

The Cranston Hall of Fame Foundation, a non-profit foundation established in 1980 by the City of Cranston is still accepting nominations for its Class of 2016. The application form is available by contacting Foundation President, Frederick Vincent, at fjvincent27@yahoo.com or by contacting the Foundation's Secretary, Ms. Ann Volatile at [401-942-9308](tel:401-942-9308). Applications are also available at the Cranston Central Library.

A completed application form along with a current resume may be sent to The Cranston Hall of Fame Foundation, P.O. Box 3704, Cranston, RI 02901-0704. The Selection Committee is accepting applications until Wednesday, April 13, 2016. Successful nominations demonstrate distinguished achievements in one's chosen field of endeavor on a local, state, regional or national level. Past inductees have been graduates of the Cranston Public School System (minimum of ten years since graduation), and have represented a wide and diverse career path including business, government, medical, legal, entertainment, educational and other fields. Selected applicants will be inducted at the Foundation's annual induction banquet to be held on October 21, 2016 at the West Valley Inn, West Warwick RI.

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The Cranston Hall of Fame was incorporated in March 1980.

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The Cranston School Committee approved creation of the Cranston Hall of Fame by resolution #80-3-29 and has taken action to establish a non-profit educational foundation to provide perpetual funding for the Hall of Fame.

CRANSTON HALL OF FAME
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1980

Resolved, That the report of the Cranston Hall of Fame Feasibility Study Committee be accepted as presented;

Be it further Resolved, That an initial appropriation of \$500 be provided by the Cranston School Committee for start-up costs;

Be it further Resolved, That the Hall of Fame Feasibility Study Committee be authorized to serve as incorporators.

CRANSTON HALL OF FAME

The purpose of the Cranston Hall of Fame is to honor individuals who are graduates of a Cranston high school and who have distinguished themselves on a regional basis and/or national basis in any field of endeavor by election to the Cranston Hall of Fame.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- 1) Graduation from a Cranston public high school a minimum of 10 years prior to nomination;
- 2) Distinguished achievement on a regional and/or national level in any field of endeavor;
- 3) Nominated by at least *five* members of the Cranston community.

THE PROCESS

- 1) The Screening Committee shall submit the names of 20 persons to the Permanent Selection Committee.
- 2) Five nominees shall be selected each year by secret ballot of the Permanent Selection Committee.

THE SCREENING COMMITTEE will review nominations from the community and submit twenty nominations to the Permanent Selection Committee. Members are listed below:

- 1) School Administrative representative
- 2) City Council President or representative
- 3) A member of the School Committee
- 4) President of a service club (rotating basis)
- 5) President of Teachers' Association
- 6) Representative of the Business Community
- 7) A member of a Senior Citizens Club
- 8) Two Cranston Citizens

THE PERMANENT SELECTION COMMITTEE will review the twenty nominations submitted by the Screening Committee and select five for installation in the Cranston Hall of Fame. Members are listed below:

- 1) Superintendent of Schools
- 2) Chairperson of School Committee
- 3) Mayor of the City
- 4) Representative of the service clubs (rotating basis)
- 5) Member of Chamber of Commerce
- 6) An Alumnus
- 7) Two high school principals
- 8) One of previous year's winners (when appropriate)

On Friday, Oct. 17, 2014 at the West Valley Inn, the Cranston Hall of Fame welcomed five new members.

This year's inductees represent a variety of professions and vocations, but all are Cranston born and bred. They are retired Lt. Col. David A. Accetta, the Honorable Bettina J. Borders, Mr. Joseph C. Cardin, Mr. David W. Hanson and former state Sen. Thomas J. Izzo.

"You are distinguished alumni that have had a big impact not just on our community but our state and our country," Mayor Allan Fung told the honorees. "Throughout the variety of fields you have selected, you are a true testament to the great work our educators do day in and day out in Cranston."

Established in 1980, the purpose of the Cranston Hall of Fame Foundation is to recognize graduates of the Cranston Public Schools who have distinguished themselves on the local, state, regional or national stage and have made outstanding contributions in their fields.

Each nominee must meet three certain criteria, including being nominated by at least five members of the Cranston community, graduating 10 or more years ago from a Cranston public high school and having distinguished themselves on a regional or national level in any field of endeavor.

