

WHRHS NEWS Call For 2017 Hall Of Fame Nominations

Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) seeks Nominations for 2017 Hall of Fame; deadline is Feb. 3 for potential additions to the Hall of Fame

WARREN TWP. -- Nominations are open for candidates for the eighth class of Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) Hall of Fame.

Suggestions for alumni, administrators, faculty or staff, as well as those who have contributed to the high school community, will be accepted through Friday, Feb. 3, 2017.

A committee of administrators, teachers and former graduates — some already inducted into the Hall of Fame — will make a selection from the nominees, said WHRHS Vice Principal Terry MacConnell.

The Induction Ceremony for the 2017 honorees is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, May 12, at the Performing Arts Center of the high school at 108 Stirling Road. A reception will follow the induction.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the school's main office, or accessed on the school website, www.whrhs.org.

The purpose of the WHRHS Hall of Fame is to honor alumni who have distinguished themselves during their high school years and/or within their community or profession since graduation. The nomination is also designed to recognize individuals associated with the high school who have distinguished themselves with support of, or in service to, WHRHS.

The names of the 2017 honorees will be announced sometime in March.

The WHRHS Hall of Fame, initiated in 2008, marked the school's 50th anniversary. Nominations of individuals who were nominated but not selected will be kept on file for consideration for the Hall of Fame for the next five years, MacConnell said. After that, they must be nominated again to be considered by the committee.

Persons who lack complete information about a potential Hall of Fame nominee are asked to fill out the nomination form. Every attempt will be made by the Hall of Fame committee to gather additional information about that nominee.

Those honored by membership in the Hall of Fame are recognized by a personalized plaque in the school's main lobby. The Hall of Fame includes persons who represent many fields, including teaching, music, public service, entertainment, the arts, athletics, science, and so on.

So far, there have been 64 people inducted in the WHRHS Hall of Fame. They are:

Class of 2008: William Ard, Robert Baly, Sandra Blumberg, Elmer Bieler, Monica Crowley, Peter Falzarano, Sondra Fechtner, Frank Matullo, Jerry Mobus, Kevin O'Brien, David Peterson, Adam Reiss, Fred Rossi, Joe Sabo, and Howard Tozier;

Class of 2009: David Bareford, Thomas Glassic, Norm Hewitt, Christopher Noble Ingrassia, Dr. William Peiffer, Frank Salvato, Dr. Jerry Rife, Keith Sims, and Dr. Barbara Benham Tye;

Class of 2010: George Armetti, Steve Bartlett, Lisa Rosamilia Laughinghouse, Amanda Pabyan, and Eleanor Mathews;

Class of 2011: Dr. Jocelyn Crowley, Paul Grzella, Alan LeBoeuf, Mark Miller, Dr. Arthur Ostrander, Christopher Remley, Thomas "Bill" Simpson, Dr. Clara Strupp, and Barry Sullivan;

Class of 2012: Kimberlin Blackburn, Andrew Cohen, Angela Deberjeois, Beverly DiGeronimo, Michael Anthony Natiello, Carl Riccio, Peter N. Shive, Alison Wright, and Paula Jolly Zusi;

Class of 2013: Joseph Battiato, Tina Cecala, Thomas DiGanci, Matthew G. Kantor, Christopher (Chris) Kratt, Martin W. Kratt, Robert M. Oppenheim, and Lawrence Anthony Beidel.

Class of 2014: William Apgar, Carol Comune, Edna Mae D'Elia, Mario Diez, Gary Peter DiNardo, Roy Richard Kortmann, Christopher Lenzo, Brian Penn, Nicholas Yonezuka.