2027 I.E. Ready Lifetime Achievement Award

This award is presented by the State Board of Community Colleges, recognizing individuals who have made significant statewide contributions to the North Carolina Community College System. Recipients demonstrate exceptional leadership, advocacy, and commitment to advancing community colleges across multiple service areas or the entire state.

Across the criteria, reviewers will consider how the nominee applied leadership, innovation, vision, problem solving, collaboration, adaptability, sound judgment, and integrity. For each criterion, clearly explain:

- The challenge, need, or opportunity.
- The nominee's specific role, decisions, and actions.
- The results achieved, using measurable or clearly observable evidence.
- How the work was sustained, expanded, or positioned for continued impact, when relevant.

Eligibility

- Nominee must not be currently employed at a community college or the North Carolina Community College System.
- Contributions must extend beyond a single college, with statewide or multi-region impact.
- Past award recipients are not eligible.
- Nominations received after the published deadline will be considered ineligible.

I.E. Ready Award Nomination Form Questions

The following questions are included in the award nomination form. Please review them before beginning your submission.

Section 1: Nominee Information

1. Nominee's Name:
2. Current or Previous Affiliated Organization:
3. Current or Former Title:
4. Email:
5. Phone:

Section 2: Nominator Information

6. Name:
7. Organization:
8. Title/Position:
9. Email:
10. Phone:
11. Relationship to Nominee:

Section 3: Advancement

12. How has the nominee advanced community colleges across multiple regions or the state? Please share examples of outcomes, leadership, or advocacy results.

Maximum: 2,500 characters

Section 4: Commitment

13. In what ways has the nominee demonstrated commitment to the mission of community colleges (e.g., service, financial support, innovative initiatives)?

Maximum: 2,500 characters

Section 5: Overall Impact

14. Why is the nominee particularly well-suited for the I.E. Ready Award?

Maximum: 2,500 characters

Section 6: Contributions

15. What sets this nominee apart from others in their contributions and leadership?

Maximum: 2,500 characters

Award Information: The winner receives a trophy - compliments of the NC Community Colleges Foundation.