Hubert V. Everly arrived in Hawai‘i in 1933 at age 18 for summer school with the thought of becoming a park ranger or maybe even a volcanologist. Under the encouragement and guidance of Benjamin Wist (Dean of Teacher’s College 1931–1948), Everly left the University of Southern California and an athletic scholarship in 1937 to pursue bachelor and master of education degrees at UH Teacher’s College. After earning his degrees, Everly taught at Konawaena and Honoka’a High Schools on the Big Island and then returned to O’ahu for a vice principal’s position at Kalākaua Intermediate. After serving in the US Army from 1943 to 1945, Everly completed his doctor of philosophy degree at The Ohio State University with a dissertation on the role of laboratory schools. Upon his return to Hawai‘i, he was appointed principal of UH Teacher’s College Intermediate School, predecessor to the University Laboratory School. He served in that role from 1948 until 1956 when he was named Dean of Teacher’s College.

In 1959, Teacher’s College became the College of Education (COE). Everly oversaw the transition from Teacher’s College to the COE, the subsequent period of rapid growth, and the creation of the Curriculum Research & Development Group. By the time he reached retirement age in 1979, the COE had become a multi-department institution with expanded research, teacher training and service. It increased field-service training, designed and implemented a doctoral program and introduced distance learning (ETV) in classrooms.

Faced with political opponents and challenged by faculty from other colleges, Everly was known to turn directly to the legislature in order to secure funds for the COE. In 1966, after being told by the legislature that there were no funds for new buildings, Everly relabeled his proposed project an "annex," which would be connected to Wist Hall by one common wall. In May 2006, the former University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa COE dean and longtime faculty member was honored for his dedication and accomplishments with the formal renaming of the College’s Wist Annex 2 as Everly Hall.

Everly received many honors for his contributions to education over 33 years, including an endowed scholar position established in his name and a lifetime achievement award presented to him at the college’s 2006 Recognition Dinner. In a video clip shown at the dinner, Everly said, "I would like to be remembered as an educator. When I look into the obituaries, I see obituaries for ‘former this/former that’. I want to be remembered as Everly the Educator."