

# MELISSA SCHOOLS WALL OF HONOR

The Melissa Schools Wall of Honor recognizes former students, staff, and community members who have positively and significantly impacted our schools and/or society in general. Through the Wall of Honor, we distinguish altruistic, high achieving individuals with a significant history.

Each honoree exemplifies the district's vision and core values of Integrity, Loyalty, Honesty, Humility, and Hope.

## **Selection Committee**

Our five-person Selection Committee will be rotated annually and be comprised of:

1. The Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent of Melissa Schools.
2. Two members of the Melissa Schools Board of Trustees as appointed by the president of the school board.
3. A community member in Melissa selected by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.
4. An Executive Director of Melissa Schools.

NOTE: Members of the selection committee will not be eligible for membership into the Wall of Honor during their tenure on the selection committee.

## **Honoree Nominations**

The following qualifications must be met in order for a Wall of Honor nominee to be considered by the Selection Committee. A nomination form can be found on the district website at [MelissaSD.org](http://MelissaSD.org) under the Parents & Community tab.

## **Student Qualifications**

- Nominee:
  - must be a graduate of Melissa Schools and have attended Melissa Schools for at least 2 consecutive years.
  - must have exceptional achievement in his/her chosen field of endeavor at the local, state, or national level. These achievements may take the form of, but are not limited to, major awards; state, national, or international honors; appointment to high office; athletic and artistic achievements; business leadership; significant contributions to research and development; or extraordinary educational achievement.
  - must be of high character whose accomplishments have been recognized as significant, since their graduation, to Melissa Schools, the City of Melissa, or anywhere in society.
- Nominee, or family member, is encouraged to attend the recognition festivities.
- An individual may not nominate himself/herself.

## **Staff Qualifications**

- Nominee:
  - must have shown a vested interest in Melissa Schools during his/her tenure.
  - may or may not be currently employed with the district.

- must be of high character whose efforts have contributed significantly to Melissa Schools.
- Nominee, or family member, is encouraged to attend recognition festivities.
- An individual may not nominate himself/herself.

### **Community Member Qualifications**

- Nominee:
  - may or may not have been a graduate of Melissa Schools.
  - must be of high character and be an ambassador of Melissa Schools.
  - must have made a significant contribution which helped make Melissa Schools a better place for children.
  - must have an outstanding contribution to Melissa Schools through partnership, leadership, monetary contribution, and/or volunteer service.
- Nominee, or family member, is encouraged to attend recognition festivities.
- An individual may not nominate himself/herself.

### **Honoree Selection**

The Selection Committee will review all nominations and make its selection by a majority vote. Each candidate must be nominated annually in order to be considered (ex. If a candidate does not get selected, he or she must go through the full nomination process the following years).

### **Recognition Festivities**

Melissa Schools will recognize its Wall of Honor inductee/s throughout Homecoming day to coincide with Melissa High School festivities. An induction ceremony and luncheon will be held for all honorees, past and present, on the Friday of Homecoming. New inductees will be recognized at the pep rally following the luncheon as well as during halftime of the football game. Inductees will also be recognized as honorary captains at the coin flip prior to the football game.

Additionally, the inductee will be featured on the Wall of Honor in the Board Room at Melissa Schools Home Office.

### **Timeline**

The 2017-18 Wall of Honor schedule is as follows:

- April 21: Wall of Honor is Publicized
- May 1: Nominations Open
- June 30: Nominations Due
- July 24: Committee Meets; Nomination(s) Reviewed; Inductee(s) Selected
- July 26: Inductee(s) Notified
- Sept. 8: Inductee(s) and Family Recognized