

West Salem High School Alumni Hall of Fame

The West Salem School District seeks nominations of distinguished alumni each year for consideration to the West Salem High School Alumni Hall of Fame. This program recognizes and honors School District of West Salem graduates as having achieved a significant degree of success in their pursuits of higher education and/or in their professional careers, and/or community service. The Alumni Hall of Fame recognition provides role models for the students in the School District of West Salem and celebrates the outstanding achievements of our graduates.

To be considered for this honor, each individual nominated must:

- Be a graduate of West Salem High School,
- Have attended West Salem High School for two (2) or more years.

Nominations must be received by December 15 for consideration for the next year's induction class.

Criteria (included where applicable):

- Degrees earned
- Academic potential realized and/or awards received
- Service toward the success of others
- Risk taking or advocacy on behalf of others
- Recommendation and/or testimony of teachers, staff, or fellow graduates, colleagues, or another individual who is familiar with the nominee's body of work.
- Career-related and/or community service related accomplishments or distinctions

Each year the Alumni Hall of Fame Committee will induct up to two (2) members to the Hall.

Nomination form

Nominations are due by December 15. The Hall of Fame Committee (committee appointed by the Superintendent and/or designee) will select the next class of honorees in January, who will then be honored at the West Salem Alumni Dinner in May of each year. Plaques and photos of the honorees will be displayed in the high school.

Process

The West Salem Alumni Hall of Fame Committee provides oversight of the program and convenes when needed to consider nominations. The staff within the superintendent's office will establish the committee members and coordinate the committee's work. The Committee will consist of three (3) West Salem High School Alumni, who are not associated with any of the other groups; one (1) *member of the West Salem Business Association (WSBA); one (1) *member of the high school faculty; one (1) *member from the West Salem Lions Club; 1 (one) *member from the West Salem Fire Department or service group. *Note: may or may not be an alumni of West Salem High School.

Limitations of honorees: Generally, honoree selection will not exceed two (2) individuals at one (1) time. Although, the committee may elect to modify the number of honorees as they see fit.

Nomination forms are available on the District's website under **Our District > West Salem High School Alumni Hall of Fame.**

Nomination forms must be post marked by December 15, in order to be considered in the selection year. (Committee members are not allowed to submit honoree nominations).

The selection committee will review nomination materials and select the most deserving honorees. The process may be accomplished through a series of meetings. The honorees are selected by consensus of the committee, if at all possible. If consensus cannot be reached, then the decisions occur through a majority vote of the committee. If a number of nominees are deserving of the award, the committee also has the option to designate up to two ranked alternates for the award, who may be so honored in the event that the first honorees are unable or unwilling to participate in the recognition program. The selection decisions of the committee are final.

Staff in the superintendent's office will verify the accuracy of nominee information and conduct additional research as directed by the committee.

Final selections are made by February 1. Honorees are notified of their selection and may be asked to submit additional information. A photograph is requested for recognition purposes. Arrangements for a portrait or photograph may need to be made.

The superintendent's office, in cooperation with high school staff, will plan and facilitate appropriate recognition. Honorees are normally recognized and entered into the West Salem High School Alumni Hall of Fame at the West Salem Alumni Dinner in May of each year.

Questions: Contact the School District of West Salem District Office at 608-786-0700.

West Salem High School Alumni Hall Of Fame Criteria

To be eligible:

1. Nominees must be a graduate of West Salem High School.
2. Have attended West Salem High School for two (2) or more years
3. Nominees will be evaluated in any of the following areas: higher education, professional career and/or community service.
4. All nominations will also be evaluated on their worthiness to serve as a model of success and character that our students will admire and emulate.
5. Only persons with completed nominations on file by the annual deadline can be considered.
6. All nominations received by the West Salem High School Alumni Hall of Fame Committee will remain on file for annual review.

The West Salem High School Alumni Hall of Fame was created to recognize distinguished alumni, and others, whose academic, professional, and/or civic endeavors have brought honor to the West Salem High School and serve to inspire future graduates to perform and serve in the same spirit.

The West Salem High School Alumni Hall of Fame award is the highest honor that can be granted to a West Salem High School alumna or alumnus. Successful nominees will be honored with a reception, and with a special award. A plaque will hand proudly in the West Salem High School.

If you feel you know a worthy West Salem graduate who meets the high standards set forth above, we invite you to complete the attached nomination form and return it to the West Salem High School Alumni Hall of Fame Committee in care of the District Office. Feel free to attach supporting documents that best describe how this nominee has distinguished him or herself in the areas of higher education, professional career, and/or community service.

Deadline for submission is December 15. Late submissions will be saved for future review.

Please submit the nomination form, and any additional material to:

Alumni Hall of Fame
School District of West Salem
405 East Hamlin Street
West Salem, WI 54669

Thank you for your nomination.