

## NCCC DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

### History

The NCCC Distinguished Alumni Award has been presented to 73 graduates since 1988. This award is bestowed to a deserving alumni who exemplifies 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 Alumni Gallery 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	Ernest Palmer '85	1999
Floyd F. Amann, Jr. '66	1989	Salvatore Passanese '73	1993
Tammy Austin-Ketch '90	2007	William Paterson '65	2008
Richard Avdoian '71	2006	*Estelle Pavlock Jurasz '75	1989
Nancy Babis '84	2005	Jennifer Pitarresi '83	2017
Robert Bradley '73	1995	Carmen Presti '84	2007
Stephen F. Brady '75	2005	Paul Raczkiwicz '65	1990
Kay Brayley '75	1989	Peter Robinson '91	2013
Penny Cacioppo '95	2001	Joseph Ruffolo '76	1996
Gene Carella '70	2000	Richard Sawicki '73	1997
Christopher Carlin '81	2003	Duane Schielke '74	1988
A. Joseph Catalano '90	2003	Randall Schultz '75	1989
Domenico Cavaiuolo '73	1998	Lynne Shuster '65	1995
Paul Churder '75	2013	Theresa Silvestre '82	1990
Geraldine Cindric '92	1995	Patricia Siola '73	2000
Rebecca Cindric Tantillo '96	2001	Michael Sloma '87	1994
Deborah Karp Coder '77, '88	2011	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
Eric L. Gansworth '86	2010	Ellen Swan '83	2006
Susan J. Geissler '74	2009	*Lilly Taddeo '73	1992
Clifton Gibson '89	1995	Virginia Taylor '76	1990
Lessie Hamilton-Rose '70	1994	Melanie Tisdale '75	2002
George Helfrich '72	1991	James Toellner '78	2015
Carol Henschel '71	1988	Robert J. Travis '75	2001
Les Kachurek '83	2002	Ginger Tucker-Lamb '87	1999
Renae Kimble '74	1988	John Turner '69	1989
Michael LaFever '70	1998	Gail Tylec '80	1992
Jamie Marcolini '81	2000	Louise Volpe '68	2006
Anne Martin-Staple '66	1997	Lizabeth Weiss '72	2002
Senator George Maziarz '74	1996	Ronald Winkley '78	2003
Teresa McEvoy '72	1990	Richard P. Winter '74	2005
James A. Mezhir '68	2001	Ronald J. Winter '74	2001
Richard Mullaney '74	1993	Ronald Zito '72, '78	2008
David Nemi '78	1995		

\* Deceased

\*\*Awarded Posthumously

# 2018

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Presented by the  
Niagara County Community College  
Alumni Association



Phyllis Floro '88  
2017 Distinguished  
Alumni Recipient



Jennifer Pitarresi '83  
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# NCCC DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD APPLICATION

Please complete this form and attach a narrative, answering the questions located below and meeting the criteria. Multiple applications for the same nominee will be combined into one application package. This award will be presented on Saturday, October 20, 2018, 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 materials is Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Years Attended NCCC \_\_\_\_\_ Curriculum/Degree \_\_\_\_\_  
Advanced Degrees \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation/Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 are to 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.

## 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?
- In what way has the alumni had an impact on Niagara County Community College and the community?
- In what way would you identify him or her as a leader?

## Application Procedures

- A resume or bio must be included with the application. A bio or resume is not considered a replacement for the narrative.
- Return completed form and supporting documentation to: NCCC Alumni Office, 28 Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303. The deadline to return the application is **Wednesday, May 9, 2018**.

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