

St. James High School Hall of Distinction Criteria

Hall of Distinction

The St. James High School Hall of Distinction recognizes individuals, who need not have attended or graduated from St. James High/Magnolia High, must have distinguished themselves in service and leadership by **playing an active role as a booster or support personnel** at St. James High School and/or the former Magnolia High School.

Hall of Distinction candidates must have demonstrated a strong commitment to the school's success via one particular accomplishment or through a sustained and exemplary record of service and support over the course of many years. Nominees must be **5 years removed from position**, competition, or active role with the school.

Hall of Distinction Policy

Election to the St. James High School Hall of Distinction should be done following in-depth consideration as it relates to this policy. Under no circumstances can an administrator, coach or any other individual unilaterally make the decision to place a nominee into the Hall of Distinction.

The **moral character** of the nominee must be considered along with the accomplishments/contributions of the individual. Induction to the St. James High School Hall of Distinction is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon an individual, thus incidents questioning an individual's character must be fact based and discussed among the committee.

The selection committee comprised of Administration, Athletic Director, School Board, and Historical Alumni may induct **up to (2)** new members and **up to (12)** members for the inaugural induction year. (July 2020)

The Inaugural Hall of Distinction Class:

On November 1, 2019 the following individuals who were previously displayed on the football press box and school flagpole were commemorated at the St. James High School home football game finale against the Patterson Lumberjacks.

*The Selection Committee made the unanimous decision on August 19, 2019 to re-dedicate the following individuals as the first 4 members of the St. James High School Inaugural Hall of Distinction Class.

Darren Spencer, Clyde Bellow, Maurice "Pete" Ockmond Jr., and Sgt. Jay Ryan Gauthreaux

***The final inductees will be selected at the annual selection meeting in July 2020 completing the Inaugural Hall of Distinction Class.**

The inductee may be honored at a school-sponsored event and/or invited to speak at an individual sports banquet, collective sports banquet or annual academic ACE Banquet. Induction to the St. James High School Hall of Fame will be held at the annual Hall of Fame/Hall of Distinction Ceremony in **January** of each year beginning **January 2021**.

Induction Process

Evaluation of a nomination begins with vetting by Administration, followed by input from the selection committee comprised of Administration, Athletic Director, School Board, and Historical Alumni not to exceed **12 members**. The selection committee shall be presented a synopsis highlighting the accomplishments of the nominee by the committee chair prior to the selection meeting for review.

Voting Committee

Administration (4) Meeka Dennis, Michael Kennedy, Shane Kliebert, Tara Smith

Athletic Director (1) Robert Valdez

School Board Members (3) Nicole Charles, Raymond Gros, Dianne Spencer

Historical Alumni (4) George Becnel, Pam Folse, Irving "Boo" Schexnayder, Steve Steib Sr.

Selection Meeting: At the annual selection meeting, nominees for Hall of Distinction will be voted on by the selection committee and a motion to grant the Hall of Distinction Class will be made. *A nominee gaining a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ votes will qualify for induction.*

Voting Procedure:

Committee will move to “executive setting” to further discuss the candidates in confidence before the ballots are collected. Each committee member will receive an envelope with the names of all nominees. Committee members will submit **up to (2)** inductees annually and **up to (8)** inductees for the inaugural induction year (July 2020) to the ballot box.

The votes will be tallied, recorded, and ranked by the individual receiving the most votes to the individual with the least votes for the committee to review. *A nominee gaining a minimum of ¾ votes of members present will qualify for induction. In the event that a voting member is not able to make the selection meeting due to sickness or illness, they may submit a signed and sealed envelope of ballots to the principal to be entered into the ballot box.*
Ex. 9 of possible 12 votes = 75%, 9 of 11 = 81%, 8 of 10 = 80%, 7 of 9 = 77%

The qualifying nominees will be presented to the selection committee and a final motion to induct the annual class will be made.

Display of Hall of Distinction Inductee

A plaque will be displayed on the outside wall of the St. James High School library featuring Hall of Distinction Inductees synopsis and photo.

****St. James High School reserves the authority to reconsider a Hall of Distinction member if the individual recognized, by subsequent actions, presents a significant negative reflection on themselves and/or the school.***

Nomination Process

- Any individual can offer a nomination for the Hall of Distinction. The timing of the nomination can be at the discretion of the individual, but the nomination must occur by the annual section deadline in July prior to the selection meeting.
- To nominate an individual for the Hall of Distinction one must fill out the **nomination form**. Nomination form will be available online and for pick up from the St. James High office of student services.
- The selection committee, during its annual meeting to choose inductees, should consider any nominations for Hall of Distinction submitted during the past year. Nominations submitted shall be reviewed by administration, which may also provide nominees as appropriate, and a synopsis of nominees shall be presented to the selection committee before the annual meeting date.

Criteria

The following is a list of criteria that should be taken into consideration as it relates to induction to the St. James High School Hall of Distinction. All candidates must have maintained a positive image of themselves and the school, demonstrated good character and exhibited commendable citizenship while at the high school, college, and professional level and thereafter. To qualify for consideration, the individual must meet the following criteria:

- Distinguished themselves in service and leadership by playing an active role in supporting St. James High School as a booster or support personnel
- Demonstrated a strong commitment to the school's academic or athletic success via one particular accomplishment or through a sustained and exemplary record of service and support over the course of many years.
- Demonstrated good character and exhibited commendable citizenship while in the community, in high school, college, and professional level and thereafter.
- Other tangible or intangible factors that may be unique to an individual.

* ALL candidates must have distinguished themselves in service and leadership by playing an **active role in supporting St. James High School**, **or by achieving extraordinary levels of respect and success**. The nominee **must have demonstrated a strong commitment to the school's academic, athletic, or community success** via one particular accomplishment or through a sustained and exemplary record of service and support over the course of many years.