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TEACHER HALL OF FAME
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A HALL OF FAME FOR TEACHERS

Although the trait of hero worship in this country is not as pronounced as it once was, we still take recognition of some whose accomplishments go beyond the limits of the usual.

Special note is often made of those who push back the frontiers of knowledge, the athletes of spectacular performance, and the ones who in some manner serve the cause of humanity.

Recognition of excellence in performance takes many forms. The astronauts receive telephone calls from the President of the United States and special consideration from the Congress. In school or college, the recipients of good grades make an honor roll or receive membership in Phi Beta Kappa. At the higher levels of performance, the Nobel Prize or a place in a hall of fame may constitute the reward.

It will be noted that we have halls of fame for the athlete, the statesman, the scientist, the social benefactor, and others in a wide variety of activities whose attainments exceed the ordinary.

It would appear as an act of public ingratitude that we have no hall of fame for the classroom teacher. It is often overlooked that somewhere along the line it was a good teacher who sparked the light and the spirit in some individuals that finally culminated in some great service to humanity.

A person never forgets the teacher who inspired him to take the high road of aspiration and action in life. Presidents of the United States have called to the White House those who led and influenced them in the classrooms of their youth. Others who occupy places of eminence often trace their success to the teachers who quickened their minds and kindled their ambitions.

It is a travesty on justice that society too often ignores one of the primary sources of all human progress—the good teacher. No headlines herald her coming, no bands welcome her arrival, and no banquet is held in her honor. She is known only to the youngsters she teaches, the block in which she lives, and to God.

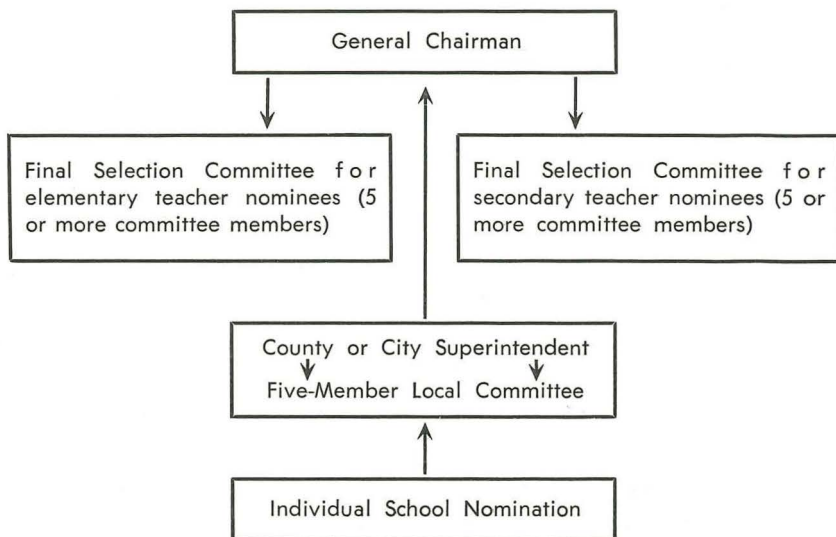
No one asks less of life and no one gives more to it than the good teacher. A hall of fame to recognize her is long overdue.

SUGGESTED RULES FOR NOMINATING CANDIDATES

I. Procedures

- A. Each school system in Alabama is eligible to nominate one elementary teacher and one secondary teacher. The nominations will be sent to the superintendent of the system and will be supported by letters of recommendation from the principal of the school, two fellow teachers, and two former students of each teacher-nominee.
- B. School systems that participate will observe the following procedures:
 1. Each county superintendent and each city superintendent will appoint a local committee to select one elementary teacher-nominee and one secondary teacher-nominee from their respective systems. Serving on the local committee will be the superintendent (or his designee), one elementary classroom teacher, one secondary classroom teacher, and two laymen who attended school within the system.
 2. The two nominations selected by the committee will be sent by December 1 to the state General Chairman of the Final Selection Committees.
- C. Final selection procedures will be the following:
 1. The president of Jacksonville State University will appoint the general chairman, the Final Selection Committee for Elementary Teachers, and the Final Selection Committee for Secondary Teachers. Each committee will consist of a minimum of five members who will serve staggered terms of three years. A committee chairman will be elected annually within each group. The state general chairman will coordinate the activities of the two committees.
 2. The state general chairman will send the nominations from elementary schools to the Final Selection Committee for Elementary teachers and the nominations from secondary schools to the Final Selection Committee for Secondary Teachers. The two committees will select by March 1 of each year the two teachers for the Hall of Fame. The general chairman will notify the president of Jacksonville State University of the selections.
- D. The teachers chosen for a place in the Hall of Fame will be honored at a banquet on an appropriate date in April of each year.

CHART OF ORGANIZATION



II. Criteria for selection of nominees

A. Length of teaching career

1. A minimum of ten years of successful teaching within the system from which he or she is being nominated.

B. Personal and social traits

1. Establishes harmonious relationships with pupils.
2. Is alert, enthusiastic, and interested in pupils.
3. Is friendly, cheerful, patient, and optimistic.
4. Possesses a sense of humor.
5. Is fair, impartial, and objective in the treatment of pupils.
6. Exhibits leadership and self-confidence.
7. Helps pupils with personal as well as educational problems and inspires pupils to engage in self-directed study that leads to mature development in scholarship and personal growth.
8. Maintains exemplary personal standards of behavior.
9. Is neat in appearance.

C. Professional characteristics

1. Demonstrates depth in subject matter taught.
2. Keeps abreast of modern trends in the professional field of teaching and related areas.
3. Communicates subject matter effectively.
4. Encourages pupils to work through their problems to evaluate their own work.
5. Possesses the skill to perceive the world from the pupils' point of view.
6. Constantly practices self-evaluation.
7. Works cooperatively and loyally with fellow teachers, the administration, and the community.

D. Affiliation with educational organizations (including subject-matter areas).

1. Local
2. State
3. National

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