



Estherville Lincoln Central

Community School District

Estherville, Iowa 51334

Office of the Superintendent – Tara Paul

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Estherville Lincoln Central Community School District believes that an Estherville Lincoln Central education and diploma enables students to do great things. We believe that there are ELC alumni who have done great things and they deserve recognition by the ELC School and community for their achievements as adults. To this end, the ELC Community School District and the ELC Foundation have established the Distinguished Alumni Program.

This “Distinguished Alumni Program” is a chance for the ELC community to nominate worthy alumni for consideration and selection to a “Wall of Fame”. Selected winners will be recognized at the Commencement ceremony each year where he/she will be the keynote address to the senior class. The Distinguished Graduate will as be able to award a \$1000 scholarship in his/her name, using his/her developed criteria, to one graduating senior. This scholarship will be awarded annually at the commencement ceremony.

Criteria for being considered for the Distinguished Alumni Recognition:

1. Must be a graduate of a High School in the Estherville Lincoln Central Community School District. This would include Lincoln Central High School as well as Estherville Lincoln Central Community High School.
2. The individual must have graduated from high school at least five years from the date of nomination.
3. This recognition can be earned through:
 - **Outstanding Service** to our country, community, or to others in need. Service can be local – to our community or school district, national, or global. (e.g. military service, Peace Corps, or other humanitarian programs)
 - **Career** – the individual has achieved recognition for outstanding contributions to his/her profession or career which may also include research
 - **Philanthropy** – those who have made significant contributions to help others who are Less fortunate or to any worthwhile cause

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Nomination Procedures:

1. An individual or groups may make the nomination of a person they feel meet the above criteria.
2. Nominations must be made in writing and must include name, graduation year and profile of accomplishments.
3. Nomination deadline is **February 1, 2013**.
4. Inductions will occur annually during the Estherville Lincoln Central High School Graduation Ceremony.
5. Selection will be made by unanimous vote of the Selection Committee.
6. Any individual or group may nominate more than one candidate each year.
7. Please submit additional information about the nominee on separate sheets of paper.
8. Individuals not chosen the first year of nomination will automatically be included with the group of nominees the following year.
9. Nomination papers should be returned to ELC Central Office, c/o Tara Paul – 1814 7th Avenue South, Estherville, IA 51334 or via email to tara.paul@elc-csd.org.

Selection Committee:

The following individuals shall serve on the selection committee:

- An appointed representative of the ELC Foundation Board
- A representative of a community service organization (e.g., Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis Club, etc.)
- Representative of the community-at-large
- A retired teacher who is still active in the community
- The superintendent of schools
- A building principal
- A school board member

Visible Recognition:

Each honoree shall receive a plaque in honor of their selection as a Distinguished Alumni. In addition, a plaque that includes the individual's picture will be permanently displayed in the designated area in the ELC High School along with other Distinguished Alumni. The Foundation shall be responsible for the cost of these plaques.

Nomination Forms:

Nomination forms may be found at www.estherville.k12.ia.us, at the ELC Central Office – 1814 7th Avenue South, or by contacting Superintendent Tara Paul via email tara.paul@elc-csd.org.

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