



MERIT KNIGHTING CRITERIA



Merit's mission is to help students prepare to make a difference in the world through leadership, lifelong learning, and active service. Each year, we honor select students of the graduating class by awarding them Knighthood for their leadership, service, and academic achievements. These students are celebrated at the Knighting assembly each May, where they receive an engraved dagger as a reminder of their accomplishments.

HOW TO EARN KNIGHTHOOD

To be Knighted, students must excel in our three mission pillars: Lead, Learn, Serve. Points are awarded for high-level commitment within each of these categories as determined by the Knighting committee:

- **LEARN:** Maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA and be a student at Merit for at least three years.
- **LEAD:** Engage actively in Merit's culture and lead with passion in a wide range of activities. Some examples include:
 - Art:** Take at least 3 art classes
 - Dance:** Take at least 3 dance classes
 - Music:** Take at least 3 music classes
 - Theater:** Take at least 3 theater classes
 - Sports:** Play for a sports team (up to 2 pts. for two sports teams or one sport for two or more seasons)
 - Cheer:** Be on the cheer team (2+ years)
 - StuCo:** Be in StuCo (2+ years)
 - College Classes:** Take at least 3 UVU or Snow College classes or pursue an MTECH route
 - Clubs:** Actively participate in a club for at least a year (up to 2 pts. if you are in the club at least two years and have a leadership role)
 - Leadership Training:** Go to a HOBY/RYLA conference
 - Competitions:** Compete in a non-required competition (e.g., DECA, Poetry Out Loud, culinary arts, etc.)
- **SERVE:** Participate enthusiastically in service-oriented roles. Some examples include:
 - Active member of NHS, Interact, CERT, etc.
 - ASK service that is above and beyond course requirements
 - Yearbook (1 point per year)
 - Exemplary service in StuCo
 - Hope Squad
 - Manager for a sports team
 - Peer tutor
 - Above and beyond service through Quest Time or other recorded service (must be reported by one or more teachers, but you can request a report by teachers)

While this point system serves as a guide, the Knighting committee also considers each student's unique journey, individual challenges, and their wholehearted dedication to Merit's mission of leadership, learning, and service. If you are interested in being Knighted, please keep track of all activities in the categories above, and then complete the Knighting application survey that will be emailed to all seniors in February.