

Watchdog Hall of Fame Established

At its December 14, 2016 Board of Directors meeting, the Watchdog Education Foundation Board of Directors adopted the Constitution and By-Laws for the Watchdog Hall of Fame. Its purpose is to recognize and honor the accomplishments and outstanding character of individuals in the 4 Pillar areas of Academics/Achievement, Fine Arts, Athletics, and Distinguished Service. Individuals will be recognized for their outstanding contributions and dedication to the Beresford School District and/or for demonstrating how their accomplishments within society positively reflects upon the educational quality and stature of Beresford Schools.

Watchdog Hall of Fame Partnership

The Watchdog Hall of Fame will be supported by a partnership between the Watchdog Education Foundation, Beresford School District, Beresford Area Arts Council, and Beresford Athletic Booster Club. The first Watchdog Hall of Fame class will be inducted during Homecoming weekend in September, 2017. Once the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) sets our football schedule for the next two years, our District will select its Homecoming dates for 2017 and 2018.

Watchdog Hall of Fame Pillars/Induction Categories

Watchdog Hall of Fame inductees will be selected in each of the 4 Pillar areas using the following guidelines:

Academics/Achievement—this category includes Beresford High School graduates whose academic records and achievements set them apart from their peers at the high school, university, or professional levels. It also includes non-graduates who have made significant contributions to the Beresford School District as a member of the staff, administration, school board, volunteers or the general public.

Fine Arts—this category includes Beresford High School graduates whose Fine Arts accomplishments set them apart from their peers at the high school, university, or professional levels. It also includes non-graduates who have made significant contributions to the Beresford School District as a member of the staff, directors, administration, volunteers, or the general public.

Athletics—this category includes Beresford High School graduates whose accomplishments on the fields of competition sets them apart from their peers at the high school, university, or professional levels. It also includes non-graduates who have made significant contributions to the Beresford School District as a member of the staff, coaches, administration, volunteers, or the general public.

Distinguished Service—this category can include Beresford High School grads and others that did not graduate from Beresford High School. The recipient must have served the Beresford School District and/or in the Beresford area in an exceptional manner. The recipient must come from the Hall of Fame nomination applications and be recommended by the Distinguished

Service Committee or one of the other three Hall of Fame selection committees. It is not required that this award be given out yearly.

Hall of Fame Steering Committee and Sub-committees

The Watchdog Hall of Fame organization will be directed by a Steering Committee made up of members from the general public, the Watchdog Education Foundation president, and school administration.

The Steering Committee will provide leadership and direction to the 4 Pillar Sub-committees. The Steering Committee will also serve as the media committee for informing the public of events; the finance committee for soliciting funds; the banquet committee for selecting the date, time and location of the awards ceremony; the awards committee for selecting and securing awards for the inductees; in charge of securing nominees from the general public for the Sub-committees by February 15 of each year; and approving all recommended inductees.

Sub-committees have been created in each of the 4 Pillar areas to identify and recommend potential nominees to the Steering Committee. Sub-committees are made up members from the general public, Watchdog Education Foundation, Beresford Area Arts Council, Beresford Athletic Booster Club, teaching and co-curricular staff, and school administration. The Sub-committees will meet in mid-March to deliberate on nominations. They will be in charge for screening nominees and recommending inductees for their pillar area of responsibility and make their recommendation for inductees prior to April 1 of each year based on a majority vote of the committee.

Induction Procedure

The nominating and induction procedures for the Watchdog Hall of Fame will follow these guidelines:

- 1) Nominating petitions will be made available to the general public in September of each year.
- 2) The Steering Committee will circulate the nomination applications to the general public.
- 3) Nomination petitions must be returned to the Steering Committee prior to February 15th of each nominating cycle.
- 4) The nominating cycle will begin in September with petitions, proceed into late February and March with the evaluations and recommendations to be submitted to the Steering Committee on or before April 1. Recipients must receive a favorable vote by the Hall of Fame Steering Committee and final decisions will be rendered at that time.
- 5) Inductees will be notified of their induction by the Watchdog Education Foundation in April.
- 6) Inductees must attend the Hall of Fame Banquet which will be held in conjunction with the Homecoming Ceremonies in the fall.
- 7) If deceased, a family member, friend, or other designated individual will be present to accept the award.

- 8) If a nominee is unable to attend the required ceremonies, they will be inducted the following year providing they can attend.
- 9) If the nominee is unable to attend the following year to be inducted, the induction will be retracted and taken out of future consideration.
- 10) Hall of Fame inductees will receive an award from the Watchdog Hall of Fame and they will become part of the Watchdog Hall of Fame on display at Beresford High School.

Additional Induction Guidelines

With the Watchdog Hall of Fame being a new venture for the Beresford School District, it is imperative that balance be built into the system. Therefore, the following guidelines apply:

- 1) A 10-year nomination waiting period applies to all BHS graduates.
- 2) All faculty/coaches/directors/administrators/board members, etc. must demonstrate a minimum of 10 years of experience within the Beresford School District.
- 3) There is no limitation on the number of nominees to be inducted into the Hall of Fame in any year. Recommendation is a minimum of one and a maximum of three inductees per category each cycle.
- 4) There shall be sensitivity to the gender balance of the inductees in each of the areas.
- 5) If a Committee Member is nominated to the Hall of Fame, he/she must be excused from all voting directly related to the induction process.
- 6) Each Sub-committee may recommend a nominee to the Distinguished Service Committee for a Distinguished Service Award.
- 7) At their discretion, Sub-committee Chairs may recommend that a nominee in their category be considered for induction in another category better suited to the nominee.
- 8) Removal Clause – Any inductee or nominee of the Watchdog Hall of Fame may be removed for unethical conduct or behavior based upon an affirmative vote of a quorum of the current Steering Committee.

Hall of Fame Welcomes Nominations from the Public

We encourage our alumni and community to become involved and recommend a nominee for Hall of Fame consideration. If you would like to recommend a nominee, please complete the following Nominating Form and email it to Brian.Field@k12.sd.us or mail it to the Watchdog Education Foundation, Hall of Fame, 301 W. Maple St., Beresford, SD 57004. All potential nominees will be shared with the Steering Committee and assigned to one of the 4 Pillar Sub-committees for consideration.