRADUATION WITH HONORS**

The purpose of graduation with honors is to identify students receiving associate or baccalaureate degrees who have compiled a superior academic record. The three different levels that distinguish academic excellence are as follows: Summa Cum Laude - 4.0 GPA Magna Cum Laude - 3.5 GPA

Cum Laude - 3.25 GPA

To graduate summa cum laude, students must achieve a 4.0 grade-point average on all work attempted at Navarro College and other post-secondary institutions attended and have no grade lower than "A." Summa cum laude will be denoted on the transcript of students achieving this designation.

To graduate magna cum laude, students must achieve a 3.5 grade-point average on all work attempted at Navarro College and other post-secondary institutions attended and have no grade lower than "C." Magna cum laude will be denoted on the transcript of students achieving this designation.

To graduate cum laude, students must achieve a 3.25 grade-point average on all work attempted at Navarro College and other post-secondary institutions attended and have no grade lower than "C." Cum laude will be denoted on the transcript of students achieving this designation.

Only students fulfilling all requirements for graduation prior to the ceremonies are eligible to graduate summa cum laude, magna cum laude, or cum laude.

In the event a student has repeated a course with a lower grade at Navarro College, only the higher grade will be considered for calculation as part of the grade-point average and used for consideration of summa cum laude, magna cum laude, and cum laude recognition.

A student may elect to claim academic fresh start and not use older grades as part of their official grade point average, as prescribed by state statute. In this case, only grades that remain a portion of their official grade point average will be considered in the calculation of the grade point average. See "Repetition of Courses and Academic Fresh Start" (link).

Navarro College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate and baccalaureate degrees. Navarro College also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Navarro College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org).