

State Board of Community Colleges
Mr. Thomas Looney, Chair



**Nomination Instructions for the
2024 I.E. Ready Award**

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System President

I.E. Ready Award

The State Board of Community Colleges invites nominations for the 2024 I.E. Ready Award which is presented annually to one or more individuals. Awards may also be given posthumously.

I.E. READY AWARD *recognizes significant statewide contributions to the establishment, development, or enhancement of the North Carolina Community College System. This honor is bestowed on those individuals who have had an impact across the Great 58 and/or across more than one service area.*

Background

The I.E. Ready Award is the highest honor bestowed by the State Board of Community Colleges. This award was established by the State Board on October 10, 1985, as an honorary award and was re-named for I.E. Ready, the first System President on April 9, 1987.

Serving for seven years as the first State Director (now System President) of the North Carolina Community College System, Dr. Isaac Epps Ready (pronounced "Reedy") was a steadying influence during the system's formative years.

Dr. Ready was a native of Johnston, South Carolina and helped to draft the 1963 Community College Act that founded the system. He received A.B. and A.M. degrees from the University of South Carolina and an Ed.D. degree from New York University. He also did graduate work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the University of Chicago, Harvard University, and Columbia University.

During his life, Dr. Ready received numerous honors. In 1958, *The Raleigh News and Observer* named him "Tar Heel of the Week." He also received the Hugh McEniry Award in 1976 from the North Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities. In 1978, Ready Hall at Wake Technical Community College was named for him. A longtime member of the Kiwanis Club, Ready was also a member of the North Carolina Education Association, the American Association of School Administrators, and the National Education Association.

He served for many years as a teacher, principal, and superintendent in the North Carolina public school system. After his retirement in 1970, he was named Professor Emeritus in the Department of Adult and Community College Education at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Dr. Ready passed away in March of 1987.

Nomination Process

The Awards Committee of the State Board of Community Colleges suggests that colleges use the nominating form to discuss and explore individuals who have had a significant impact on the North Carolina Community College System. Letters of support for the nomination are welcome. A person or group may submit only one nominee. The nomination must be signed and endorsed by the nominators.

Eligibility

The I.E. Ready Award honors individuals only. Businesses, corporations, institutions, and partnerships are recognized by the Distinguished Partners in Excellence Award. Persons nominated for the awards shall not be currently serving as members of the State Board of Community Colleges, current North Carolina Community College System Office employees, or current local college employees. For purposes of this nomination, "employee" shall be defined as every person engaged in employment under any appointment or contract of hire, express or implied, oral, or written, with the North Carolina Community

College System Office or any of the local colleges or any other institution under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Community Colleges. Previous award winners are ineligible to be nominated again, although people previously nominated but not selected may be nominated. People currently serving in any of the following positions shall not be eligible for the I.E. Ready Award: Governor of North Carolina, the Governor's Administration, the Council of State, the North Carolina General Assembly, and the U.S. Congressional delegation from North Carolina.

Selection Criteria:

Award nominees must have made a significant statewide contribution to the Community College System. A "significant statewide contribution" is defined as a contribution that benefits more than one service area in the North Carolina Community College System. Please be specific as to where and how they impacted the system. Did the nominee serve in the System and/or within any of the System stakeholder associations?

Selection of Award Recipients

A single award is bestowed each calendar year. 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.

Submission Instructions

Email nominations to SBCC Awards (sbccawards@nccommunitycolleges.edu) no later than Friday, October 13, 2023, to be eligible. No hard copies will be accepted. All electronic submissions must be sent as a pdf file with the following file name format:

nomineename_awardname_year.pdf
(Example: Jarvis_IEReady_2024.pdf)

Note: All electronic submissions must be sent as a pdf file with the following file name format:

NomineeLastName_awardname_year.pdf
(Example: Jarvis_IEReady_2024.pdf)

Questions about the I.E. Ready Award may be addressed to the State Board Office at 919- 807-6970 or by email to stateboard@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

Previous Winners of the I.E. Ready Award

(Winners listed in alphabetical order, year of award listed beside recipient name. No awards were presented in 1994, 2008, 2013 or 2022)

Lyn Austin (2019)	J.P. Huskins (1992)
George B. Autry (posthumous - 2000)	Gerald B. James (1992)
K. Ray Bailey (2018)	Thomas C. King Jr. (2005)
H. Edwin Beam (2002)	Phillip J. Kirk Jr. (2000)
MC Belk Pilon (2020)	Thomas W. Lambeth (2004)
Herbert Clifton Blue (1983)	H. Martin Lancaster (2008)
Edgar J. Boone (1999)	George W. Little (1996)
Harlan E. Boyles (2001)	Veda McNair (2021)
James T. Broyhill (2001)	B.E. Mendenhall (1990)
Stacy Budd (posthumous - 1989)	William Donald Mills (1983)
John Trammell Church Sr. (1998)	Kathleen Stallings Orringer (1988)
Dr. Ben F. Currin (2016)	Talmage Penland (1997)
Alfred Clements Davis (posthumous-1988)	J. Gregory Poole Jr. (2002)
Ned Everett Delamar Jr. (1997)	Julian Philpott (2023)
J. William Disher (posthumous - 2004)	G. Herman Porter (2003)
Helen Britt Dowdy (1993)	Isaac Epps Ready (1983)
John Arthur Forlines Jr. (1990)	Prezell Robinson (1999)
Benjamin Eagles Fountain Jr. (1988)	Terry Sanford (1983)
George Fouts (2015)	Ralph Henderson Scott Sr. (1988)
William C. Friday (1996)	Robert W. Scott (1995)
William Wallace Gee (1983)	Harry F. Shaw (2003)
Meigs C. Golden (posthumous - 2002)	Ruth Shaw (2006)
Dr. Bob H. Greene (2011)	Clarence Louis Shields (1989)
Gordon H. Greenwood (1993)	William F. Simpson (2000)
Joseph W. Grimsley (posthumous-2001)	Sherwood Hubbard Smith Jr. (1991)
James L. Henderson Jr. (2007)	Raymond Allen Stone (1991)
William Dallas Herring (1983)	Russell A. Swindell (posthumous-2003)
Jeff Hockaday (2017)	Ann Turlington (2007)
James Eubert Holshouser Jr. (1983)	Frank B. Weaver (1998)
Carl Horn Jr. (1988)	Isaac Jackson Williams (1989)
Allen Siple Hurlburt (1988)	James J. Woody Jr. (2005)
James Baxter Hunt, Jr. (2010)	Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr. (2012)

Previous winners of the I.E. Ready Award include 3 former governors, 3 former state legislators, 15 former members of the State Board, 2 former Council of State members, 2 former United States Senators, 7 former college trustees, 3 current college trustees, 6 former college presidents, 4 former System Presidents, 2 former System Office employees, and 6 former educators.

1. Nominee

(Name) (Phone)

(Street Address)

(City, State, Zip)

2. Nominator

(Name) (Phone)

(Street Address)

(City, State, Zip)

Signature of Nominator(s)

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

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

Optional

5. 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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