

**Laconia High School
Distinguished Alumni Award**

By-Laws

LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The purpose of the award is to recognize and honor outstanding graduates of Laconia High School, who have excelled in their professions and/or made significant contributions to their communities and to serve as role models for Laconia High School students.

If a Distinguished Alumni is chosen, he/she will be asked to speak at that year's graduation ceremony. A biography of the award winner will be included on the District's website under Distinguished Alumni.

Article I

NAME

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Article II

PURPOSE

- A. Recognize and honor outstanding graduates of Laconia High School who have excelled in their professions and/or made significant contributions to their communities.
- B. Display to the students and to the public the accomplishments of graduates who have distinguished themselves as role models.
- C. Provide an opportunity for students to interact with these role models.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

- A. Nominees for the Laconia High School Distinguished Alumni Award shall have graduated from Laconia High School at least ten years prior to nomination.
- B. Significant contributions to their profession and/or community should be given top consideration, along with any other outstanding accomplishments, after graduation from Laconia High School.
- C. High moral values, good ethics, character and discipline during high school and post high school years shall be a consideration.
- D. Members of the Laconia High School Distinguished Alumni Award committee shall be ineligible for induction while serving on the committee.

Article IV

PROCEDURES FOR INDUCTION

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the Laconia High School Principal to seek nominations for the Laconia High School Distinguished Alumni Award.
- B. There shall be no limit to the number of nominations per year.
- C. All nominations should be received by the Laconia High School Principal by November 30th of each school year.
- D. The Laconia High School Distinguished Alumni Award Committee will select nominees to receive the Laconia High School Distinguished Alumni Award by an election process.
 - 1. The field of nominees shall be narrowed down by a preliminary vote.
 - 2. A closed ballot from the preliminary process shall determine the Rosendale-Brandon Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.
 - 3. Nominee subject to Board's final approval.
- E. The award winner shall be selected and notified by January 30th of each year.
- F. Nominees not inducted as Laconia High School Distinguished Alumni will be subject for consideration for future years.
- G. A maximum of one nominee shall be selected each year.

Article V

AWARDS

- A. A plaque shall be presented to the inductee. Another plaque shall be placed on permanent display at Laconia High School.
- B. The alumni inductee will be invited to speak at that year's High School Commencement Ceremony.

Article VI

BY-LAW REVISION

Amendments to the Laconia High School Distinguished Alumni Award by-laws shall be voted upon by the Laconia High School Distinguished Alumni Committee at a committee meeting, or by

absentee vote if having an excused absence from the meeting. Amendments receiving two-thirds majority votes from the eligible Laconia High School Distinguished Alumni Committee members shall be presented to the Rosendale-Brandon School Board for approval.

Article VII

LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD COMMITTEE

- A. Responsibilities
 1. The general responsibilities of the committee are to govern and to administer this organization within the guidelines set forth in the by-laws.
 2. The Laconia High School Distinguished Alumni Committee shall establish policies and procedures necessary for the proper functioning of the Laconia High School Distinguished Alumni Award only when adequate policy or procedures do not already exist within these by-laws. Said policies will be subject to the approval of the Rosendale-Brandon School Board.

- B. Membership on the Laconia High School Distinguished Alumni Award committee shall be selected by the principal of Laconia High School.

- C. Membership shall be continuous unless members submit, in writing, a desire to be replaced on this committee.

- D. Membership on the Laconia High School Distinguished Alumni Committee shall be as follows:
 1. Principal of Laconia High School
 2. Assistant to the Principal of Laconia High School
 3. Two teachers from the present Laconia High School teaching staff
 4. One member from the general public
 5. Two retired members from the Laconia High School teaching staff

- E. If a member withdraws from active participation it shall be the responsibility of the principal of Laconia High School to find an appropriate replacement.

- F. All appointments shall require a majority vote by the Laconia High School Distinguished Alumni Committee.

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