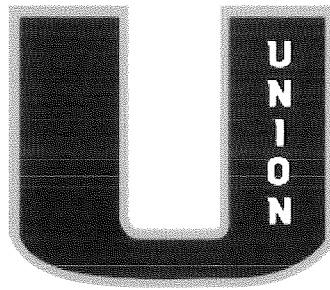


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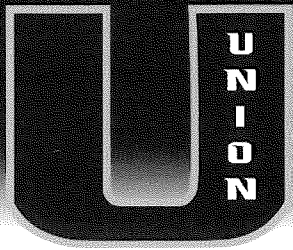
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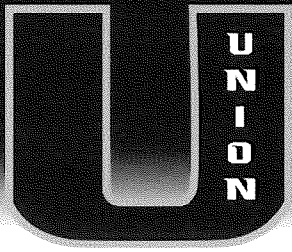
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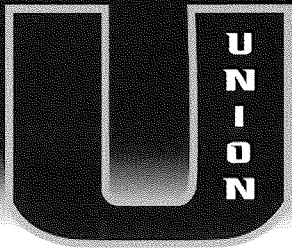


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I. Purpose

The Township of Union Public Schools Hall of Fame is established to promote and honor the achievements of those exemplary students, staff, administrators, and significant contributors who have helped mold and define the true definition of what it is to be a “Union High School Alumni.”



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II. Hall of Fame Committee

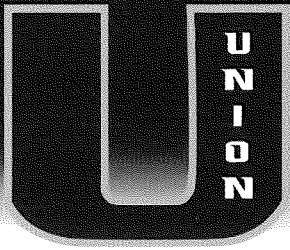
Section 1: The Township of Union Public Schools Hall of Fame Committee (“the Committee”) shall represent a wide range of professionals who have had integral involvement with the Township of Union Public Schools. The Committee will consist of the following eleven (11) representatives:

- Superintendent of Schools & the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools (Non-Voting Member)
- (2) District Administrators
- Media Representative
- (1) Past and (1) Present Staff Member
- (5) At Large (Include but not limited to):
 - BOE Member(s)
 - Executive Leadership Team Representative(s)
 - TUPS Staff Member(s)
 - Former Union High School Graduate(s)

With the exception of the Superintendent of Schools and the two School Administrators, who will serve during their tenure with the TUPS, all other committee members shall serve for three years. Committee members may be named to additional terms.

The Committee Executive Board will consist of four positions. These positions will be held for a three-year term. The President will hold office for a maximum of two terms. All other positions may be held for unlimited terms. If officers cannot complete their duties, committee members will vote on a replacement.

1. President
2. Treasurer
3. Secretary
4. Historian



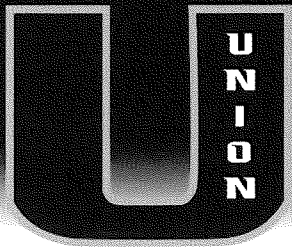
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III. Hall of Fame Committee

In the inaugural year, the Superintendent of Schools will appoint the President. The Committee will vote on each succeeding term. After the President's appointment, the rest of the Executive Board will be appointed in the first year. The President shall appoint such standing committees or special committees as deemed necessary. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Nomination Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Induction Lunch/Dinner Committee
 - Venue
 - Arrangements
 - Receptions
 - Awards
 - Souvenir program
 - Publicity– Promotion
 - Seating
 - Tickets
 - Flowers/special consideration
- Records Committee
- Fundraising Committee



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III. Place of Business

The principal place of business for the Township of Union Hall of Fame will be at:

**Township of Union Board of Education Office Conference Room
2369 Morris Avenue
Union, NJ 07083
(908) 851-6406**



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IV. Meetings

Section 1: The organizational meeting of the Committee shall be held in September of each year.

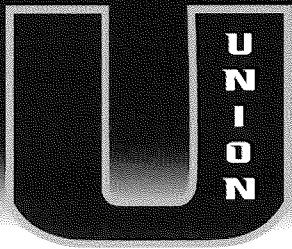
Section 2: There must be a quorum to conduct a meeting. (A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members.)

Section 3: The President shall call at least one (1) meeting of the Committee during the non-election years and at least three (3) during election years.

Section 4: Special meetings of the Committee may be called by the President at any time or at the written request of the majority of the Committee.

Section 5: Special meetings of subcommittees shall be called by the chairperson of each subcommittee. It is the chairperson's responsibility to notify each member thereof.

Section 6: The members of the Committee shall vote to elect persons or teams to the Township of Union Hall of Fame at a meeting no later than September 30th of that calendar year.



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V. Voting

Section 1: Committee members will be entitled to one vote on each matter at all meetings. All members vote in the election for the Township of Union Hall of Fame nominees. A majority vote of the voting members is required for a nominee to be selected.

