



It's time to nominate!

Thursday is the deadline for prestigious awards nominations

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It's time to make nominations for the 2020 annual awards! There are four different categories open for nominations: the Citizen of the Year Award, the Ambassador of the Year, the Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award and the Young Professional of the Year Award.

Download the nomination packets at kinstonchamber.com, fill them out and return by noon on Thursday.

Nomination Procedures and Rules

- Complete the nomination form. You may choose to attach as the cover page to accompany letters of explanation and/or recommendation or supporting documents
- All nominations must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the award name (example – Citizen of the Year)
- All nominations must be postmarked or delivered to a Chamber employee at the Chamber office by the deadline date and time (noon on Thursday)
- All nominations will be kept confidential
- The contact person listed on the nomination form will be notified if their nominee is chosen by the selection committee

Kinston-Lenoir County Citizens of the Year

1963 – Daniel T. Lilley	1993 – Vernon H. Rochelle
1964 – Donald L. Henson	1994 – Paul W. Wellman
1965 – Lynwood C. Turner	1995 – Jack P. Hankins
1966 – Neale K. Lawson	1996 – Jack A. Harrell
1967 – E. Linwood Scott	1997 – Annette T. West
1968 – Simon C. Sitterson Jr.	1998 – Junius H. Rose Jr.
1969 – Richard S. Whaley	1999 – Debbie R. Chused
1970 – Benjamin C. Fountain	2000 – Mary Mac Ritch, O.A. "Buddy" Ritch
1971 – Sol Schechter	2001 – Andy Culpepper
1972 – Oscar Greene Jr.	2002 – Kay T. Harrell
1973 – R.B. Patterson Jr.	2003 – Earl Harper
1974 – C. Felix Harvey III	2004 – Michael Moseley
1975 – Rose Pully	2005 – Donald Boldt
1976 – John R. Hooten	2006 – John Marston
1977 – Sharon C. Larkins	2007 – Bill Ellis
1978 – Leo Brody	2008 – Cameron McRae
1979 – John R. Poole	2009 – James Tull Hill Jr.
1980 – Harold W. Hardison	2010 – Richard A. Holder
1981 – Harvey E. Beech	2011 – Gary Black
1982 – W. Roy Poole	2012 – Danny Rice
1983 – H. Fleming Fuller	2013 – Paul L. Jones
1984 – T.J. Turner	2014 – Stephen B. Hill
1985 – P.C. Barwick Jr.	2015 – Wilma Robinson
1986 – John Sherman Jr., Virginia C. Evans	Boldt, David Lee Mooring
1987 – William L. Peedin Jr.	2016 – William Robert "Rob" Bizzell
1988 – George C. Harper	2017 – June S. Cummings
1989 – Roland L. Paylor Jr.	2018 – Joe Hargitt
1990 – Jesse P. Wooten	2019 – Adrian King
1991 – Robert L. Joyner	
1992 – Fred Hunneke	



The 2019 Citizen of the Year – Adrian King – receives kisses on both cheeks by Frances Theodorakis, left, and June Cummings after he received his award on Jan. 23. Nominations for the 2020 award are being accepted through Thursday.

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The Lenoir Community College Small Business Center has scheduled a series of free webinars to help small businesses cope with the changing environ-

ment caused by COVID-19.

Please take a moment to explore the many options offered in this series to assist you as you explore ways to improve your business. This series offers something for everyone.

You may pre-register for any of our available upcoming workshops as follows:

- Go to Small Business Center on the Lenoir Community College website at lenoircc.edu Click on Workshops, then scroll down and click on Find More Events
- Change the time period in drop-down window to one year, select Search, then click Register to make your selection(s)
- Follow instructions to enter information

Upcoming class:

'How to Protect your Nonprofit Organization in These Changing Times'

- Monday, Dec. 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Presenter: Teresa Lewis
- Location: Online
- Fee: Free

This webinar provides an overview of various activities that place nonprofit organizations at risk of losing their tax-exempt status. The session also covers effective strategies and ethical practices of responsible management that are essential to the avoidance of legal pitfalls for nonprofits.

PRESIDENT'S CLUB

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Crown

GOLD LEVEL MEMBERS:

Down East Protection Systems
Duke Energy
Electrolux
The Free Press
UNC Lenoir Health Care

SILVER LEVEL MEMBERS:

Cherry Energy
City of Kinston
CopyPro, Inc.
ElectriCities of N.C., Inc.
First Citizens Bank & Trust Co.
GOECO
Harmony Hall Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
Harvey Fertilizer & Gas
Herald Office Solutions
Herritage Elite Estate
Judy O. Jones, State Farm Insurance
Lenoir Community College
Lions Industries for the Blind
Minges Bottling Group, Inc.
Perry Management
Principle Long Term Care
Spirit AeroSystems
State Employees Credit Union
Union Bank
Wells Fargo
West Pharmaceuticals Services, Inc.

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Check out 'Member Focus'

'Member Focus,' which features Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Craig Hill interviewing members of the Chamber, is on Facebook Live every week. Above, Hill interviewed Evelyn Mazingo of Rider Florist last month. Every week, 'Member Focus' —

which has been viewed more than 20,000 times — will continue to introduce you to local Chamber members and their businesses. To view the Rider Florist feature, visit facebook.com/400401799223/videos/1035143200245932.



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