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### **Nominate a Former Highline College Student for Distinguished Alumnus Award**

Awardee Will be Recognized at Commencement, June 17

DES MOINES, Wash. — Do you know a Highline College alumnus who is making an impact in their community?

Now is your chance to honor them.

Nominations are now open for the 2021 Distinguished Alumnus Award, an annual award that honors former Highline students who have made notable achievements in their profession or society.

Last year's recipient was Michele Pedicone, a respiratory care and allied health professor in New York, who graduated from Highline in 2007. She was recognized for her commitment to educating future respiratory care professionals during a time when the need was at an all-time high because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year's winner, to be selected this spring, will also join [1998 winner Ann Rule](#), an internationally acclaimed crime author, and [1990 winner Norm Rice](#), the award's first recipient and former mayor of Seattle. Rice attended Highline in 1968–69 and Rule in 1972–73.

Other [past recipients](#) include [Angela Sheffey-Bogan](#), a principal at a local elementary school, [Sam Green](#), Washington state's first Poet Laureate and [Scott Crueger](#), an award-winning television photojournalist for KIRO-TV. Eligible nominees are former students who attended Highline five or more years ago (prior to the 2016–17 academic year).

The college is looking for nominees who have made a significant contribution through community service, noteworthy professional achievement and/or recognized leadership.

Nominations may be submitted by faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of Highline.

Nominees will be asked to submit a resume and personal profile questionnaire for review by a campus selection committee. The person selected will be asked to speak at Highline's annual Spring Luncheon for staff and faculty and will be recognized later that evening at Highline's commencement, June 17, 2021.

[Online nomination forms](#) are available through the [Alumni Relations website](#). The due date is May 7, 2021. Nominations may also be emailed to [twilliam@highline.edu](mailto:twilliam@highline.edu) or mailed to:

**Highline College Alumni Relations**

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**Questions?**

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*Founded in 1961 as the first community college in King County, Highline College annually serves more than 11,00 students. With over 65 percent students of color, Highline is the most diverse higher education institution in the state. The college offers a wide range of academic transfer, professional-technical education, basic skills and applied bachelor's degree programs. Alumni include former Seattle Mayor Norm Rice, entrepreneur Junki Yoshida and former Washington state poet laureate Sam Green.*