

***Bristol Community College
Academic Center for Entrepreneurship (ACE)
Entrepreneurship Awards Ceremony
Thursday, April 26, 2012
(Deadline for nominations: March 30th 2012)***

Entrepreneurs are a breed of individuals who take great risks to power the economic engine of our local and global economy. We want to award them for their efforts in this community-oriented endeavor.

The 5th ACE Entrepreneurship Awards Ceremony will be held at Bristol Community College on April 26, 2012 from 4:00 pm– 8:00 pm in the Commonwealth Center of the Fall River BCC campus. **Guest speaker John O' Rourke**, general manager of Jerry Remy's Restaurant Group and longtime business partner of Jerry Remy, will speak on the topic of sustainability of a business. The evening will also include an informative business panel. The awards and panel will be followed by a reception. The evening will celebrate area individuals who proudly portray the spirit of entrepreneurialism.

To nominate an individual (or small group) for an award by March 30th, 2012, please complete the attached form and submit it back by email to jeanne.girard@bristolcc.edu. The information will be used solely by the judging committee and will not be made public to any other persons without the consensus of the individual nominated. Recipients of these awards must agree to be present at the event.

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Award Categories and Profiles

Developing Entrepreneur

The entrepreneur in this category will be part of a relatively new company (in existence for 10 years or less) or will currently be in the process of launching their product or service. The developing entrepreneur will be judged primarily on the company's ability to fulfill a need in the marketplace (locally or globally,) creativity of product or service and potential for future growth.

Cornerstone Entrepreneur

The entrepreneur in this category will be part of a well established company (in existence for more than 10 years). They will own a company that has routinely utilized solid business practices and has acquired a reputable position within the region's economic environment. The cornerstone entrepreneur will be judged primarily on the company's successful past performance and on its potential for future sustainability.

Benevolent Entrepreneur

The entrepreneur in this category will be regarded as someone who has made positive contributions to the well being of the region's population and/or environment. This socially conscious entrepreneur may have attained this distinction as a result of the type of product or service that they offer, the clients that they serve, the compassion that they show to employees or through their own personal acts of kindness and community involvement.

ACE Entrepreneurship Award Ceremony 2012 Nomination Form

Nomination Category (Please choose only one category)

- Developing Entrepreneur
- Cornerstone Entrepreneur
- Benevolent Entrepreneur

Entrepreneur Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone # _____

Description

Provide a brief description of the entrepreneur and the business which (s)he owns. Include the reasons why you believe that this person deserves to receive an award in the chosen category. This section should be written on a separate page using a word document and attached to the back of this nomination form. It should not exceed 500 words.

Judging Criteria:

The panel of judges is comprised of the members of the Academic Center for Entrepreneurship (ACE) Advisory Board. The judging criteria will include a general assessment of the company's recent performance, strategic direction, product or service demand, company leadership characteristics including personal integrity and values and level of community involvement, as specified in the attached profile of each award category.

Submission Deadline: March 30th, 2012.

Please email the completed form (preferred method) to jeanne.girard@bristolcc.edu

or you may submit this nomination form by March 20, 2012 (postmark date) to the following address:

Academic Center for Entrepreneurship
Room K121
Bristol Community College
777 Elsbree Street
Fall River, MA 02720

For more information on the Entrepreneurship Award Ceremony or on the award nominations contact ACE at (508)678-2811 ext. 2695 or email: jeanne.girard@bristolcc.edu