

## “Order Of The Kite”

In the fall 2011 edition of the Franklin High School Alumni Post was a page entitled FHSAA Distinguished Alum Citation. “**The Order of the Kite**” may have attracted your attention. The article described the purpose of honoring an alum with recognition for their significant accomplishments in their chosen field. 2012 is our third honorable recognition, and membership luncheon. Listed below are criteria and eligibility:

- Anyone who has graduated from Franklin High School (FHS) is eligible.
- You may nominate in writing someone other than yourself.
- If not honored within the year initially nominated, the nominee’s name will stay on the list of recommended recipients for 5 years from the initial nomination.
- The criteria are: service to one’s profession and/or service to one’s community.
- The graduate should have demonstrated significant accomplishment in his/her chosen field.

I believe most of us qualify in the “honorable” categories at some time in our lives. However, there are people who make a more (above and beyond the average) serious commitment. These people have a heart to dedicate their whole being to making a positive difference in either their jobs, or their communities. We know these people – they are among us! We want to recognize and thank them – and give honor; thus the Membership Luncheon Distinguished Alum Citation.

This event is different from the rest of our work which is dedicated to helping the current students. In the “Order of the Kite” we want to give honor and recognition to those who followed through since high school, and carried out some of the principles and practices they learned during those four {grueling} years.

We realize how important it is to honor these people. By example, experience, and expertise, they can highlight to current students what is possible for them if they study and work hard, while living an honorable life.

The Alumni Association will cover the cost of lunch for the award recipients. In addition, FHSAA will pay for a plaque to be hung in one of the Franklin High School’s hallways, identifying the Distinguished Alums, the year of their award, and their field of accomplishment.

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