

Wade Hampton High School Legion of Honor

Developed in 2005 by the School Improvement Council

Established in 2008 by the WHHS Alumni Association

Purpose

The Wade Hampton High School Hall of Fame was developed in 2005 by the School Improvement Council to honor people who are leaders in their fields and who are role models for Wade Hampton High School students and others.

In 2007, the WHHS Alumni Association assumed responsibility for the further development of the Hall of Fame. At this time, it was decided to rename the effort as the “Legion of Honor” in respect to General Wade Hampton who raised the Hampton Legion for the War Between the States. General Hampton’s Legion was made up of many different companies who trained to fight in various ways in order to win. Recognizing that the students of WHHS reflect a similarity in differences and in the methods they are trained to succeed, the Alumni Association agreed that the Legion of Honor designation depicts the spirit and fortitude of graduates to make a difference in the lives of others and to contribute to building a stronger society.

The Legion of Honor is an important part of fostering pride in our school and community and recognizing achievements and contributions of those who are part of our school. In addition the WHHS Legion of Honor gives our community tangible proof of the quality of education our school has fostered over the years.

Criteria to be a member of the WHHS Legion of Honor:

1. Nominees must exemplify the highest standards of citizenship, ethical conduct and moral character.
2. Nominees must have demonstrated outstanding and exceptional abilities in service to church, community, profession or public service.

Recognition will be given to but not limited to accomplishments in the fields of:

Music	School Services
Fine Arts	Medicine
Business	Humanities/Religion
Government	Athletics
Education	Science
Armed Forces	Community Service

3. Nominees, living or deceased, must be a graduate of WHHS having graduated no less than ten years prior to being nominated.

Selection Process

1. There will be no more than three inductees per year with the exception of the inaugural year of the Legion of Honor. There is no requirement for an annual ceremony.
2. Nominations may come from any source and be submitted to the committee. No self-nominations will be accepted. In no case should the nominee be informed of the nomination.
3. The selection committee will be comprised of no less than five members including the principal of WHHS who may serve in the appointment of the committee as requested by the Alumni Association. The selection committee will be responsible for selection of inductees, contacting the recipients and planning and implementing the awards ceremony, as well as being responsible for the plaques awarded and updating the notebook of honorees, located in the WHHS media center.
4. Nominations must include a written biography of the candidate. The nominator should seek information and supporting material in a confidential way so as not to embarrass the person who is not selected.

Recognition of Inductees

Nominees selected for induction into the WHHS Legion of Honor will be honored at a ceremony. Each inductee will receive an engraved memento and will be recognized on a perpetual plaque at WHHS. A notebook of biographies and photos will be placed in the school media center and will be updated by the selection committee.