

Distinguished Alumnus/ae Award for Professional Contribution / for Civic Contribution

For the Distinguished Alumni Award, two nominations may be submitted by the Board of Trustees or President of each community college. Nominations shall include reference to each of the five criteria listed. Additional supportive documentation such as newspaper articles and letters of recommendation may be attached to the nomination form.

Scope and Importance of the Award

Any graduate of a degree or certificate program of a community college of the State University of New York may be nominated for the award.

Criteria – Distinguished Alumnus/ae Award

The first award will be presented to someone who has reached the pinnacle of one's professional career or has achieved great success in one's field of study.

- What accomplishments has the alumnus/ae made in his/her profession and/or artistic achievements of the individual?
- Is the nominee recognized by peers in their respective field as making special contributions or extraordinary achievements to the profession or discipline?

The second award will be presented to the nominee whose contributions have improved their community and benefited the world to make it a better place, through

- volunteerism and community service;
- participation in public service organizations;
- involvement in civic functions; or other ways in which the nominee has exhibited the qualities of community and professional leadership.

Two awards in this category could be presented in a given year and the award will not necessarily be presented every year