

State Board of Community Colleges
Mr. Thomas Looney, Chair



**Nomination Instructions for the
2024 Distinguished Partners in Excellence Award**

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Distinguished Partners in Excellence Award

The State Board of Community Colleges is currently accepting nominations for the **2024 Distinguished Partners in Excellence Award** through October 13, 2023. This award recognizes exemplary employers, businesses or industry groups that have demonstrated decisive involvement and firm commitment to the professional development of its employees and/or to the development of North Carolina's workforce through its partnership efforts with one or more of the 58 community colleges in the North Carolina Community College System.

Background

The Distinguished Partners in Excellence Award was created by the State Board in 2006 to honor a company, business or industry group and its community college partner(s) whose joint efforts have resulted in significant benefits to the professional development of its employees, or individuals pursuing job training/retraining for future employment

and/or

Honor a company, business or industry group and its community college partner(s), with the result of that collaborative effort creating significant benefits to the community or to regional/state economic development.

Nomination Process

The Awards Committee of the State Board of Community Colleges suggests that colleges use the nominating form to discuss and explore the unique nature of the partnership between their college and the business or organization whose name is herein placed in nomination, keeping in mind that there are likely other community colleges that may have similar partnerships with organizations in their communities. A person or group may submit only one nominee. The nomination must be signed and endorsed by the president of the community college.

Eligibility

This year, the State Board is celebrating the significant impact and growth of Workforce Development on the North Carolina Community College System by striving to recognize a business in each of our six trustee regions. Businesses or industry groups so honored will be invited to the annual event to accept the award in the spring of 2024.

If a nominated business is affiliated with any member of the Awards Committee, said member(s) will recuse themselves for this specific selection process. The Chair of the State Board of Community Colleges will assign replacement board members to the Committee if needed. Previous business award winners are ineligible.

Selection Criteria – Demonstration or examples of:

1. Award nominees must have demonstrated a concern for advanced education relative to economic and workforce development in the community, as well as education training and services.

2. Financial support of a community college or program may be considered as one criterion for selection. However, it is only one of many variables that the Awards Committee will take note of.
3. Successful nominees must demonstrate an active partner relationship between the company and the community college(s). There must be evidence of a firm commitment on the part of the business/partnership to community colleges and of a firm commitment by the community college(s) to the business/partnership.
4. The Awards Committee will look closely for nominations that include novel, innovative, and creative ways of addressing a community's challenges in economic and workforce development, as well as education training and services.
5. Awards are presented to businesses/partnerships and their community college allies, not to individuals.

Acceptance of an award constitutes a commitment on the part of a senior executive of the business to be present to receive the award.

Submission Instructions

Email nominations to SBCC Awards (sbccawards@ncccommunitycolleges.edu) no later than Friday, October 13, 2023, to be eligible. No hard copies will be accepted.

Note: All electronic submissions must be sent as a pdf file with the following file name format:
collegename_awardname_year.pdf
(Example: alamancecc_distinguishedpartners_2024.pdf)

Notification of Award

The State Board of Community Colleges will make announcements about the awards after the January 2024 State Board meeting. The Office of State Board Affairs will contact the recipients to provide logistical information regarding arrangements for the award presentation ceremony.

PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE DISTINGUISHED PARTNERS in EXCELLENCE AWARD

- 2023** Gaston College and CaroMont Health and Isothermal Community College / McDowell Technical Community College and Centro Unido Latino Americano
- 2022** Catawba Valley Community College and Catawba Valley Community College Furniture Academy Partners
- 2021** Central Piedmont Community College and Bank of America
- 2020** Wilkes Community College and GE Aviation
- 2019** Rowan-Cabarrus Community College and City of Kannapolis and Castle & Cooke North Carolina, LLC.
- 2018** Wayne Community College and Wayne UNC Health Care
- 2017** Richmond Community College and Service Thread
- 2016** Isothermal Community College and Tryon International Equestrian Center
- 2015** James Sprunt Community College and Murphy Brown, LLC
- 2014** College of The Albemarle and Currituck County
- 2013** Stanly Community College and Infastec Advel, of Albemarle, NC
Central Piedmont Community College and Siemens Energy, Charlotte, NC
- 2012** Gaston College / Randolph Community College and Duke Energy, Charlotte, NC
- 2011** Wayne Community College and Jackson & Sons, of Goldsboro, NC
- 2010** Gaston College and Pharr Yarns, LLC, of McAdenville, NC
Wake Technical Community College and WakeMed of Raleigh, NC
- 2008** Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College and Volvo Construction Equipment
Surry Community College and Shelton Vineyards
- 2007** Forsyth Technical Community College, North Carolina Baptist Hospital and Forsyth Medical Center
Sampson Community College and Prestage Farms, Inc.
- 2006** Craven Community College/Bosch and Siemens Home Appliances Corporation
Pitt Community College and Grady White Boats, Inc.

Distinguished Partners in Excellence Award Nomination Form

1. Nominee (Name of the company as will appear on the award if selected)

(Name) (Phone # of contact person at nominated company)

(Street Address)

(City, State, Zip)

2. Nominator

(Name) (Phone #)

(Street Address)

(City, State, Zip)

Community College President Endorsing Nomination:

Community College:

Signature of Community College President (REQUIRED)

3. Most significant partnering/contribution of nominee to the Community College System (attach additional pages as necessary).

4. Additional significant partnering/contributions to the System (attach additional pages as necessary).

5. Community college partnering/contributions to the business/company (attach additional pages as necessary).

Optional

Names and affiliations of those endorsing this nomination (up to three written endorsements may be attached).

(Name) (Title)

Employer or Vocation (Phone)

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