Watchdog Hall of Fame Seeking Nominations for the Class of 2019

The Watchdog Hall of Fame is seeking nominations for the Watchdog Hall of Fame Class of 2019. The Watchdog Hall of Fame recognizes and honors the accomplishments and outstanding character of individuals in the four 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 reflect upon the educational quality and stature of Beresford Schools.

The Watchdog Hall of Fame is supported by a partnership between the Beresford School District, Watchdog Education Foundation, Beresford Area Arts, and Beresford Athletic Booster Club. The Watchdog Hall of Fame Classes of 2017 and 2018 were inducted during Homecoming weekend in September, 2017 and 2018, respectively.

Once the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) sets our high school's football schedule for the next two years, our District will then select its Homecoming dates for 2019 and 2020. The Watchdog Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony is always held during Homecoming weekend on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. at the Bridges at Beresford.

Watchdog Hall of Fame Pillars/Induction Categories

Watchdog Hall of Fame inductees are selected in each of the four 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 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, coaches, administration, volunteers, or the general public.

Distinguished Service—this category can include Beresford High School graduates 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 is directed by a Steering Committee. Four Pillar Sub-committees review all nominations and recommend potential nominees to the Steering Committee. Sub-committees are made up members from the general public, Watchdog Education Foundation, Beresford Area Arts, Beresford Athletic Booster Club, teaching and co-curricular staff, and school administration.

Hall of Fame Welcomes Nominations from the Public

We encourage our Beresford High School alumni and community to become involved and recommend a nominee for Watchdog Hall of Fame consideration. If you would like to recommend a nominee, please complete the Nominating Form by clicking on the following link: https://5il.co/5s4k. All Watchdog Hall of Fame nominations are due on February 15, 2019.

Please email the completed nomination form to Brian.Field@k12.sd.us or mail it to the Watchdog Hall of Fame, 301 W. Maple St., Beresford, SD 57004. All potential nominees are shared with the Steering Committee and assigned to one of the four Pillar Sub-committees for consideration.

Following are the individuals who were inducted into the Watchdog Hall of Fame Classes of 2018 and 2017.

Watchdog Hall of Fame Class of 2018

Pictured left to right: Brigadier General Russ A. Walz, Mr. Ted Heeren, Mr. Bob Young, Dr. Rosanne (Fitzgerald) Kirts, Mr. Koln Knight, Dr. Luke Nordquist, Mr. Scott Latendresse, Mrs. Sandra (Erickson) Carnes, and Dr. Elizabeth Grace-Cruz (for her mother, Dr. Helen (Kennedy) Grace).

Academics/Achievement

Dr. Rosanne (Fitzgerald) Kirts '65

Dr. Luke Nordquist '87

Brigadier General Russ A. Walz '80

Fine Arts

Mr. Ted Heeren '95

Mr. Scott Latendresse '74

Athletics

Mrs. Sandra (Erickson) Carnes '82

Mr. Koln Knight '81

Mr. Jim Sorensen

Mr. Bob Young '57

Distinguished Service

Dr. Helen (Kennedy) Grace '53

Watchdog Hall of Fame Class of 2017

Pictured left to right: Mr. Tim Thorne (for his brother, the late 1st Lt. Josef L. Thorne), Mrs. Ann (Goltz) Tornberg, Mr. Jim Sorensen, Mr. Milo Winter, Mrs. Mara (McGill) Seier, Mr. Cortland Carnes, Mr. Jim Heeren, and Mrs. Jane Carlson (for her mother, the late Mrs. Grace (Kylling) Kennedy.

Academics/Achievement

Mrs. Ann (Goltz) Tornberg '74

Fine Arts

Mrs. Grace (Kylling) Kennedy '47

Mr. Milo Winter

Athletics

Mr. Jim Heeren

Dr. Mara (McGill) Seier '03

Mr. Jim Sorensen

1st Lieutenant Josef L. Thorne '58

Distinguished Service

Mr. Cortland Carnes