

Robbinsdale High School



RHS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

I. MISSION

The mission of the Robbinsdale High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame (hereinafter referred to as the Hall of Fame) is to:

1. Recognize and honor those RHS alumni (1936-1984) who have distinguished themselves in one or more of the various fields identified below.
2. Establish a method of honoring the Robbinsdale High School students who have made a positive impact on the community.
3. Raise public awareness of and appreciation for the outstanding education provided by Robbinsdale High School during its forty-eight years of academic excellence.
4. Serve as a source of inspiration for students currently enrolled in Robbinsdale Area Schools through the celebration of achievements by RHS alumni and the instilment of pride in the RHS academic legacy.

II. HALL OF FAME PHILOSOPHY

The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to bring honor to the high academic achievement legacy of Robbinsdale High School by highlighting the accomplishments of its alumni. The rich tradition of Robbinsdale High School academics over its forty-eight year history is one in which the community still feels a deep sense of pride. To build on that pride, the Hall of Fame provides the opportunity to sustain the memories and share the moments of the past with the Robbinsdale Area Schools community.

III. NOMINATION CRITERIA

The submission of a name for consideration will be made in one of five categories. A nomination format is appended. Nominees in these categories must have demonstrated high levels of achievement, award recognition, and significant contributions in their fields.

1. Medicine and Science. Graduates who are surgeons, specialists, and/or general practitioners of high regard or distinction; scientists whose findings have benefited humanity in an important area of existence or who have added substantially to the body of human knowledge; recipients of distinguished awards in any field of scientific endeavor, etc.

2. Business and Professional. Graduates who are respected economists, influential stock market analysts, CEOs of noted corporations or businesses, particularly successful business persons, legal professionals, etc.
3. Arts and Entertainment. Graduates who are well-known or frequently published writers, winners of prestigious literary, acting or artistic awards; influential critics; recognized musicians or composers; media celebrities, etc.
4. Humanitarian and Service. Graduates who have rendered consistent and significant service to the local, state, national, or international communities.
5. Lifetime Recognition. This category is reserved for an individual who many not have attained award status in his/her chosen field but whose life demonstrates high moral character and dignity as signified by personal, professional, volunteer, and other actions performed within the community throughout one's life.

IV. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Once a candidate is nominated in one of the above categories, he/she will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- ✓ Exemplary achievements and recognition in one's chosen field.
- ✓ Outstanding citizenship.
- ✓ Qualities of leadership.
- ✓ Meritorious contributions to society.
- ✓ Qualities are demonstrated in a manner that will inspire students currently enrolled in Robbinsdale Area Schools as well as members of the communities served by the Robbinsdale Area Schools.

V. SELECTION PROCESS

A selection committee made up of at least but not limited to one Seven Dreams Education Foundation board member, two Robbinsdale High School alumni, one current or retired District 281 faculty member, and one District 281 administrator will select inductees for the Hall of Fame. In addition, members of the selection committee will be responsible for: (1) establishing the nominating and selection timeline; (2) reviewing rules and regulations for the Hall of Fame; (3) managing the Hall of Fame ceremony; and, (4) helping maintain the Hall of Fame display.

VI. NOMINATING PROCEDURE

The procedure and nomination format for nominating alumni, living or deceased, for the Hall of Fame will be published on the Robbinsdale Area Schools and the Seven Dreams Education Foundation web sites and in newsletters sent to alumni and retired staff (e.g., R.A.R.E.). E-mail with web site links will also be used for those alumni and retired staff whose addresses are accessible. A press release will be sent to the local papers where appropriate.

According to the criteria stated above anyone may submit a completed nomination for consideration. Alumni may not nominate themselves. The selection committee will meet and review all nominations.

The selection committee will choose up to six candidates each year for induction to the Hall of Fame. Nominations not resulting in selection and induction may be resubmitted for future consideration.

VII. INDUCTION

Inductees will be introduced during a special ceremony created by the Seven Dreams Education Foundation. At the induction ceremony, he/she will be presented with a distinctive award.

VIII. DISPLAY

A display that identifies the inductees and their achievements will be placed in an appropriate location as determined by the Seven Dreams Education Foundation board of directors.

IX. NOMINATING FORMAT

A nominating format will be provided to potential nominators that outline the information required for due diligence consideration. Nominators are to be provided with the Mission, Hall of Fame Philosophy, Nomination Criteria, and Evaluation Criteria for the Hall of Fame.

In addition, nominators are to provide the following details:

1. Nomination Category (*i.e., Medicine and Science; Business and Professional; Arts and Entertainment; Humanitarian and Service; Lifetime Recognition*)
2. Nominee Information
 - A. Name
 - B. Year of Graduation
 - C. (If living) Current Home Address, Phone Number, E-mail Address
 - D. (If not living) Current Home Address, Phone Number, E-mail Address of closest contact
 - E. Narrative. Nominator should summarize thoughts and feelings as to the worthiness of the nominee for induction.

3. Nominator Information

A. Name

B. Current Home Address, Phone Number, E-mail Address

Nominator is strongly encouraged to address as many of the following evaluation criteria as may apply.

1. Education. Include post-secondary education schools attended, degrees earned, academic honors received and certifications held.
2. Career Background. Titles and positions held by the nominee as well as the scope of his/her responsibilities that relate to the identified nomination category.
3. Contributions. Nominee's contributions that distinguish her/her among peers as well as reflect those qualities described in the nomination criteria.
4. Achievement and Honors. Individual awards and/or honors received. Please include dates, if known.

Nominator is also encouraged to solicit and append additional letters of co-nomination and support for nominee's induction.