The Screening Committee reviews nominations from the community and submits the names of 20 nominees to the Permanent Selection Committee. From those names, five are selected by secret ballot.

The screening committee is comprised of a school administrative representative, the City Council president or representative, a member of the School Committee, the president of a service club (on a rotating basis), the president of the Cranston Teachers' Alliance, representative from the business community, a member of a senior citizens club and two Cranston citizens.

Members of the Permanent Selection Committee are the superintendent of schools, the chairperson of the school committee, the mayor, a representative of the service clubs, a representative from the Chamber of Commerce, an alumnus, two high school principals and, when appropriate, a previous year's winner.

President of the Hall's Board of Directors Fred Vincent served as master of ceremonies for the evening. After the Cranston East JROTC Color Guard led the Pledge of Allegiance, the ceremony got under way. Fung announced that he had a proclamation for each inductee.

"You will forever be memorialized as noted representatives of the Cranston Public Schools," he said.

Superintendent Dr. Judith Lundsten offered her comments and congratulations as well.

“This group of inductees shares a very special common theme – they are patriots, good citizens and role models, but they also all went to Bain [for junior high or middle school].”

Lundsten offered background about each of the inductees and their connection to Cranston’s schools.

“You represent our community. You make our world a better place,” she said.

An inductee from the class of 2001, former mayor and current school committee member Michael Traficante offered his remarks and paraphrased a quote from President John F. Kennedy.

“A community reveals itself not only by the people it produces but also by the people it honors,” he said.

Traficante told the inductees they were more than worthy of the honor being bestowed upon them. Vincent had the past inductees that were in the room stand and be recognized. He then held a brief update of the financial status of the Hall of Fame.

“We are happy to support this event. However, in the case we ever dissolve the organization, our funds will be turned over to the Cranston Veterans Memorial Scholarship Fund,” he said.

Each inductee was introduced by a friend or family member who shared anecdotes and memories.

Accetta was honored for his distinguished and dedicated career in the U.S. Army, his membership in the class of 1983 from Cranston High School West and his humanitarian efforts.

Borders, a Cranston High School East graduate, was recognized as an innovative, creative and pioneering administrator of the juvenile court system and applauded for her deep dedication to women’s and children’s program.

Cardin graduated from Cranston East in 1970 and has given 40 years of service as a highly respected employee of the Rhode Island State Department of Children, Youth and Families.

An educator, a successful coach, Hanson graduated from Cranston West in 1970.

Izzo, a graduate of Cranston High School in 1960, has a long legacy as an educator and as an elected official serving in both the Rhode Island Constitution Convention and the State Senate.

With these newest inductions, membership of the Cranston Hall of Fame has swelled to 176 over the years.

PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT: CRANSTON HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES NEW INDUCTEES FOR CLASS OF 2013-2014

The Cranston Hall of Fame Foundation, a non-profit established in 1980 has announced its new inductees for the Class of 2013. The inductees were selected by the Foundation's Permanent Selection Committee for their outstanding contributions in their respective fields. Successful applicants, all graduates of the Cranston Public School System, have distinguished themselves on a city, state, regional and/or national basis in their chosen field of endeavor.

The new inductees for the Cranston Hall of Fame Class of 2013 have made significant accomplishments in the fields of law, music education and performance, public policy and advocacy, business, and youth sports and community service. The new inductees for the Class of 2103 are:

The Honorable Angelo I Castelli of Easton, MD
Mr. Mark E. Colozzi of Cranston, RI
Senator Beatrice A. Lanzi of Cranston, RI
Mr. John M. Nystrom, PhD, of Framingham, MA
Mr. John Pagano of Cranston, RI

These distinguished individuals will be honored at the induction ceremony and dinner banquet on Friday Oct. 18, 2013 at the West Valley Inn, in West Warwick, RI. The ceremony and dinner are open to inductee's family, friends and the general public. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and may be obtained by contacting Ms. Ann Volatile, Secretary of the Hall of Fame Foundation, at 401-942-9308. Reservations are required; no tickets will be sold at the door.

Frederick J. Vincent, Foundation President, noted, " The Cranston Hall of Fame dinner and induction is a highlight of the Cranston social season, an evening that brings many families and old friends together for a memorable experience, one that you do not want to miss." For more than three decades the Cranston Hall of Fame has proudly recognized graduates of the Cranston public school system representing a wide array of businesses, professions and public service. Applications for future class nominations are available on line via the web page for the Cranston Public School System or by calling 401-942-9308.

