



## NCHE/NEA Higher Educator of the Year Award

**Purpose:** The National Council for Higher Education (NCHE)/National Education Association (NEA) Higher Educator of the Year Award recognizes the postsecondary education professional who continually engages in outstanding student-centered professional practice, exemplary state/local labor-based advocacy, and robust community participation. This award is presented to an NEA Higher Education member who demonstrates outstanding accomplishments in all three areas.

**Award:** Each year, one nominee receives the NCHE/NEA Higher Educator of the Year Award. Members of the NCHE Executive Committee present the award at the yearly NEA Higher Education Conference, which includes a monetary award of \$10,000.

**This award is made possible by the NEA Foundation, an organization founded by educators for educators to improve public education for all students.**

**Eligibility:** This award is open to all NEA Higher Education members. The recipient for the NCHE/NEA Higher Educator of the Year award must have approximately ten years of professional service in higher education as of January 18, 2023, and have demonstrated consistent advocacy for higher education unions at any level (local, state, national). Current members of the NCHE Executive Committee are not eligible.

**Nominations:** A nomination must include a letter detailing how the nominee's experience reflects the award criteria. Nominations must also include at least one letter of support/recommendation from a colleague. The official nomination form, support/recommendation letter, and any accompanying materials, must be submitted to the NCHE/NEA Higher Educator of the Year Award Selection Committee ([sublettes@gtc.edu](mailto:sublettes@gtc.edu)) by February 5, 2023. Individuals may self-nominate.

**Selection/Criteria:** The NCHE/NEA Higher Educator of the Year Selection Committee will review all nominations to ensure that eligibility and submission requirements are met. It will also score the nomination per the three criteria, which are as follows:

1. Professional Practice including, but not limited to, demonstrated development of innovative student-centered learning tools, research methods, curricula, and appropriate discipline-based course delivery methods.
2. Labor-Based Advocacy including, but not limited to, demonstrated development of a union consciousness/social awareness regarding the critical role organized labor plays in the higher education landscape.
3. Community Engagement including, but not limited to, a demonstrated pattern of participation in local/community organizations, events, and activities associated with strengthening the ties between higher education and other service-related organizations.

**Notification:** The NCHE/NEA Higher Educator of the Year Selection Committee will notify the recipient of this year's award in February 2023. The award will be presented during the NEA Higher Education Conference, March 17-19, 2023, location TBD. An award of \$10,000 is provided thanks to the generosity of the NEA Foundation. Conference registration fees and other expenses incurred as a result of attending the conference are not provided by NCHE or NEA.

Please submit your nomination by February 5, 2023, to: Dr. Suzanne G. Sublette, Chair, NCHE/NEA Higher Educator of the Year Selection Committee, [sublettes@gtc.edu](mailto:sublettes@gtc.edu)



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Title (Dr/Mr/Ms)

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First Name

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Last Name

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Position (Instructor, Professor, Staff, etc.)

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City

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State

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Zip

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Work address

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City

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State

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Local Affiliate

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State Affiliate

Please attach a personal statement and any additional information you wish to include attesting to why you believe the candidate should receive the award.