The College recognizes individuals for their accomplishments and support in many ways. Employees are recognized for years of service to the College and some are given Presidential Recognition Awards for outstanding contributions to the College. Those employees who have had outstanding careers at the College are awarded Emeritus or Honoraire status by the Board of Trustees after they retire. The Board also recognizes the contribution of individuals by the awarding of honorary degrees.

The naming of buildings on campus has evolved. Most buildings have functional titles, such as Liberal Arts, Forum, Applied Science, or the Service Building. The Radcliff Center was named after the street on which the building is located. The naming of buildings for individuals has occurred infrequently, which has added significantly to the honor. To date, only four campus buildings have been named for individuals. The campus center, now known as the Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center, was named after the first dean of students. The library bears the name of the first president of the College, and the administration building was named for the second president. The college services building was named after the third president. In 2001, the Board approved the administration’s recommendation for building and room-specific naming rights as part of the Schoolcraft College Foundation’s effort to raise $2,000,000 in private donations to support the VisTaTech Center.

The naming of a building is done at the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees. In the future, the Board may consider the naming of a building or a portion of a building for an individual who has made substantial professional contributions to the College over a period of time. The Board may also want to consider honoring individuals who have made substantial financial contributions to the College, assuming that the association with those individuals will not detract from the College’s positive image. The Board will make those decisions when the circumstances merit it, and may do so in the aggregate as part of a capital campaign designed and pursued by the Schoolcraft College Foundation.