

Communications and  
Marketing Commission



*The LeRoy Collins*

# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Awards 2023

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF FLORIDA COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE GRADUATES

# Award Categories

## Lifetime Achievement Award

- Must be a true success story in a state or national arena
- Must express a clear, relevant impact of his/her college experience on nominee's success
- Must assure he/she will attend the 2023 AFC Presidential Gala Dinner

## Rising Star Award

- Must have a success story, but has less or minimal achievement in a state or national arena
- Must express a clear, relevant impact of his/her college experience on nominee's success
- Must be under 40 years of age
- Must assure he/she will attend the 2023 AFC Presidential Gala Dinner

## Against the Odds Award

- Must have achieved a measure of success despite adversity (financial, sociological, physical, etc.)
- Must express a clear, relevant impact of his/her college experience on nominee's success
- Must assure he/she will attend the 2023 AFC Presidential Gala Dinner

## Hometown Hero

- Must have achieved a measure of success within nominating college's district
- Must have demonstrated notable community involvement
- Must express a clear, relevant impact of his/her college experience on nominee's success
- Must assure he/she will attend the 2023 AFC Presidential Gala Dinner

# Entry Guidelines

- Each college may submit only one entry.
- The award recipients in the four categories will be honored during the Presidential Gala Dinner Nov. 2 at the [AFC Annual Conference](#) in Orlando, FL at the Wyndham Grand Bonnet Creek. The colleges of the award recipients will be required to produce a two-minute video about their nominee. The videos will be shown at the dinner; the Communications & Marketing Commission will coordinate the final video presentation.
- While all nominees are invited to the gala, only the four winners are required to attend. Each college will have the responsibility of arranging and funding their nominee's travel, lodging, and meals.
- All nominees will be honored at a reception prior to the banquet.
- Each college will be encouraged to honor its nominee locally through events and publicity.
- A booklet to honor all nominees will be published and distributed at the banquet.
- Nominees must have earned at least 20 hours from the nominating college.
- **The deadline for nominations is Sept. 25, 2023.**

## Criteria for Judging

- Clear, relevant impact of his/her college experience on nominee's success
- Professional accomplishments
- Impact of community and/or civic service
- Public appeal

## Ineligibility

The following groups are not eligible to receive the LeRoy Collins Distinguished Alumni Awards:

- Previous LeRoy Collins Award winners
- Current AFC or Florida College System employees
- Current Florida legislators (they will be eligible for another AFC award)
- Current members of college district boards of trustees
- Current college foundation boards of directors
- Posthumous nominations

# Nomination Process

Nominations can be submitted online at <https://afc.memberclicks.net/>

The nomination form includes fields requiring information about the nominee's achievements and background. In addition to the online form, your entry must include several attachments:

- A signed letter of nomination from your college president on official college letterhead.
- The nominee's resume or biography including educational background, work experience, job-related activities and civic involvement.
- A high-resolution headshot (.jpg or .png file format) of the nominee.

Incomplete packets will NOT be considered for judging. Submissions with insufficient or unsuitable information will be returned for appropriate revision if time permits.

There is a \$250 entry fee. The fee can be paid online via credit card at the time of nomination submission, or a check can be made out to "AFC Communications and Marketing Commission" and mailed to:

Association of Florida Colleges  
1725 Mahan Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

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## Inquiries

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