



Celebrating a Legend: David Ward Honored with Building Dedication Ceremony

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During the height of the stay-at-home order in 2020, we reported that the Craven Community College Board of Trustees unanimously voted to rename the Student Center the David L. Ward, Jr. Hall in recognition of its longest-serving advisor.

This month, they will officially hold a dedication ceremony to mark this momentous occasion.

It will take place on Tuesday, February 21, at 4 p.m. at Ward Hall, which is located on the New Bern campus and is home to the Academic Support Center, Campus Life, Automotive Technology, Welding, and the Student Lounge.



David was hired as the Craven Community College's attorney in April 1968 and held that position for more than 51 years.

In a press release, CCC President Dr. Ray Staats noted David's "faithful service" to the community college, stating, "[David] has generously served as both trusted consultant and advisor to the Board and as a professional mentor to five presidents. We are a profoundly better teaching and learning institution because of his dedication."

David retired from practicing law in December 2019. Under his leadership, David was a pillar of philanthropy at Ward and Smith and instrumental in defining the firm's culture of giving back to its communities. Ward and Smith has sponsored the CCC Foundation's annual Community Fabric Awards for ten consecutive years, and we're proud to be the presenting sponsor for the last seven.