



Previous Winners of the Workforce Development Pinnacle Awards

- 2025** **Apprenticeship Champion:** Blum, Inc. with Central Piedmont Community College
 Innovative Leadership: GE Aerospace with Wilkes Community College
 Business of the Year (<500 Employees): Mertek Solutions with Central Carolina Community College
 Business of the Year (>500 Employees): Novo Nordisk with Johnston Community College
- 2024** **Apprenticeship Champion:** Northern Regional Hospital & Surry Community College; Smithfield Foods & Wayne Community College
 Innovative Leadership: Cape Fear Valley Health System with Bladen Community College, Fayetteville Technical Community College, Central Carolina Community College, and Sandhills Community College
 Business of the Year (<500 Employees): Parker Offshore with Carteret Community College
 Business of the Year (>500 Employees): Lilly with Durham Tech and Wake Technical Community College
- 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.