

AHS Lifetime Achievement Awards:

The Wall of Fame and The Distinguished Alumni Award



The Alton School District #11 and Alton High School honor the lifetime achievements of notable AHS Alumni and community members through The Wall of Fame and Distinguished Alumni Awards. The purposes of the Wall of Fame and Distinguished Alumni Awards are similar - *to recognize outstanding citizens who have contributed to the Alton School District and the Alton community.*

AHS Lifetime Achievement Award inductees have attained exceptional achievements over the course of their life and career and/or exhibited extraordinary leadership. The AHS Wall of Fame has been acknowledging members of our community since 2009 and includes both alumni and community members. The Distinguished Alumni Award was introduced in 2014 and seeks to specifically acknowledge AHS Alumni.

AHS Lifetime Achievement Awards serve as the standard for excellence. These two prestigious awards are designed to celebrate the career and civic accomplishments of our neighbors, former classmates, friends and family. We publicly honor the lives of notable individuals to provide role models and examples of philanthropy, servant leadership, and charitable giving for the young people in our schools.

The Alton School District #11 wishes to recognize both outstanding citizens and graduates. To be eligible for nomination and consideration for either the AHS Wall of Fame or the Distinguished Alumni Award, candidates must have:

- Achieved notable employment and/or career achievements within their chosen field;
- Exhibited extensive civic and/or community accomplishments through service, volunteer work, philanthropic endeavors or have received notable local, state or national honors;
- Graduated a minimum of ten years prior to nomination;
- Made significant lifetime contributions to Alton High School or the Alton School District.

Nomination Process

- Candidates may be nominated for an AHS Lifetime Achievement Award in writing by any member of the public by January 16th of each year.
- Both AHS Lifetime Achievement Awards utilize the same nomination form and require the same information to be included in the nomination packet.
- Nominations will be reviewed and considered by the AHS Lifetime Achievement Award Committee composed of volunteers who are either community members and/or AHS alumni.
- Members of the selection committee who are nominated for either award must recuse themselves during the selection and voting process.
- Members of the selection committee may not nominate themselves for recognition.
- **The nomination packet must include the following sponsor's information:**
 - *name*
 - *current address*
 - *current phone number*
 - *email address, if available.*
 - *application form with vitae*
 - *three (3) letters of recommendation to be reviewed by the committee:*
 - *The awards, honors and achievements will be verified and must satisfactorily meet the criteria of the selection committee before any final decision is made on the candidate.*

Selection Process

- Candidates' letters of reference/recommendation will be distributed to the committee members for review and verification of information provided by the sponsor(s);
- At a subsequent meeting, committee members will present their findings on each candidate and will select and present no more than four (4) candidates who best exemplify the ideals of Alton School District #11's Wall of Fame and Distinguished Alumni;

- The four candidates may represent either citizens who have or have not graduated from AHS;
- Candidates who meet Award criteria, but who did not graduate from AHS will receive the distinction of Wall of Fame recipients while those who graduated from AHS will be honored as Distinguished Alumni;
- All committee members will be provided the opportunity to review the letters of reference for each nominated candidate on the full nomination list. Committee members will meet to discuss and review candidates' vitae and qualifications. Votes will be taken on each nominated candidate;
- The Committee will make certain that those candidates receiving the highest vote totals, (a maximum of four candidates per year) will be the inductees on the Alton High School Wall of Fame and Distinguished Alumni at that year's induction ceremony;
- Candidates who have been recognized for one award are not eligible for the other award.

All applications will be considered for two years and then must be resubmitted.