FAQ – Spring 2021 Special Grading Policy for Latin Honors, Presidential Medal and Deans List

1. How will PASS/FAIL affect graduating with honors, such as graduating cum laude? Will students still be eligible to graduate with honors with a Pass on their transcript?

   Answer: Semester GPAs will be calculated and temporarily recorded before any grade changes to special letters take place.

   Students who meet all criteria of the current policy based on their actual semester GPA will qualify for Latin Honors.

2. Does utilizing the special grading policy affect the potential to receive a Presidential Medal for those who are graduating?

   Answer: For students to be awarded the Presidential Medal, they must have all their actual grades listed on their transcript; as per current policy, an A must be earned in all courses.

   That would be true for students graduating in any semester, including future terms.

3. How will the special grading policy impact the awarding of Latin honors for students graduating in future semesters?

   Answer: For students who are not graduating in Spring 2021, Latin honors decisions will be made after their final semester with Spring 2021 grades treated as they were for students graduating in Spring 2021.

4. How will the special grading policy impact the selection for Deans List honors?

   Answer: Semester GPAs will be calculated and temporarily recorded before any grade changes to special letters take place. Students who meet all criteria of the current policy based on their actual semester GPA will go on the Dean’s List.

   The Dean’s List designation will remain on the transcript even after grades have been converted to special letter designation and GPAs recalculated.