EDUCATION
HALL of FAME
2027

2027 NOMINATIONS OPEN

All nominations due December 1, 2026

The Kansas City Kansas Community College Foundation is now accepting nominations for the 2027 Hall of Fame Awards.

The purpose of the Hall of Fame Awards and Scholarship Event is to recognize and honor those individuals and organizations who have dedicated their time, talents and lives to educating others, whether in the classroom or on the streets of life. Funds raised at the event support scholarships accommodating students of all ages to help achieve their goals and contribute to society, which in turn makes our city, state, and country a better place to live! Each individual has potential, and it's our job to be the catalyst by offering access and support through financial scholarships.

The criteria by which the Hall of Fame inductees will be selected are as follows:

- *Demonstrates a commitment to education and to Kansas City Kansas Community College*
- *Works to improve the quality of life in the community through their passion for education*
- *Strives to increase educational opportunities for others*
- *Supports significant changes that have improved the quality of education*
- *Can be an individual, organization, or company from the Mid-America Region*

No more than four nominees will be chosen according to the above criteria by the nominating committee and finalists presented to the selection committee. Qualified nominations that are not selected will be advanced for review in the following year, and for that year only.

Required documents for a complete submission:

- *Nomination Form*
- *One-page biography of the nominee*
- *Letters of Recommendation - Provide at least two letters of recommendation (no more than three) in support of your nomination written by separate entities.*

Nominations will NOT be considered until all required documents are submitted. Confirmation will be sent upon receiving documents to the email provided on the nomination form.

Inductees will be announced January 2027

Inductees into the Hall of Fame will be recognized at a formal induction ceremony to take place in April 2027.

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2027 NOMINATION FORM

Nominee: _____

Phone: Business:_____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Business Address: _____

Home Address:_____

City/State/Zip: _____

Nominator: _____

Phone: Business:_____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Business Address: _____

Home Address:_____

City/State/Zip: _____

Please briefly list the attributes of the nominee that meet the criteria and support this level of recognition distinguishing the nominee's career from other outstanding contributions to the field of education and the lives of students. You may use a separate sheet for this information, if there is not adequate space below.

Nominations must include a one-page biography of the nominee and at least two (no more than three) letters of recommendation from different individuals. Letters of recommendation should be no more than 2 pages in length. Supporting documents can be mailed separately from this form.

Nominations must be postmarked or submitted by December 1, 2026.

Return form & accompanying materials to:

KCKCC Foundation & Alumni Association
7250 State Avenue, Room 3500
Kansas City, KS 66112

or email to:

foundation@kckcc.edu

PREVIOUS INDUCTEES

1996
The Learning Exchange
Patricia E. Likins
Deb Clough
Dr. Hugh Speer
Dr. Albert Nelson
Betty T. Welsbacher
Alvin L. Brooks

1997
KCP T-19
Dr. Martha Hale
Mildred Lucile Watson, Esq.
Blake Mulvaney
Alton L. Davies
Jan Alderson
Dr. Edward H. Hammond

1998
Genesis School
Dr. William A. Locke
Dr. Marjorie K. Blank
Willis M. Watt, Ph.D.
Richard G. Dawson
Sylvia White Robinson
Phil Witt

1999
Bayer Corp.
John "Buck" O 'Neil
Ronald W Poplau
Dr. Sheila J. Drake
Carl R. Boyd
Marilyn Meyer

2000
Carter Broadcast Group, Inc.
Dr. Edward Beasley
John Heineman
Mitsuye Conover
Dr. O.L. Plucker
Lydia Gonzales

2001
Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City
The Honorable Cordell D. Meeks, Jr.
Children's Center for the Visually Impaired
J. Paul Jewell
Will Shields
KVC Behavioral Health Center
Gail Wortmann

2002
El Centro Inc.
Ewing Marion Kauffman
Dr. Charles J. Carlsen
Fred & JoAnn Ball
J.E. Dunn Construction
Dr. F. Gene Hampton
E. May (Pat) Lindquist

2003
LULAC National Educational Service Centers, Inc.
Audrey Buford Ferguson
Lisa Zahn Crooks
The Kansas City Star
Corinthian C. Nutter
Saturnina Alvarado

2004
Junior League of Kansas City, MO.
Gloria Alexander Willis
Mary S. Dailey
Paul M. Rutherford, Ph.D.
Bill Reardon
Virginia Krebs
Dr. Jack M. Flint

2005
P.E.O. Sisterhood
Dr. Patricia W Caruthers
Brett D. Potts
Rev. Ervin Sims, Jr.
Dick Bond
Dr. Raymond L. Daniels
Dr. Bertram Caruthers, Sr.

2006
Barbara Carswell
Patricia Gaunce
James R. Goheen
Dr. Debra Peppers
Clay "Bud" Roberts, Jr.
The Sprint Foundation

2007
Josh Anderson
Sister Mary Janet McGilley, SCL
Andy Tompkins
Richard W Warren
Hallmark Foundation
Science Pioneers

2008
Audrey F. Ballard
Dale M. Dennis
Keith Lindsey
Carol Marinovich
The Honorable Vicki Miles-LaGrange
Louis W Potts
Sumner High School (1905 - 1978)

2009
Ken Bingman
Jim Gill
R. Crosby Kemper III
Richard K. Rasdall, Jr.
Children's Therapeutic Learning Center
Lincoln High School

2010
Dr. Thomas R. Burke
Thomas M. Bloch
Jim Dougherty, Ph.D.
Cheryl Brown Henderson
Keil E. Hileman II
Capitol Federal

2011
Curtis Chandler
Patricia Henley Ph.D.
Sister Vickie Perkins, SCL
Max L. Ruhl
Assistance League of Kansas City
Hope Academy Charter School

2012
Marlin Cooper
George Breidenthal
Albert Frisby
Prep-KC
Dr. Ron Wimmer
20/20 Leadership

2013
Harry McDonald
Dr. Howard Shaw
Greg Graves
Dr. Bob Van Maren
AT&T
2nd Chance Scholarship Foundation

2015
Dr. Cynthia Lane
Carol Levers
Mila Banks
Dr. Shirley Wendel
Hannah Loftus
Learning Club KCK
Saturday Academy

2016
Anita Reach
Melanie Jackson Scott
Henry Louis
Greater KC Hispanic Collaborative
Rob Hassig

2017
John "JD" Rios
Barry E. White
Jo-Anne Meditz
Edward Dwight, Jr.

2018
Dr. R Jayson Strickland
Duane Shaw
Loren Taylor
Dr. Deloris Stickland

2019
Michael & Guadalupe Dean
Leon Brady
Rebecca Dukstein
Dr. Jacqueline Vietti

2021
Leavenworth Public Schools Education Foundation
Mary Ann Flunder - Posthumously
Maxine Drew
Pamela M. Louis-Walden
Alan Hoskins

2022
Irene Caudillo
Benoyd "Butch" Myers Ellison Posthumously
Dr. Ben Hayes
Sen. Pat Pettey

2023
Honorable Timothy L. Dupree, Sr.
Dr. Nelda Godfrey
Ramón Murguía
Dr. Curtis V. Smith
Gerald Ulrich
Henry Wash

2024
John A. Hodge
Philip W. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund
Dr. Karin Roberts, Ph.D, RN,CNE
UKHS Because We Care GED Program

2025
Unified Government Black History Committee
Wylie Wright
Dr. Janice McIntyre
Dr. Shelley Cooper

2026
The Chandler/Turner Scholarship Fund, Inc.
Dr. Charles Reitz
David and Patricia Hurrelbrink
Mary Beth Gentry