

Dr. James Pinchak Service Learning Award Description

Very simply, Dr. Pinchak was a friend of CBI and one of the most knowledgeable and caring partners in career technical education. This award will be given in his name to the CBI program that has completed a Service Learning project of high regard in the state of Ohio for the calendar year of 2025. To be eligible, all projects must have been completed in 2025, any time from January to December. Applications must be completed by May 7, 2027.

Dr. James Pinchak's Bio:

Dr. Pinchak's career in education spanned 50 years. He began his career as a teacher's aide and progressed through the ranks as an academic, career & technical teacher, and special needs teacher, earning degrees at Miami University, Kent State University, and Bowling Green State University. Jim served over twenty years as a high-level administrator in the Ohio Department of Education before becoming Principal & Director of the Tolles Technical Center in Plain City. He became the first person promoted to the rank of Clinical Associate Professor in The Ohio State University, College of Education & Human Ecology for Career & Technical Education. His OSU graduate program was ranked first among American graduate programs in 2017, 2018, and 2019 by U.S. News & World Report. He was a leading advocate for Vocational Education and Career Development, known throughout the nation and the world. Jim lost his battle to cancer in 2018, but his legacy and love for career tech will always endure.



Dr. James Pinchak Service Learning Award Application 2024

Submit application to: JoAnne Hodgson at jhodgson@greenecc.com by
3:00 PM on May 7, 2026

Nominee Name:

Nominee School:

Nominee Phone
Number:

Nominee Email:

Name of Service
Project:

Timeline of Service
Project (dates
completed):

Summary of the project: Define the significance of the project, summarize the service-learning activities, partnerships, timeline, specific details, and successful outcomes. Describe how the service-learning activity engaged with local community issues, how it sought to rectify a community problem, and any efforts to communicate or otherwise publicize what was accomplished. (*Maximum 500 words*)

What are the future plans for this project? What will you do to ensure the project's growth?