

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

Purpose:

The purpose of the Wilde Lake High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor former students who excelled in their respective careers following graduation. Individuals selected will also be recognized for helping to bring honor, recognition, distinction to Wilde Lake High School by their accomplishments and contributions to others and serve as role models for our current students.

This recognition will help maintain the spirit, pride and sense of community as well as serving as a historical account of the great traditions of Wilde Lake High School. The Wilde Lake High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame also serves as a permanent testimony that the Wilde Lake High School experience prepares graduates to face life's challenges, to problem-solve and to make decisions that will positively influence and/or contribute to the well-being of our society.

Details:

All persons selected to receive this honor will have a gold plate placed on a plaque in the trophy case with their name and graduation date. Each person selected will receive a personal use copy of this plaque.

Eligibility for Nomination:

Alumni are eligible for nomination 10 years after their graduation. Nomination is open to all alumni who meet the following criteria:

The nominee for the Wilde Lake High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame shall:

1. Be a graduate of Wilde Lake High School and attended for a minimum of 1 year;
2. Have graduated from Wilde High School a minimum of 10 years prior to the year of nomination;
3. Be successful in his/her field of endeavors as determined by the selection committee as demonstrated by:
 - i. accomplishments worthy enough to be shared with current Wilde Lake students as an example of a "*Success Model*",
 - ii. personal characteristics recognized by society as acceptable, appropriate, and worthy enough to be acknowledged as a "*Role Model*",
 - iii. positive influence to others,
 - iv. participation in community organizations or community service, and
 - v. college, career, and community honors and recognition.

Nomination Process:

Any member of the community may nominate a candidate for Hall of Fame membership. Formal nomination shall be made using the nomination form made available to the public via the WLHS website. The nomination form must be received by the front office by August 1st of each year in order to be considered for induction into the fall class. Following confirmation of criteria by WLHS administration, nominees will be contacted by the Selection Committee to determine individual interest and solicit supporting evidence including an up to date resume'. All completed nomination forms are to remain confidential, to be shared among the members of the selection committee only. Information relating to a nominee's accomplishments, achievements, etc. should be supported by accompanying documentation or sources cited so that the information may be verified independently. Once presented as an eligible nominee, a candidate who is not selected shall automatically be reconsidered annually until he/she has been considered for five consecutive years. Thereafter, re-nomination may occur at any time. The Selection Committee Chairperson will notify any nominator and their nominee in writing, if not selected.

Selection Committee Members:

The Selection Committee Members shall be comprised of the following:

- WLHS Principal, who shall serve as Chairperson
- WLHS Athletic and Activities Manager
- WLHS PTSA Board Member
- WLHS Booster Club Board Member
- Former and/or current WLHS faculty members, at least one but no more than five

All Selection Committee Members will be appointed by the WLHS Administration and shall serve for a two-year term. At any time, there shall be no fewer than five members and no more than nine members. All members may be re-appointed for an additional two-year term by the WLHS Administration at the

conclusion of their initial term. However, the WLHS Administration may appoint new members at their discretion.

Election Process:

The Selection Committee shall meet at a time determined by the Chairperson in order to review nominations and elect recipients. Background information on each nominee will be distributed to Selection Committee Members prior to this meeting and members should familiarize themselves with the nominees prior to voting. Each Selection Committee Member shall have one vote and all votes shall carry equal weight. In order to gain election, a candidate is required to receive a number of votes equal to 75% of those members present at the meeting. Candidates will be discussed in alphabetical order. The outcome of the verbal vote will be shared with the Selection Committee Members only. If no candidate nominated in a particular year is deemed worthy of election to the Hall, so be it; it is not necessary to induct new members each year. At the same time, there shall be no limit on the number of members who may gain admission in a given year.

Induction Ceremony:

The induction ceremony shall be at a time and a place designated by the Selection Committee. It is hoped, at a minimum, that this induction ceremony will include public recognition at the half-time of the Homecoming Football game each fall.

Consideration for Removal:

Name removal from the Hall of Fame due to legal impropriety or other public dishonor must have unanimous approval of the Selection Committee.

NOMINATION FORM

Nominee's Name _____ Graduation Year _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Nomination Submitted by:

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

The Selection Committee may contact nominator and/or nominee if more information or clarification is needed. Nominators should attach a short narrative (no more than 500 words on a separate sheet of paper) describing why this individual should be selected for the WLHS Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. The essay should include summary of accomplishments following graduation and why the nominee would serve as an exemplary role model for current students at WLHS. It is appropriate and nominators are encouraged to include any news-paper articles or other items regarding the nominee, copies of awards received, and/or letters of support for the nominee.

Nomination forms must be submitted by August 1st to:

Wilde Lake High School
Alumni Hall of Fame Selection Committee
5460 Trumpeter Road
Columbia, MD 21044