Press Contact: Frederick Vincent, 401-943-5950 or at fjvincent27@yahoo.com

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION

To The

Cranston Hall of Fame Foundation, Incorporated

(Please Print)

Name _____ Date _____ 19____
Last First Middle

Home Address _____

Telephone () _____

Present Profession/Occupation _____

Business Address _____

Telephone () _____

High School _____ Year of Graduation _____

Why is this candidate worthy of your nomination? _____

(If more room is needed
continue on other side)

It is recommended that a resume or other biographical data be included with this application.

Nominator's Name _____ Telephone () _____

Address _____

Signature of Nominator _____

Please list two (2) additional references who may document and provide supporting and/or additional data:

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

City/State _____ City/State _____

Telephone () _____ Telephone () _____

(All information submitted will be held in strict confidence)

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Date Rec'd. _____

Return this form to:

**CRANSTON HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION
P.O. BOX 3704
CRANSTON, RHODE ISLAND 02910-0704
(401) 942-9308**

The Cranston Hall of Fame Inductees

Name Graduation/Inducted

* Gladys Brayton	1908/1980
* Joseph F. MacAndrew	1930/1980
* Raymond J. Pettine, JD	1931/1980
William H. Sullivan	1939/1980
Mark Van Eeghan	1970/1980
Joseph R. Weisberger, JD	1939/1980
* Frank B. Lanning	1922/1981
* Russell W. Boss	1926/1981
* Domenic R. DiLuglio	1938/1981
Enrico Garzilli	1955/1981
* Joyce T. Jillson	1963/1981
* Antonio Maggiacomo	1929/1982
* Chester H. Kirk	1935/1982
Joseph A. Coccia	1937/1982
* Richard V. Monopoly, Ph.D.	1948/1982
* Augustine J. Capotosto, Ph.D.	1955/1982
* Ralph A. Bateman	1938/1983
* Joseph E. Jennings	1939/1983
* James DiPrete, Jr., JD	1944/1983
Loretta E. Santagata	1956/1983
* Anthony J. Mancuso	1957/1983
Everett Wilcox	1936/1984
Donald Creamer	1943/1984
Russell Hogg	1945/1984
* Joseph Venetuolo	1945/1984
Judith Stevenson Calcagni	1954/1984
Americo S. Cardi	1927/1985
Dorothy E. Crum	1962/1985
George E. Kilgus, Jr.	1951/1985
* Frank Ronzio	1939/1985
* Eleanor F. Saunders	1937/1985
* Richard M. Casparian, JD	1948/1986
John J. Christy	1933/1986
Penelope Hartland Thunberg	1936/1986
John E. Orton, III, JD	1949/1986
Frank Williams	1936/1986
Joseph V. Cavanaugh, Jr.	1966/1987
* John B. Christy	1934/1987
Frank DeSanto, Ed.D.	1945/1987
* J. Harold May	1927/1987
Anna Mignanelli	1937/1987
* Frederick E. Bowerman	1930/1988
* William J. DeNuccio	1942/1988
Elena Doria	1944/1988
(nee Elsie Marie Goldberg)	
Jeremiah S. Jeremiah, JD	1953/1988
C. Keith Wilbur, M.D.	1941/1988

