

WCCCD chancellor to receive national award



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Wayne County Community College District Chancellor Curtis Ivery will receive a Trumpet Award for education Jan. 23 in Atlanta

Wayne County Community College District Chancellor Curtis Ivery will receive a Trumpet Award for education during a nationally televised ceremony later this month.

The Trumpet Awards, originally presented by Turner Broadcasting in 1993, were created to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of black Americans across all sectors of society who have succeeded against immense odds. Previous recipients of the award include Stevie Wonder, the Tuskegee Airmen, former U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Jamie Foxx.

Ivery, raised in rural poverty in Texas, has been the chancellor at WCCCD since Sept. 1, 1995. As the chief executive officer, Ivery directs the six-campus community college

Prior to becoming chancellor of WCCCD, Ivery served as vice president of instruction and acting president at Mountain View College of Dallas County Community College District. He also served as commissioner of Human Services for the State of Arkansas and was the first African American and the youngest appointee to the governor's cabinet in Arkansas. He has written and published more than 400 articles for several weekly and monthly metropolitan newspapers across the nation and has published nearly a dozen books, according to his biography.

“The Best Man” actress Nia Long and “Survivor’s Remorse” actor Mike Epps will host the black-tie ceremony to be held at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre in Atlanta on Jan. 23. The 24th Annual Trumpet Awards will air on Bounce TV and nationally in more than 75 markets.

Among the other honorees at this year’s ceremony include Grammy award-winning and platinum-selling artist [Ne-Yo](#), who will be presented with the Visionary Award; global humanitarian and advocate Princess Basmah Bint Saud of Saudi Arabia; television and film producer Will Packer, who will be honored with the Entertainment Award; comedian and actor George Wallace, who will receive the Legend Award, and Alicia Boler Davis, executive vice president and chief operating officer of General Motors, who will be honored with the Corporate Executive of the Year Award.

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