Section 2: On all matters, except election of the Hall of Fame and revision of the Constitution or Bylaws, a simple majority vote of those voting members present is required to carry a motion. In the event that a committee member is unable to attend a meeting when voting on nominees, they may cast an absentee vote in electronic email format. In case of a tie, the vote cast by the President of the Committee shall determine the outcome.

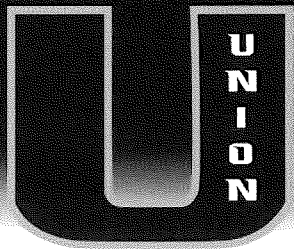
Section 3: No more than twelve (7) persons, and one (1) Special Contributor shall be elected to and inducted into the Hall of Fame in any one year other than the first year, unless otherwise voted on by a majority vote from the Committee.

Section 4: Nominations will be solicited and accepted up to the last day of June of each calendar year. The nominees will be voted on no later than the 30th day of September of each school year. All applications/nominees not selected will remain on file for three (3) years. After the third year, they must be re-nominated for selection. A Committee member may be nominated for selection.

Voting on the Election to the Township of Union Hall of Fame

Section 1: The procedure for election to the Township of Union Hall of Fame shall be as follows:

1. The President shall appoint a subcommittee to research nominations or past candidates for possible inductees.
2. The subcommittee will present pre-election resumes to the entire committee membership at least three (3) weeks before the election meeting.
3. The committee members will vote preferentially for the selectees of their nomination. Each ballot will have nine (9) votes, with the selectees listed by the voters in order of preference from one (1) to seven (7). A first-place vote will be worth nine (7) points, a second-place vote will be worth six (6) points, and so on, down to the one (1) point for a seventh-place vote.
4. The number of points gained by each candidate will be counted, and a tally sheet, listing the candidates in ascending order of point totals, will be composed and distributed.



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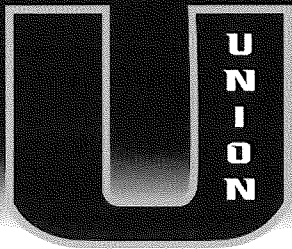
VI. Selection Criteria

The alumni, notable contributors, and retired staff represent the following elements, as reflected in best practices from a range of institutions:

Core Criteria for Induction

1. Distinguished Achievement and Professional Excellence
 - a. The nominee should have attained notable accomplishments in their profession or field of endeavor, demonstrating achievements that go beyond ordinary career success and are recognized by peers or the public.
 - b. Achievements should often be recognized at a national or international level, or have had a significant, lasting impact.
2. Positive Influence and Leadership
 - a. The candidate must have demonstrated leadership, integrity, and a high degree of character in their professional and personal life.
 - b. Their influence should extend beyond their immediate professional sphere, affecting positive change in their community, alma mater, or society at large.
3. Service and Contribution
 - a. Significant contributions to their community, profession, or alma mater through public service, volunteerism, or philanthropy are often considered essential.
 - b. Impactful involvement in community leadership or service projects strengthens a candidate's case for induction.
4. Role Model Qualities
 - a. The nominee should embody the institution's values and mission and serve as a role model for current students and alumni.
 - b. Evidence of high ethical standards, perseverance, and dedication is critical.
5. Time Since Graduation
 - a. The candidate may be considered after a minimum of 5-10 years after graduating from Union High School.

This criterion ensures that induction into the Hall of Fame is reserved for alumni whose achievements, character, and service truly set them apart and reflect positively on the institution.



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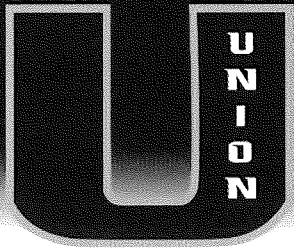
VII. Induction Ceremony

Section 1: Except for the induction of the inaugural class of inductees in November 2025, the Induction Ceremony will take place in the fall of each school year.

Section 2: An award will be presented to each member of the Township of Union Hall of Fame, and the individual's name will be displayed in a designated area at Union High School.

Section 3: A Hall of Fame banquet shall be held each election year in the fall, during which those elected to the Township of Union Hall of Fame shall be inducted.

Section 4: The President of the Committee, or his or her appointee, shall serve as Master of Ceremonies at the Induction Ceremony banquet.



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Inductee Nomination Form

The following criteria apply to all Hall of Fame nominees living or deceased:

Name of Nominee:

Address of Nominee:

Phone Number of Nominee:

Email Address of Nominee

Describe in detail why this individual should be inducted into the Township of Union Hall of Fame:
Please include a resume with this nomination form.

Submitted by:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Please return the nomination form by **June 15, 2025**, to Dr. Gerry Benaquista, Superintendent of Schools, Township of Union Public Schools, 855 Lehigh Ave, Union, NJ 07083, and by *email to*: gbenaquista@twpunionschools.org. (**Subject: Township of Union Hall of Fame Nomination**)