HCC Academic Hall of Fame ceremonies will be Thursday (KNZA)--Highland Community College will induct two individuals into the HCC Academic Hall of Fame Thursday evening.

Brenda Hines, a HCC faculty member for 46 years, will be inducted as Faculty Emeritus.

Hines, a native of Seneca, Missouri, began her journey as an Instructor of English, Philosophy, and Ethics at Highland Community College in 1969. A news release says Hines, during her years teaching at Highland, was an "enormous resource for her students and peers and saw many changes on campus."

Hines retired in 2015.

Nominated faculty members must have been a professional employee for at least 15 years, have retired, and must be approved by professional staff, the President's senior administrators and then confirmed by the HCC Board of Trustees.

Dr. Mark Anderson, of Irvine, California will be inducted as the 2019 Distinguished Alumni. He is a board-certified neurosurgeon who has been in solo-practice since 1981. After attending Highland, Anderson went on to earn an MD from the University of Kansas Medical School and train at Stanford Medical Center Department of Neurosurgery. The news release says the Seneca, Kansas, native was the youngest neurosurgeon, at the age of 29, to go into practice in the United States.

Distinguished Alumni nominees are submitted by HCC professional employees, the President's senior staff or the HCC Alumni or Foundation Board members. In addition to having to have attended HCC, 'candidates must have reached a status in their professional life that sets them apart from their peers and their community."

Highland Community College President David Reist will induct both Anderson and Hines into the Academic Hall of Fame.

A ceremony, induction, and reception will be held from 4-6 Thursday evening on the Highland campus. Attendees will gather in the Lower Level of the Porter Family Stadium Center.

The community is invited to attend.

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