

# 2022 DR. SAMUEL HOUSTON JR. LEADERSHIP AWARDEES NAMED



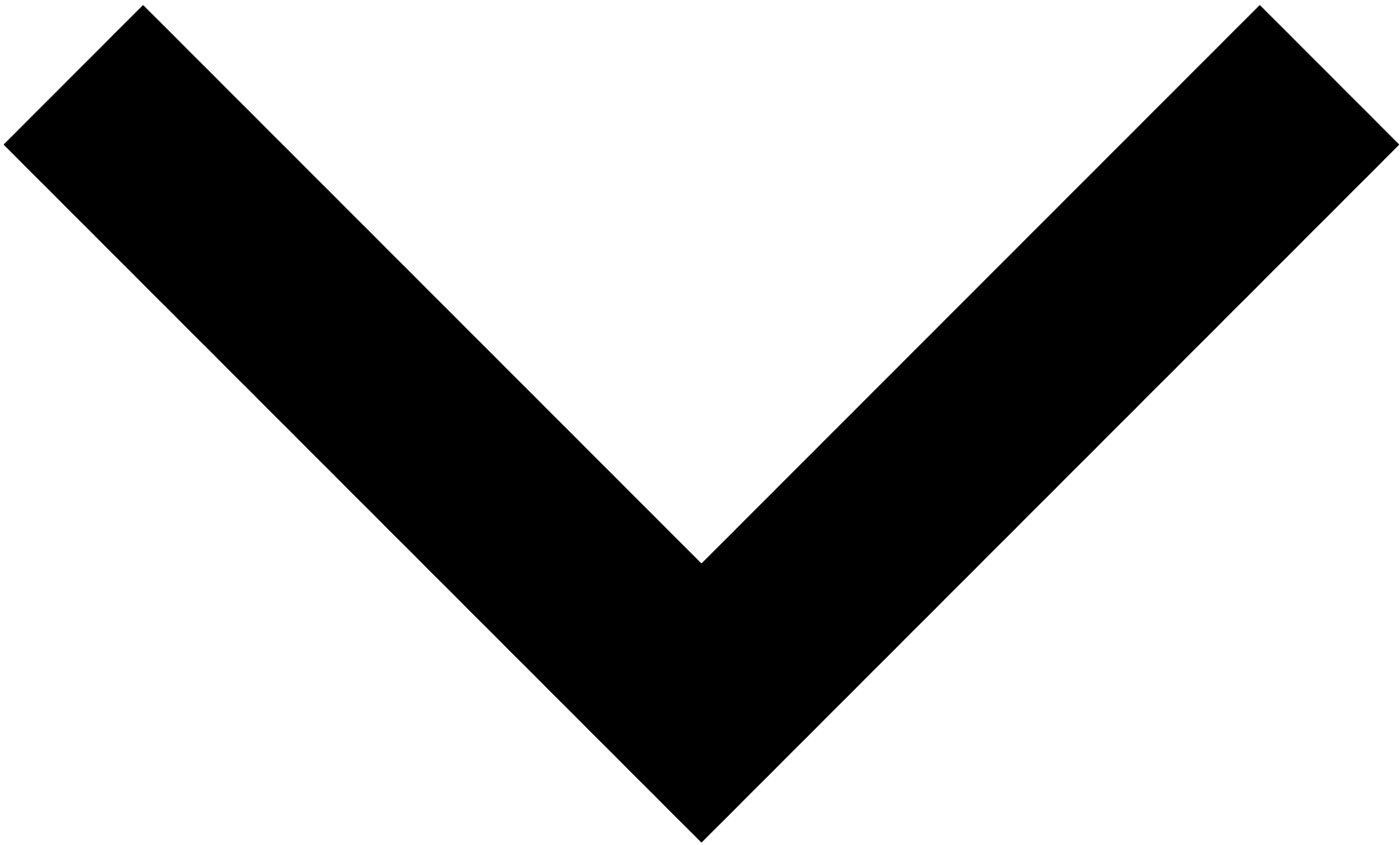
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NC School Superintendents' Association Press Release



*Left to Right: Dr. Sam Houston, Dr. Kimberly DeChant, Dr. Lionel Kato, Dr. Danielle Jones, and Jack Hoke, NCSSA Executive Director*

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The award is named in honor of Dr. Samuel Houston who is President and Chief Executive Officer of the North Carolina Science, Mathematics, and Technology Education Center. Dr. Houston served as superintendent of the Mooresville Graded School District for ten years where he opened the first year-round school in North Carolina. Dr. Houston has been a champion for strategic planning, student performance and accountability, meeting the needs of the 21st century workforce, skills for the STEM world, and building education partnerships. Dr. Houston also served as the first executive director of the University of North Carolina Center for Leadership Development.

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