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HCC Receiving Nominations for Four Awards

WELDON, N.C. – Halifax Community College (HCC) is proud to announce the opening of nominations for its 2019 Progressive Communities Awards dinner. This year, HCC will be presenting four awards.

African American Heroes

In our community, African Americans have worked continuously to change the Roanoke Valley for the better. Too often, these efforts go unrecognized. As part of HCC's commitment to recognizing the heroes among us, nominations are being accepted for the heroes among us.

The nomination includes completion of a short form and submission of a brief essay detailing qualities in identified areas. The essay will address each of four qualities listed below that are used as the selection criteria. The narrative should expand and focus on specific examples that demonstrate the nominee's commitment and unique contributions to the Roanoke Valley. Any citizen of the African-American community is eligible to be considered for this nomination. Individuals may be nominated by peers or family members only - individuals may not nominate themselves.

The narrative should describe the nominee's qualities in the following areas:

1. Commitment and contributions to the community
2. Unselfish devotion to others
3. Initiative, innovation and leadership in the region
4. Willingness to share time and wisdom through service to the community and its citizens

Community Bridge Builder Award

HCC's Bridge Builders award honors individuals who have developed and fostered partnerships across social, racial or demographic lines for the betterment of the Roanoke Valley. Through these connections, these individuals have pioneered initiatives that stand as important examples of what can be accomplished when differences are put aside to achieve a common goal.

The Community Bridge Builder award recipient must embody a commitment to establishing connections that increase collaboration between communities. Whether they have developed long-term partnerships to increase employment, or worked to minimize bullying in their schools, the recipient will have a unifying spirit and an undaunted drive for improving the standard of living for all of the Roanoke Valley residents.

Nominations must include an example of one or more bridge building activities that have improved connections between individuals or organizations. The nomination should also include examples of the benefits experienced because of the connections.

Faith in Action Award

Throughout society, churches and religious organizations consistently live out the tenets of their faith, making a quiet difference in the lives of everyone they meet. Too often, these efforts are overshadowed by larger organizations.

HCC is committed to honoring the religious organizations in our community for their good deeds in our region. This year, HCC will pay tribute to spiritual leaders and congregations who do more than talk about their faith – they live it every day.

Nominations must include at least one example of the organization's activities that demonstrated their faith. In addition, the nomination must include at least one example of the benefits that came from the organization's actions.

Youth Impact Award

Too often, someone's age is used to determine a person's possibilities. Moreover, the young are often seen as incapable of effecting change simply because they have not "lived enough." At HCC, we believe that our youngest residents can have the greatest impacts on our community, teaching all of us how to live together.

This year, HCC is recognizing those residents of the Roanoke Valley under the age of 18 who have made a difference in their world. Whether they came together to benefit others, tackled problems like bullying, or simply improved the atmosphere within their schools, HCC wants them to be recognized.

Nominations must include at least one example of the individual or group's activities that demonstrated the impact they are having on their community. In addition, the nomination must include at least one example of the benefits that came from the individual or group's actions.

All nominations are due by Feb. 28 at 5 p.m. They can be submitted by sending them to Molly Wallace, Director of Marketing and Public Relations, at mwallace786@halifaxcc.edu. For more information, call 252-538-4319.

Halifax Community College's Mission

Halifax Community College strives to meet the diverse needs of our community by providing high-quality, accessible and affordable education and services for a rapidly changing and globally competitive marketplace.

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