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MONROE-WOODBURY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HALL OF DISTINCTION

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PURPOSE

The Hall of Distinction was established to celebrate the rich heritage and tradition of the Monroe-Woodbury Central School District. It aims to recognize, preserve and honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the school community, as well as distinguished alumni who have excelled in their respective endeavors.

Nominees must exemplify the highest standards of ethical conduct and moral character. All candidates will be judged on their significant and/or long-term contributions.

NOMINATION CRITERIA/ CATEGORIES

To uphold the integrity of the Hall of Distinction, nominees must meet the criteria in one of the following categories:

Contributor

A Contributor is someone who has been a supporter of the Monroe-Woodbury Central School District's athletics, arts and academics for at least five years. This category may include distinguished administrators, faculty, staff, Board of Education members, coaches/assistant coaches or community members who have served the school system for a minimum of five consecutive years. They must have shown exceptional leadership, character and achievement during their tenure and must be inactive to be eligible. Inductees may be living or deceased.

Distinguished Alumni

A Distinguished Alumni is a graduate of Monroe-Woodbury High School who has achieved significant recognition or success in a particular area, made impactful contributions to society, or brought honor to their alma mater through their accomplishments. This category may include achievements in athletics, their chosen profession, or humanitarianism. Candidates being nominated as former athletes must have earned a varsity letter. Nominees must be graduates who have been out of school for at least five years. Inductees may be living or deceased.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

A nomination for induction into the Monroe-Woodbury School District Hall of Distinction may be submitted by the selection committee, current faculty, administration, staff, members of a Booster Club, an alumnus(a), or by the general public.

A. All entries must be submitted via the **official Monroe-Woodbury Central School District Hall of Distinction nomination form.**

B. The nomination form shall be available through the High School main school office and the **district website**.

C. The nomination form, along with appropriate support materials, shall be submitted to and received by the chair of the selection committee by **April 30, 2026**, for a candidate to be considered for induction in the 2026 school year. All nominations received for consideration must contain an active and current address and contact information for the nominee (or family, if deceased). Failure to supply support material will invalidate the application and the nomination will not be considered.

D. In addition to the official nomination form, the following materials should be submitted for an individual's consideration:

- A letter of recommendation from the person making the nomination, and at least one letter of support (maximum of 3) from an individual who can validate or substantiate pertinent information related to the nominee.
- If available, a limited number of newspaper clippings, magazine articles, copies of scorebooks and statistics may be included to help substantiate the accomplishments and contributions of the nominee.
- A suitable photograph for reproduction should be submitted electronically. The photo should be the highest resolution possible to ensure quality reproduction.

E. Nominees may be reviewed for references and history to ensure satisfaction of Hall of Distinction requirements and qualifications.

Size of Induction Class

The class of inductees shall not number more than eight (8) per year. There shall not be a minimum number of selections.

2026 INDUCTION

- Induction will be during the fall of each school year. Inductees will be honored at our annual HOD induction ceremony.
- A chairperson will be appointed for the induction ceremony as the selection begins.
- The Executive Committee should involve community groups and local businesses in putting on the induction ceremony.
- Inductees will be given an award to indicate their membership in the Hall of Distinction.
- The Executive Committee recommends that an Honor Wall be established at the high school to stimulate student and community interest in the Hall of Distinction, and to recognize HOD members.
- Expenses will be covered by the Monroe-Woodbury Hall of Distinction Booster Club.

GOVERNANCE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Hall of Distinction shall be governed by a Hall of Distinction Executive Committee.

The committee shall consist of not less than seven (7) or no more than nine (9) members, and will always maintain an odd number. The committee may include representatives from the Superintendent's Cabinet, District Administration, faculty/staff, Board of Education, HOD Booster Club, Alumni Association, and the community at large.

The original Executive Committee shall consist of the founding members of the Hall of Distinction. Subsequent members must be nominated by a member of the Executive Committee and be appointed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Terms of office shall be for two years and can be re-appointed. Members can be re-appointed for up to two consecutive terms then must roll off for at least one year. The Executive Committee will also annually appoint a Chair of the committee by a majority vote. This vote will occur at the conclusion of the school year and the position will begin October 1.

The duties and responsibilities of the Hall of Distinction Executive Committee shall be as follows:

- Evaluate and update the policies and operational procedures annually.
- At least two members of the Executive Committee shall serve on the HOD Selection Committee.
- Interview and appoint the Selection Committee.

2026 Executive Committee

Anthony Cardone
Eric Hassler
Lori Hock
Staci McCleary
Carole Spendley
Christopher Vero
Bryan Wilson

GOVERNANCE

SELECTION COMMITEE

The voting procedures of the Hall of Distinction Selection Committee shall be as follows:

First Meeting: The Selection Committee reviews each candidate using the submitted nomination information. Following discussions, each committee member can cast up to 4 votes (each vote counting equally). The 10 nominees with the highest vote totals advance as finalists. The committee will meet again in 2 weeks to finalize their decisions, giving members time to conduct additional research.

Second Meeting: The 10 finalists are discussed again. Each committee member can vote for up to 4 finalists (each vote equal), with the exception of the inaugural class where the committee will vote for up to 8 finalists. For a nominee to progress, they must receive votes from at least 4 different members of the committee. If no consensus on the top 4 nominees (8 for the inaugural class) is reached, the number of inductees will reflect only those who received majority votes.

The annual voting of the Selection Committee is confidential. Inductees will be publicly announced after they have been contacted and confirmed their attendance or representation at the induction ceremony. Information on nominees will not be publicized before this, and details regarding inductees will be shared publicly following the final selection process. The Selection Committee has the authority to override criteria with a majority vote due to extenuating circumstances.

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