HONORS

Dean’s List
A GPA of 3.7 for the quarter is required for the Dean’s List. Students must be matriculated in a degree program and have completed two or more units at SPS during the relevant quarter. “Dean’s List” appears on transcripts for the relevant term(s).

Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society
SPS is the alpha chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda (https://sps.northwestern.edu/student-services/academic-policies.php), the national honor society for adult learners that honors high-achieving students engaged in balancing the multiple responsibilities of home, family, career, community, and education. A candidate for membership must have completed 33 units at SPS, achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or better, and be in good standing at the school. Membership in Alpha Sigma Lambda is recorded on the transcript. Students are automatically considered for candidacy and, if eligible, are notified at the end of each quarter.

Graduation Honors
Students whose cumulative GPAs are in the top 5 percent across the university graduating classes have the notation “summa cum laude” placed on their records; those in the next 8 percent, “magna cum laude”; and those in the next 12 percent, “cum laude.” These percentages vary year to year to take ties into account; the exact GPAs meeting these criteria differ each year as well.