



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MAY 11, 2020

Beginning today, the Watertown City School District Hall of Achievement Committee is seeking nominations for candidates for induction in 2020. The Hall of Achievement was established in 2001 "to recognize and celebrate the achievements of Watertown High School graduates by honoring those who have attained a high level of distinction in their lives and provide positive role models for students of the District." To date, 51 graduates have been inducted, with the last group being named in 2014. The plaques for each inductee are located in the lobby area of Case Middle School.

Eligible applicants, living or deceased, must have graduated from 2010 or prior and have demonstrated an outstanding and/or unique contribution and/or level of service to their community, profession and/or any other good cause at the local, regional, national or international level. For candidates attending Watertown City Schools from 1865-1945, the graduation requirement may be waived.

"We are excited to be able to welcome a new group of inductees later this year. As it has been a period of time since the last nomination opportunity, we are hopeful that we will see a diverse and wide-ranging mix. We know that our graduates have led by example in their local communities and beyond. In recognizing the achievements of WHS graduates, we help inspire our current students to pursue their dreams and pursuits without limits," said Rande Richardson, committee chair.

Anyone may nominate a candidate for this distinction, except the individual themselves. Nomination forms are available on the District's website at www.watertowncsd.org or by contacting the District office at 315-785-3705 or by email at mgravelle@watertowncsd.org.

Applications must be postmarked no later than Monday, June 15, 2020. The committee plans to announce inductees this summer and have a ceremony before year's end.

Members of the committee are: Rande Richardson (chair), Kenneth Forbes (Watertown High School student), Jeri Gosier, Michelle Gravelle, Michele Jeican, Patricia LaBarr, Neicia Smith (Case Middle School student), and Jason White.



Watertown City School District

2020 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

- **OBJECTIVE**

To recognize and celebrate the achievements of Watertown High School graduates by honoring those who have attained a high level of distinction in their lives and provide positive role models for students of the District.

- **SELECTION CRITERIA**

This program will honor Watertown High School graduates* for demonstrating:

- An outstanding and unique contribution or level of service to their community, profession or other good cause whether it be at the local, regional, national, or international level.

The nominee must have graduated from Watertown High School at least ten (10) years prior to nomination (Class of 2010 would be latest year eligible). Candidates must also represent a positive role model to students in the school district.

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- **NOMINATION PROCESS**

Anyone may nominate a graduate for this distinction, except the individual themselves. A deceased graduate may be nominated. Information regarding the process will appear in the local media, the WCSD web site, and letters to faculty. Nomination forms are available on the district's website at www.watertowncsd.org. If you would prefer to be mailed a copy of the nomination form, please contact us at 315-785-3705 or mgravelle@watertowncsd.org and provide your name and complete mailing address.

- **PROJECTED TIMETABLE**

May 11, 2020	Nominations requested
June 15, 2020	Nominations closed
Summer 2020	Selections announced
TBD	Induction Ceremony

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**Watertown City School District
2020 Distinguished Alumni Hall of Achievement Nomination Form**

Candidate Information:

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone () _____

E-mail Address _____ Year of Graduation _____

Field of Endeavor/Career/Profession/Vocation:

Educational Background:

Personal Statement:

Please attach a brief statement providing reason(s) why this WHS graduate meets the criteria for selection to the Hall of Achievement. Explain the candidate's outstanding and unique contribution or level of service and the way in which they serve as a positive role model for students of the District. You are encouraged to provide additional documentation that may support the nomination. This could include items such as letters of recommendation, resume, articles, etc.

Nominator Information: (You may be contacted for additional information about the nominee)

Name _____ E-mail Address _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Telephone () _____

Your Relationship to Nominee: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Send Completed Application to:

Hall of Achievement Committee
Watertown City School District Office
1351 Washington Street • Watertown, NY 13601

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If you have any questions, please call the District Office at 315-785-3705 or email at mgravelle@watertowncsd.org

*The Watertown City School District is committed to building a
caring culture that fosters lifelong learners and responsible citizens.*