

2022 Innovation in Education

The 2022 Innovation in Education awards, which is jointly presented by the Iowa City Area Business Partnership and the Iowa City Area Development Group, honor the educators, students, and classroom programs that model the future of K-12 education.

We are seeking nominations for 7 awards this year. Please nominate as many different individuals and groups as you'd like but be sure to fill out a separate form for each person or group you nominate.

Nominations close Friday, April 8.

Award Descriptions:

- **Student Innovation Award:** Recognizes students for their achievements and efforts to go above and beyond during the 2021-2022 school year. The ideal candidate demonstrates a growth mindset, empathy and a desire to uplift others.
- **Spark Award:** The Spark Award is given to an administrator who goes above and beyond in order to create a learning environment where all students have a chance to succeed, and all instructors feel the freedom to innovate.
- **STEM Innovator Award:** The STEM Innovator Award showcases the creative innovations of a program that facilitates enhanced problem-based teaching and learning. This award specifically focuses on the uniqueness of the "program actions" that promote teacher innovation, increase student interest and drive performance and/or achievement. Recipients of this award must have completed STEM Innovator training through the University of Iowa.
- **Administrative/Support Staff Excellence Award:** The Administrative/Support Staff Excellence Award recognizes the exemplary service of a dedicated administrative assistant or employee who fosters a positive learning and supportive environment at his/her school.
- **Ed Tech Company of the Year Award:** The Ed Tech Company of the Year Award recognizes an Iowa City area-based education technology company that has demonstrated or facilitated classroom innovation, has supported the growth of the Iowa City area as an education technology hub, and has given back to our community. To qualify, the company must be a member of the Business Partnership or an investor in the ICAD Group.
- **Impact Award:** The Impact Award is given to a school group that embraces three core goals: to inspire, innovate, and achieve. Their pursuit of these first three goals culminate to realize a fourth: IMPACT on teachers, students and their community. This program exceeds all others in its ability to impact students and teachers through inspiring, innovative, exceptional, unprecedented and/or extraordinary program components.
- **Inspire Award:** The Inspire Award is given to a teacher that inspires, excites, and influences students to learn through exceptional, unprecedented or extraordinary programs and/or creates an innovative, future-focused classroom.

Nominator Information:

Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Nominee Information:

Name:

School:

Email address/ parent's email address:

Select the award that your nomination is for:

Please let us know how your nominee demonstrates the qualities of the award you wish them to receive:

Please send all nominations to Bianca@iowacityarea.com (Subject IIE Nomination) as an attachment.
Nominations must be submitted no later than 4:30 PM Friday, April 8.