James Davenport (1938 – 1989) was the first president of the National Council for Higher Education. A faculty member at the Washentaw Community College, Michigan, Davenport worked tirelessly for over two decades for higher education faculty and programs within the NEA and internationally. His dedication to the higher education community and belief that all educators must work together as one family are memorialized in this award. The award is presented at the annual NEA Higher Education Conference. The recipient receives a plaque and an honorarium of $1,000.

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Nomination Form

Complete all forms in this document and submit them by 11:59 p.m. EST, Friday, January 26, 2024, to Candace Shivers, Chair, NCHE Awards, cshivers33@gmail.com

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of Nominee: ____________________________
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City/State/Zip: _______________________________
Phone: __________________________ Email: ________________

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

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