

## **2017 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CRITERIA**

The Arcola Alumni Association is seeking nominations for 2017 Arcola High School Distinguished Alumni honorees. Monday, April 3, 2017 is the deadline for 2017 nominations.

Nomination forms are available at Arcola Record-Herald, Arcola High School, Arcola Public Library, Arcola First Bank, First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust and at the alumni association website at [www.arcolaalumni.org/](http://www.arcolaalumni.org/). Forms may also be requested from Arcola Alumni Association board members.

### **2013 Charter Arcola Distinguished Alumni Honorees**

Modesta L. Scott (1919)  
Eunice Collins Sourla (1927)  
Robert C. Coombe (1933)  
Thomas B. Blagg (1938)  
Robert H. "Popeye" Pullen (1938)  
John Philip Wesch (1947)  
Carol F. "C.P." Pullen (1949)  
Byron Lloyd "Brad" Bradford (1956)  
DeLane "Dee" Ware Lindenmeyer (1956)  
Robert N. Arrol, M.D. (1957)  
Nancie King Mertz (1970)

### **2014 Arcola Distinguished Alumni Honorees**

Elmer Sherman "E.S." Allen, Jr., M.D. (1927)  
Bobby Gene Ghere (1943)  
Russell S. Ghere (1943)  
James Edward "Ed" Fidler (1951)  
Larry Bushu (1955)  
Phillip Dean Sanders (1956)  
Patrick Hugh Monahan (1958)  
Robert Terry Miller (1964)

### **2015 Arcola Distinguished Alumni Honorees**

Edward M. Finfgeld, deceased (AHS 1920)  
Thomas F. Monahan, deceased (AHS 1927)  
Bob Curry (AHS 1957)  
Roger Shields (AHS 1961)  
Larry B. Rollings, deceased (AHS 1963)  
Karen Conlin Faler (AHS 1966)  
Don Paul Portugal (AHS 1969)  
Michael A. Clark (AHS 1972)

### **2016 Arcola Distinguished Alumni Honorees**

Dr. Robert E. Smith (AHS 1955)  
Thomas F. (Tim) Monahan (AHS 1957)  
Dr. Charles Edward (Ed) Harshbarger, Jr., deceased (AHS 1958)

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Capt. Benjamin J. (Jim) Binford (AHS 1959)  
Dr. David J. Ellison, deceased (AHS 1959)  
Dr. Nancy K. VanCleave (AHS 1971)

### **Arcola Distinguished Alumni Award Criteria**

The selection of the annual Arcola Distinguished Alumni award(s) shall be guided by the following criteria:

- Any Arcola High School graduate, living or deceased, may be nominated.
- The graduation date of the nominee must be at least twenty years prior to induction. Exceptions may only be made in extraordinary circumstances by a majority of the selection committee.
- The number of graduates chosen for the honor may be sizable in the early years of the award. A maximum number of annual award winners may then be determined in subsequent years.
- Nominee has used education and/or life experiences to become a successful, positive contributor to society.
- Nominee has record of significant contribution to his/her chosen field following graduation.
- Nominee has exhibited continued leadership, character, service and dedication in his/her community, and/or has continued to support the Arcola community after leaving the Arcola area.
- All nominees not selected will remain in consideration for the following ten years. While it is not necessary to resubmit a nomination form each year, forms for prior recommendations may be updated.

### **The 2017 Selection Committee members are:**

Randy Rothrock, Chairperson (Alumni Assn. Board, 60s)  
Pat Fortney (community, 40s)  
Jim Clark (community, 50s)  
Sue Stout (Alumni Assn. Board, 70s)  
John Connor (community, 80s)  
Emily Coombe (Arcola Comm. School Dist., 90s)  
Brad Pullen (Alumni Assn. Board, 90s)

### **Arcola Alumni Assn. Board Members:**

John Fishel  
Randy Rothrock  
Judy Thomas  
Robert N. Arrol, M.D.  
Larry Bushu  
Jack Fishel  
Brad Pullen  
Kendall Moore  
Sue Stout