

Criteria for 2020 Gala Awards

Reaching Every Student by Celebrating our Differences

This year's theme will celebrate those people who, through their actions, promote awareness and advocate for our diverse population. Four (4) awards will be given: *a BCEA Member, a Student or Alumna of a Burlington County Public School, an Administrator or Community Member, an Elected Official*. Nominations must be submitted to the BCEA office by **Thursday, April 9, 2020**. The award will be presented at the Annual Awards Gala on Friday, June 12, 2020. Go to our [website](http://bceanjea.org) (bceanjea.org) for more information and the nomination form.

A Burlington County Education Association Member:

- who goes above and beyond to engage the students and meet their needs.
- who promotes activities and broadens the students' horizons and interests.
- who connects to students with their knowledge of, commitment to and engagement in an activity or group.
- who is creating awareness of diversity through an activity, event, or club.

A Current Student or Graduate of a Burlington County Public School:

- who has taken a leadership role in creating, proposing or initiating an activity or group that addresses the needs of a specific group of students.
- who is goal oriented in promoting their group's diversity or purpose.
- who is respected by their school and community.

A Burlington County School Administrator or Community Member:

- who is a supporter of student growth through non-traditional practices or activities.
- who connects with parents and the community to build an inclusive school culture.
- who is respected by the entire educational community.
- who recognizes the importance of meeting student needs and celebrates the diversity of our communities.

An Elected Official: (local, county, state or federal level)

- who is a strong supporter of public education and organizations that celebrate our community's diversity.
- who is visible and accessible to the community.
- who seeks to empower changes that support diverse populations.
- who has a track record of actions that show support of underrepresented or underserved groups within our community.