PURPOSE
Student Leadership Honors are publicly awarded to students in recognition and honor of the voluntary leadership contributions they have made to Matanuska-Susitna College (MSC) while maintaining their academic excellence. Through leadership activities, honor students must have enhanced the educational mission of Mat-Su College, and more importantly, offered other students the opportunity to grow and excel. Their involvement must have promoted individual and collective growth, thereby enhancing student life at Mat-Su College. Recipients of MSC Student Leadership Honors will have a permanent notation of the award made on their transcripts and will be commemorated at the Spring Commencement ceremony.

CRITERIA
- Must have graduated or be graduating from an MSC program in Summer 2022, Fall 2022, or Spring 2023
- Must have a minimum cumulative MSC/UAA GPA of 3.0
- Must demonstrate ongoing leadership involvement during two or more semesters while a student at MSC
- Must make a significant contribution to the college in one or more of the following ways:
  - Elected/appointed to office
  - Chaired a committee
  - Participated in college club activities, MSC student government, or other MSC student groups promoting the educational mission of the college and enhancing student life on campus
- Must present two letters of recommendation that speak specifically about college leadership participation

The student’s involvement must have contributed to the improvement of student life on campus; recommendations must therefore demonstrate how the student has made a significant contribution to MSC and its students through his or her involvement in campus leadership activities.

APPLICATION PROCESS
- Complete the attached Student Leadership Honors application.
- Submit a narrative description of the voluntary leadership contributions you have made to Matanuska-Susitna College (MSC). Explain how you have enhanced the educational mission of MSC and offered other students the opportunity to grow and excel.
Student Leadership Honors Application
Academic Year 2022-2023

▪ In a separate bulleted list, give the names and contact information of your references, record your club/group memberships, and itemize your college accomplishments.

▪ Submit a minimum of two letters of recommendation from MSC faculty or staff who know you well and can speak directly and specifically about your demonstrated MSC leadership experience, ability, and potential. The recommendations must specifically address your campus leadership participation.

▪ Return the completed application and letters of recommendation to the following address:
  Matanuska-Susitna College
  Attn: Student Services
  8295 E. College Drive
  Palmer, AK 99645

▪ You may also drop off your materials in person at the Student Services Front Desk.

If you have any questions about this process, please call (907)745-9746.

AWARDING PROCESS
▪ The Student Leadership Honors Selection Committee is composed of Mat-Su College faculty and staff.
▪ In addition to a permanent notation of the award on their transcripts, selected students will receive a red Leadership Honors cord to wear at Commencement. An explanation of the honor will appear in the commencement program with a list of the honorees.

APPLICATION DEADLINE. Completed applications and all attachments must be received in Student Services, FSM 101, by Wednesday, April 12, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

RELEASE TO VERIFY GPA
I, ____________________________ (Print Name), SID#______________ authorize the Mat-Su College Student Services office to verify my cumulative MSC/UAA GPA. I hereby attest that the information in this application is true and correct.

Student Signature: ____________________________ Date: __________
Leadership Honors are awarded to individuals upon graduation to recognize and honor their leadership contributions to the Matanuska-Susitna community while maintaining academic excellence. Leadership activities and involvement must promote individual and collective growth, demonstrate increased engagement with the community at Mat-Su College and beyond that showcases commitment to citizenship.

DIRECTIONS. Please type the answers to the following items on a separate sheet of paper:

- What is your personal definition of leadership and how have you applied this definition to your leadership experiences?
- Write a narrative description of the voluntary leadership contributions you have made to Matanuska-Susitna College (MSC).
- Describe how you have enhanced the educational mission of the college and offered other students the opportunity to grow and excel.
- Explain how your participation in leadership experiences have prepared you for future leadership roles in society.

LEADERSHIP RESUME. Resumes should include dates associated with each experience and describe the following:

- Elected or appointed leadership positions and jobs with your areas of responsibilities, accomplishments, and/or skills acquired.
- Organizations, committees, or boards for which you hold membership and any details of your work with these groups.
- Scholarships, honors, awards or special recognitions.

Submit a minimum of two letters of recommendation from MSC faculty or staff who can speak directly and specifically about your demonstrated MSC leadership experience, ability, and potential. The recommendations must specifically address your campus leadership participation. One of the recommenders may be from outside of the university. It is recommended that each letter highlights different aspects of your leadership experiences.

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APPLICANT’S NAME: ______________________________________________________

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TO THE RECOMMENDER: This student is applying for Student Leadership Honors to be awarded upon graduation. Please describe the student’s strengths with regard to academic achievement, campus leadership, and/or character. Support your statements with references to your personal academic/campus experiences with the student. Please feel free to attach additional pages if necessary.

RECOMMENDER’S NAME: ____________________________________________________

POSITION OR TITLE: ____________________________ PHONE: ________________

SIGNATURE: ____________________________ DATE: ________________
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