



Distinguished Alumni Award

Nomination Information & Form

Background

Harper Creek Community Schools graduated students since 1960 and we are proud of our alumni. Many of our alumni have expanded upon their K -12 education and developed into outstanding leaders in their fields and their communities. Our privilege is to honor these positive role models to show our current students the value of a rigorous educational foundation.

The Nomination and Selection Process

The purpose of this form is to nominate a Harper Creek graduate who has graduated at least 20 years earlier and who has distinguished him/herself through outstanding leadership, character, integrity, and service to his/her field and/or community.

The nominee must demonstrate the above qualities listed that will inspire the students at Harper Creek Community Schools in their pursuit of excellence.

The nominee may be living or deceased.

Nomination packages will be kept for two years from the year of submission. The distinguished alumnus will be recognized during the graduation ceremony in June and is expected to give a no longer than ten-minute commencement speech. In the event that two distinguished alumni are recognized, only one person will be asked to give the commencement speech. The distinguished alumnus will also be recognized at a community reception the same day as graduation.

Submit Applications to:

Harper Creek Community Schools
Attn: Karla Kopp, Distinguished Alumni Award
7454 B Drive North, Battle Creek, MI 49014
koppk@harpercreek.net

The Nomination Review Process

All nomination packages submitted will be reviewed by the seven-person Distinguished Alumni Selection Committee which is comprised of members of the Harper Creek Board of Education, faculty, and the community. This committee will make its final selection(s) no later than the end of April each year with the awardee(s) notified at that time.

The more thorough the information provided to the selection committee, the more likely the person will be considered to receive the distinguished alumni award.

Past Honorees

Alumni

Citizens

2016

Dr. Christine (Jordan) Draper '92
Kristen D. (Marlatt) King '81

Allyn Miller

2017

Diane Smith '85

Verne DeYoung

2018

Amy (Smith) Rosa '60

James R.C. Hazel Jr.

2019

Tracy Tomak '85

2021

Sheri (DeRuiter) Sherban '81

Fred Lutzke

Angie Farleigh Colamaria '93 2022

C. Glen Walter

Derek King '93 2023

Gary Lincoln

Sean Etheridge '96 2024

Deborah Look,

Norma Krutsch

Distinguished Alumni Award Nomination Form---March 26, 2025

Submitter Information

Date: _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone (____) _____

How you know the Nominee: _____

Other Comments:

Nominee Information

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Harper Creek High School Graduating Class of _____

Employer/Location: _____

Current Occupation and Title: _____

6. List the nominee's major professional accomplishments and recognitions.

7. List any other major occupation/titles/employers/locations.

8. Provide any other comments or observations.

Thank you for submitting this nomination form!