

NCCC DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

History

The NCCC Distinguished Alumni Award has been presented to 85 graduates since 1988. This award is bestowed to deserving alumni who exemplify educational achievements, career success, community involvement, and support to NCCC. Inductees include leaders from a variety of fields including, but not limited to, business, healthcare, education, performing arts, law, and public service.

Prestige

The Distinguished Alumni Award is the most esteemed honor that a NCCC graduate can receive from the NCCC Foundation and Alumni Association. Each year, this award is presented to a deserving candidate in front of hundreds of guests at the Annual NCCC Foundation Scholarship Gala. The recipient is inducted into the NCCC Distinguished Alumni Wall inside the Learning Commons where their framed picture, bio, and induction date will be displayed.

Continuous Support and Connection

Each recipient of the NCCC Distinguished Alumni Award contributes to the advancement of NCCC and its students. Distinguished Alumni choose to donate to scholarships and special projects through the NCCC Foundation. They also donate their time by serving as mentors to students or volunteers. Distinguished Alumni are invited to attend Foundation and Alumni events such as, the Annual Scholarship Gala and/or reunions, social gatherings, and networking events. In addition, Distinguished Alumni are recognized for their contributions and accomplishments in the Alumni magazine, *Connections*.

Past Distinguished Alumni Recipients

ALUMNI	INDUCTED	ALUMNI	INDUCTED
Jean Adjemian '67	1991	Michael Messina '83	2018
Floyd F. Amann, Jr. '66	1989	James A. Mezhir '68	2001
Muriel Anderson '83	2021	Richard Mullaney '74	1993
Tammy Austin-Ketch '90	2007	David Nemi '78	1995
Richard Avdoian '71	2006	Ernest Palmer '85	1999
Nancy Babis '84	2005	*Salvatore Passanese '73	1993
Robert Bradley '73	1995	William Paterson '65	2008
Stephen F. Brady '75	2005	*Estelle Pavlock Jurasz '75	1989
Kay Brayley '75	1989	JoAnn Pellegrino '97	2021
Deborah Burns '78	2019	Jennifer Pitarresi '83	2017
Penny Cacioppo '95	2001	Carmen Presti '84	2007
Gene Carella '70	2000	Paul Raczekiewicz '65	1990
Christopher Carlin '81	2003	Peter Robinson '91	2013
A. Joseph Catalano '90	2003	Joseph Ruffolo '76	1996
Domenico Cavaiuolo '73	1998	Richard Sawicki '73	1997
**Peter I. Certo '73	2019	*Duane Schielke '74	1988
Paul Churder '75	2013	Randall Schultz '75	1989
Geraldine Cindric '92	1995	Lynne Shuster '65	1995
Rebecca Cindric Tantillo '96	2001	Theresa Silvestre '82	1990
Deborah Karp Coder '77, '88	2011	Patricia Siola '73	2000
Elizabeth Corieri '83	2021	Michael Sloma '87	1994
Rebecca Cuddahee '95	2019	Leon Smith '65	1988
**Angelo DelSignore '70	2003	Patrick Sorge '85	2014
Anthony DeLuke '73	1998	Frances Sorge-Dotton '70	1993
Patricia Evans '77	1994	Joanne Stanton '80	2012
Phyllis Floro '88	2017	*Charles Steiner '70	1988
Angelo "Zig" Fracassi '85	2021	Ellen Swan '83	2006
Richard Frizzell '65	2019	*Lilly Taddeo '73	1992
Eric L. Gansworth '86	2010	Virginia Taylor '76	1990
Susan J. Geissler '74	2009	Melanie Tisdale '75	2002
Clifton Gibson '89	1995	James Toellner '78	2015
Lessie Hamilton-Rose '70	1994	Robert J. Travis '75	2001
George Helfrich '72	1991	Ginger Tucker-Lamb '87	1999
Carol Henschel '71	1988	John Turner '69	1989
Les Kachurek '83	2002	Gail Tylec '80	1992
Renae Kimble '74	1988	Louise Volpe '68	2006
Michael LaFever '70	1998	Lee Wallace '74	2022
Paul Lamont '86	2018	Lizabeth Weiss '72	2002
Ellen Latham '77	2018	Ronald Winkley '78	2003
Jamie Marcolini '81	2000	Richard P. Winter '74	2005
Anne Martin-Staple '66	1997	Ronald J. Winter '74	2001
Senator George Maziarz '74	1996	Ronald Zito '72, '78	2008
Teresa McEvoy '72	1990		

*Deceased

**Awarded Posthumously

2023

NCCC Distinguished Alumni Award

Presented by the
NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Alumni Association



Lee Wallace '74
2022 Distinguished Alumnus



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NCCC DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD APPLICATION

Please complete this form and attach a summary answering the questions below. Multiple applications for the same nominee will be combined into one application package. This award will be presented on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at the Annual NCCC Foundation Scholarship Gala. The recipient will be required to attend and is a guest of the NCCC Alumni Association. The deadline for all submissions is Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

Nominee's Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Years Attended NCCC (i.e. 1980-1982) _____ Curriculum/Degree _____

Advanced Degrees _____ Occupation/Employer _____

Nominator's Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Relationship to Nominee _____

DISCLAIMER: By signing below, I attest that all information, facts and figures within this nomination are factual to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of nominator _____ Date _____

NCCC Distinguished Alumni Nomination Criteria

- The nominated individual must have completed 50 or more credit hours at NCCC; yet it is strongly recommended he/she is a graduate.
- Nominees must have graduated or transferred from NCCC ten or more years ago.
- Nominees cannot be current NCCC employees, Foundation Board Members, Alumni Association Committee Members, College Association employees, Housing Board Members, or Board of Trustees.
- Nominees must be retired from the entities mentioned above for two years prior to September 1 of the nominating year.
- Persons running for political office will not be considered during the campaign period.
- Re-nominations will be considered during the selection process. Please submit a new nomination form and narrative by the deadline.
- Applications may not be submitted by the nominee.

NCCC Distinguished Alumni Award Narrative Questions

Based on the criteria, please answer the following questions in a one-page narrative.

- Why do you believe this person should be honored?
- In what ways has the nominee distinguished himself or herself in a chosen field?
- How has this person A) Impacted the Niagara County community? B) Demonstrated a quantifiable, voluntary, contribution to Niagara County Community College?
- In what way would you identify him or her as a leader?
- A resume or bio must be included with the application. Resumes are preferred. A resume or bio is not considered a replacement for the narrative.
- Return completed form and supporting documentation to: NCCC Alumni Office, 3111 Saunders Settlement Road, Sanborn, NY 14132. The deadline to return submissions is **Tuesday, July 25, 2023**.
- Applications and supporting documentation can also be submitted online through our website: www.niagaracc.suny.edu/alumni/awards

Application Procedures

For questions or for more information, please contact the NCCC Foundation/Alumni Office at (716) 614-5910.