

Indian Hills Community College Vision Awards Criteria

Vision Awards are designed to recognize outstanding individuals and businesses in the area of entrepreneurship. Nominations are currently being accepted for the following categories:

Business of the Year

This award honors a business that has recently reached a turning point. They may have had to reinvent themselves or faced and successfully overcome a new challenge. Perhaps they have introduced a new product, entered a new market or expanded operations. The winning business must be headquartered within the Indian Hills 10-county region

New Business of the Year

This award honors a start-up venture in the Indian Hills 10-county region that has had great success and shows promise for long term growth. (To qualify in the new business category, the business can have been in operation for no more than 3 years.) We will also be analyzing innovativeness of business concept in making the award determination.

Student Entrepreneur of the Year

This award honors a student who may or may not have a business of their own currently but shows great promise as a future entrepreneur. He/she is innovative in the ideas that they present and is constantly challenging instructors and staff for a better way of doing things. The winning student must attend a K-12 school district or a college within the Indian Hills 10-county region.

Entrepreneurial Educator of the Year

This award honors a K-16 educator from the Indian Hills 10-county region that goes above and beyond to enhance the field of entrepreneurship. This could be through their teaching of the subject matter or by being entrepreneurial in their teaching efforts. This award includes individuals in organizations such as 4-H or Scouting. The winner does not have to be a licensed teacher.

Social Venture of the Year

This award honors ventures formed for the benefit of their community and society as a whole. Social ventures are formed by entrepreneurs concerned more with societal benefit than personal profits. Many social ventures are formed as non-profit entities, but they are not required to be for this award. The winning business must be located within the Indian Hills ten-county region.

Alumni Entrepreneur of the Year

This award honors an Indian Hills graduate that is either operating their own business or was involved in an entrepreneurial project through their company. (Examples of projects could be research, growth, relocation or expansion.) This person *does not* need to reside within the Indian Hills 10-county region.

The Indian Hills Community College 10-county service region includes the counties of Appanoose, Davis, Jefferson, Keokuk, Lucas, Mahaska, Monroe, Van Buren, Wapello, and Wayne. Please help us celebrate entrepreneurship in our region by nominating someone today, and then join us for our upcoming Vision Awards banquet.