*Deceased

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Harold E. Crook, III	1969/1997
Barbara Ducharme	1958/1997
Joseph C. Gallo, Ph.D.	1958/1997
*Leland Worcester Jones, M.D.	1938/1997
Alfred J. Varecchia	1961/1997
Haiganush R. Bedrosian, JD	1961/1989
Thomas J. D'Andrea	1967/1989
Louis A. Fazzino	1939/1989
James M. Keck	1939/1989
Thomas D. Romeo	1961/1989
Leonard F. DeLuca	1970/1990
* John A. Ferris, M.D.	1939/1990
* Edith Janson Hatch	1930/1990
Frank J. Williams, JD	1959/1990
Marion I. Wright, Ph.D.	1940/1990
Robert J. Carbone	1949/1991
H. William Carpenter	1946/1991
Paula Freda Hayes	1968/1991
Kenneth J. MacLean	1944/1991
* Benjamin Ricci, Ph.D.	1941/1991
* Haig Varadian	1944/1991
Kenneth Mancuso	1959/1992
Albert J. McDonald	1939/1992
James V. Rosati	1967/1992
* Barbara Jeanne Seabury	1945/1992
Ted Tedesco	1949/1992
Leslie Kenney Finertie	1973/1993
Julio C. Maggiacomo	1958/1993
Albert M. Massotti	1945/1993
John V. Pagliarini	1944/1993
Roger T. Pelli, M.D.	1969/1993
Jeanette DiVona Bucci	1958/1994
Gustin L. Buonaiuto	1948/1994
* Malcolm L. Daniels	1944/1994
Salvatore Saccoccio	1948/1994
* Edward A. Zompa	1954/1994
Leland E. Andrew, CPA	1941/1995
Mary I. Badeau Calenda	1948/1995
John J. Marcello	1966/1995
Richard H. Pierce	1953/1995
Barbara J. Frederick Simone	1957/1995
* Marshall D'Ambrosio, Sr.	1938/1996
James A. DiPrete	1955/1996
Steven Krasner	1971/1996
Kenneth A. Kurze	1954/1996
Leo Setian, Ph.D.	1948/1996
Francis H. Curren, Jr.	1940/1998
Michael B. Forte	1970/1998
* Vincent I. MacAndrew, M.D.	1938/1998
Stephen W. Palmer	1954/1998
Thomas E. Pitts, Jr., JD	1965/1998

Anthony W. DiLorenzo	1976/1999
Joseph J. England, M.D.	1973/1999
Richard A. Ernst	1956/1999
Ralph J. Hoffman	1949/1999
Stephen A. Robinson	1959/1999
Autino (Tony) Maraia	1950/2000
Susette R. Rabinowitz	1959/2000
Clarence H. Soderberg, M.D.	1944/2000
Craig S. Stenning	1965/2000
Rudolph E. Tanzi, Ph. D.	1976/2000
David J. Bryan, M.D.	1973/2001
* Robert B. Lynch	1940/2001
* Viola B. Lynch	1940/2001
Ronald M. Paolino, Ph. D.	1955/2001
Michael A. Traficante	1957/2001
Thomas A. Fitz-Simon	1953/2002
Donald W. Frederick	1965/2002
Thomas Manfredi, Ph.D.	1961/2002
Joann McGunagle	1974/2002
* J. Robert Wahlberg	1946/2002
Frank A. Galasso	1979-2003
Robert S. Gershkoff	1942-2003
* Joan E. Montaquila	1967-2003
Angela Paulhus, J.D.	1981-2003
Raymond L. Votto, Jr.	1971-2003
Joseph F. Crowley	1970-2004
Jordan Konisky, Ph.D.	1959-2004
Eva Marie Mancuso, JD	1978-2004
* Mario Pagliarini	1939-2004
Richard J. Wischnowsky	1947-2004
Lucille DeClemente	1957/2005
Andrew M. Erickson	1956/2005
Dominic Izzo, O.P.	1984/2005
Julius C. Migliori, M.D.	1946/2005
Wayne A. Vitale	1974/2005
Robert Cicerone	1970/2006
Dale Hunt Joseph, Ed.D., RN	1963/2006
Joseph W. Marcello	1946/2006
Kathleen M. Mellor	1966/2006
Frederick J. Vincent	1967/2006
Thomas B. Coffey, Jr.	1972/2007
Ernest J. Finocchio, D.V.M.	1961/2007
Paul J. Long	1965/2007
Carla Westlund Montgomery, Ph.D.	1969/2007
Beverly S. Quillen	1974/2007
Jennifer Jeremiah, M.D.	1980/2008
Peter L. Nero	1969/2008
Cindy A. Soccio, JD	1978/2008
Weston E. Vivian, Ph.D.	1942/2008
Kathleen A. Voccola, J.D.	1968/2008
Nancy V. (McIntosh) Bordeleau	1951/2009
Robert A. DeRobbio, Ph.D.	1963/2009
Mary V. Gliottone	1942/2009
* Richard A. Gonnella, JD	1963/2009
Lloyd B. Sugarman	1971/2009

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The Board of Directors would like to thank:
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* Deceased