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Frequently Asked Questions about “The Great Within the 58”: NC Community Colleges’ Excellence Event

What is the deadline for submitting our college’s Academic Excellence Award winner (one per college)?

The deadline is February 19, 2010. We recognize that several colleges have experienced long closures due to inclement weather. If this deadline presents an unreasonable challenge for your college, please e-mail Polly Murphy at murphyp@nccommunitycolleges.edu. However, we do ask that you keep in mind we are also working on tight deadlines related to certificates, programs, the website, etc., so if you can meet the original deadline, it would be greatly appreciated.

Who will receive our submission?

Please e-mail your completed submission package to hoenkm@nccommunitycolleges.edu by February 19. Please note that each package should include: a completed Student Profile form, the Student Success Story (A 100-200 word “Success Story” written by the student describing his/her NC Community College experience), and a high resolution portrait-style photograph of the student in a learning environment such as a classroom, a lab or the workplace submitted in electronic jpg format.

Do you have more details on the starting time and/or the cost of the event?

We are working with the Governor’s Office to arrange a possible meeting with the Governor and our award winners. The Governor’s Office is, as yet, unable to provide us with an exact time for that meeting. We are trying to keep our starting time flexible to accommodate that meeting but we do expect the event to begin around 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14 at the Jane S. McKimmon Conference and Training Center, located at 1101 Gorman Street on the NC State campus.

<http://www.mckimmon.ncsu.edu/mckimmon/directions.html>

Costs will be determined once we have totaled the corporate and organizational sponsorships we are seeking. It will likely be mid-March before a cost is established. We appreciate your patience as we endeavor to keep the cost as low as possible for our colleges. Unfortunately, the State Auditor previously determined that State funds may not be used to travel to this type of event.

Do you know how many people each college will be able to bring?

Each table will seat eight people. However, we will leave it up to the colleges as to the number of guests they may invite. This might be driven by the cost, and as we stated above, we will know that within a few weeks. Decisions on who might make up each college’s delegation will be made by the individual colleges.

Will members of the General Assembly be invited?

By the end of the first week of March, we will send an invitation by e-mail to our contacts at each of the community colleges, and we hope each college will invite their legislators. We believe those invitations are stronger coming from each of you.

What hotels should we contact if we need overnight accommodations?

See PDF with specifics hotel information.

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Are presidents expected/invited to attend the reception for our students at the Governor's mansion on the afternoon of the 14th?

We would ask the president or his/her designee to attend with the AEA winner. We are trying to keep the numbers to two per college unless the college has winners in other categories.

Will the other award winners be invited to attend the reception at the Governor's mansion, for example the Distinguished Partners in Excellence Award?

Yes, we would love to have our Distinguished Partners attend with us and we would recommend having just two people from the company plan to join you if that is workable for them.

Will you be preparing a press release on the Distinguished Partners award that will be sent to our local newspapers? What is the timeline for sharing that information?

We will be sending out press information following this Excellence Event on April 14; however, we have had some colleges that have chosen to go ahead and publicize their winners. We will definitely send out our release on 4/15 and will cover all the media outlets from a local as well as a state perspective.