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Nominate a Former Highline Student for Alumni Award Awardee Will be Recognized at Commencement, June 16

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 2022 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 [Dr. Tom Jackson](#), the president of Humboldt State University in California, who graduated from Highline in 1982. He was recognized for his commitment to improving student success, completion and higher education.

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 [Michele Pedicone](#), a respiratory care and allied health professor in New York, [Angela Sheffey-Bogan](#), a principal at a local elementary school, [Ezra Teshome](#), businessman and global humanitarian 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 2017–18 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 recognized at Highline's Commencement on June 16, 2022.

[Online nomination forms](#) are available through [Alumni Relations](#). The due date is May 6, 2022. Nominations may also be emailed to Tanisha Williams at twilliam@highline.edu or mailed to:

Highline College Alumni Relations

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Questions?

Contact Tanisha Williams at twilliam@highline.edu.

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Attachment: Norm Rice and former Highline College President Shirley Gordon at Commencement in 1990.

Links within this release:

- <https://www.highline.edu/dist-alum-2021/>
- <https://alumni.highline.edu/recognition/rule.php>
- <https://alumni.highline.edu/recognition/rice.php>
- <https://alumni.highline.edu/recognition/>
- <https://www.highline.edu/distinguished-alumnus-2020/>
- <https://www.highline.edu/dist-alum-2019/>
- <https://alumni.highline.edu/recognition/teshome.php>
- <https://alumni.highline.edu/recognition/crueger.php>
- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScT5LcvZIV4tl-V4rAcQ9W5tVrN1S-61GN8m6ETRypU6sa3Q/closedform>
- <https://alumni.highline.edu/recognition/nominate.php>

Founded in 1961 as the first community college in King County, Highline College annually serves more than 13,000 students. With over 70 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.