



Students of Distinction



Nominations Now Open!

*Need a perfect way to recognize an exceptional student?
Nominate them for Students of Distinction!*

On Saturday, May 9, 2026, select students and educators will be honored at the annual Students & Educators of Distinction Awards Ceremony/Luncheon sponsored by the Associated Students.

Students being honored will receive the following on behalf of the Associated Students:

\$2,000 scholarship

Plaque & Lapel pin

You may only nominate a student in one of the four categories outlined on the next page. If the student is eligible, you *may* be asked to write a letter of recommendation on their behalf.

Nomination Instructions

1. **Once Fall 2025 grades post** - Sign into the Portal.
2. Click the Main Menu (*upper left corner next to Mt. SAC logo*) & click Discover.
3. In the search box "Find cards", enter "Students of Distinction" & click Enter.
4. Click "Submit a Nomination"
5. Enter Student ID# & category for each student you wish to nominate & click Submit.
6. You should receive a confirmation e-mail. Please retain this for your records.

Once Fall 2025 grades post, nominations will be accepted through the Employee Portal until January 30, 2026

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Donna Balducci-Lopez at studentlife@mtsac.edu.

Academic Achievement

Students who receive this nomination must have exhibited outstanding academic performance

1. Minimum 3.75 Cumulative GPA
2. 36 units completed
3. 24 units completed at Mt. SAC
4. 24 units completed in the last two years, including summer & winter (Winter 2024-Fall 2025)
5. Enrolled in credit classes for Spring 2026 at Mt. SAC (Student Life will verify)
6. Paid the Student Activities Fee for Spring 2026 (Student Life will verify)
7. No current or past violations to the Standards of Conduct Policy (Student Life will verify)
8. Not a previous Student of Distinction Recipient in any category (Student Life will verify)

Service Achievement

Students who receive this nomination must have performed significant service to the College and/or community through activities related to a recognized Mt. SAC club or organization

1. Minimum 3.0 Cumulative GPA
2. 36 units completed
3. 24 units completed at Mt. SAC
4. 24 units completed in the last two years, including summer & winter (Winter 2024-Fall 2025)
5. Enrolled in credit classes for Spring 2026 at Mt. SAC (Student Life will verify)
6. Paid the Student Activities Fee for Spring 2026 (Student Life will verify)
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Competitive Achievement

Students who receive this nomination must have exhibited outstanding individual performance through competitions on behalf of Mt. SAC

1. Minimum 3.0 Cumulative GPA
2. 36 units completed
3. 24 units completed at Mt. SAC
4. 24 units completed in the last two years, including summer & winter (Winter 2024-Fall 2025)
5. Enrolled in credit classes for Spring 2026 at Mt. SAC (Student Life will verify)
6. Paid the Student Activities Fee for Spring 2026 (Student Life will verify)
7. No current or past violations to the Standards of Conduct Policy (Student Life will verify)
8. Not a previous Student of Distinction Recipient in any category (Student Life will verify)

CONSULT WITH YOUR ATHLETE NOMINEE Student Athletes nominated in the Competitive Achievement Category must adhere to 3C2A regulations pertaining to acceptance of scholarships based on their athletic competition. Student nominees should consult with the Kinesiology, Athletics & Dance Division for guidance on accepting their nomination.

Personal Achievement

Students who receive this nomination have persevered and overcome severe hardships and challenges

1. Minimum 2.75 Cumulative GPA (or 2.75 GPA in the last 18 units completed) (Winter 2024-Fall 2025)
2. 36 units completed
3. 24 units completed at Mt. SAC
4. 18 units completed in the last two years, including summer & winter (Winter 2024-Fall 2025)
5. Enrolled in credit classes for Spring 2026 at Mt. SAC (Student Life will verify)
6. Paid the Student Activities Fee for Spring 2026 (Student Life will verify)
7. No current or past violations to the Standards of Conduct Policy (Student Life will verify)
8. Not a previous Student of Distinction Recipient in any category (Student Life will verify)