

St. Mark's School

Cloister of Distinguished Alumni

Purpose and Mission

We believe that the distinguished achievements of alumni of St. Mark's School should be recognized at the School, with appropriate ceremony and in a permanent place, both as a celebration of the lives of those persons and what they have accomplished and also as an inspiration to St. Markers who come after them. Alumni so recognized shall have demonstrated by the example in their lives the School's motto, *Age Quod Agis*.

Selection Guidelines

In each odd-numbered year beginning in 2009, the Alumni Executive Committee of the Association of St. Mark's School will recognize the lifetime achievements of one or more persons with the Distinguished Alumni Award. In addition, the Alumni Executive Committee may, from time to time, recognize the career achievements of one or more young alumni with a Young Alumni Achievement Award. The criteria and procedure for this award shall be as set forth below, except that nominees for this award shall have graduated from St. Mark's School within the past 25 years.

The following guidelines will be used in the selection process.

Nominations

The following persons shall be asked for nominations:

- Alumni
- Faculty
- Trustees
- Parents

Nominations shall be made on or before September 15 of the year preceding recognition. Announcements soliciting nominations shall be included in the St. Mark's Magazine, in a parents' weekly newsletter from the Deans' Office, in the St. Mark's quarterly newsletter, and on the School website, www.stmarksschool.org, where a nomination form will also be available. Nominations will be submitted to the Advancement office.

Nomination Guidelines

The achievements of nominees for recognition as Distinguished Alumni shall include:

- Outstanding personal, business, or professional achievement, including recognition of such achievement by one's peers.
- Significant contributions to the global community or a national, regional, or local community.
- Exemplifying in their life and career the School's motto, *Age Quod Agis*.
- Sustained interest in and involvement with the School after graduation may also be considered.

Selection Process

Prior to November 1 of the year preceding recognition, the Distinguished Alumni Selection Committee shall review the nominations. The selection committee shall consist of:

- The president, vice president, and one other member of the Alumni Executive Committee to be elected by the Council;
- Two members of the Board of Trustees, designated by the President of the Board;
- The Head of School and a senior member of the Faculty designated by the Head of School.

Nominations of persons not selected shall be retained and reconsidered in each nomination cycle for ten years.

Recognition

Upon selection, the award recipients will be notified, and their consent to the nomination solicited. Those who accept the nomination will be recognized at an appropriate School ceremony, and their names and photographs will be thereafter displayed in the Cloister of Distinguished Alumni.