

ST. BEDE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2023 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD CRITERIA

The St. Bede Academy Distinguished Alumnus Award will recognize individual(s) who have attended or graduated from St. Bede Academy and who have accomplished significant achievements in their lives. These individuals must best exemplify the ideals and values of St. Bede Academy and should serve as role models for current and future St. Bede Academy students.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

Nominee must have attended or graduated from St. Bede Academy at least 20 years prior to the nomination.

Nominee has achieved a high level of success in one or more of the following:

- As a professional in their chosen career or field like business, education, engineering, law, medicine, military service, science, social work and many other professions.
- As a volunteer to a non-for profit, charity, faith-based organization, church or other form of social and philanthropic outreach.
- As a mentor providing support to the youth of their community.
- As an alumni, parent or friend who provides outstanding service to St. Bede Academy.

Nominee is expected to attend the awards ceremony and meet with the current students at a school function just prior to the award presentation, which will be on Homecoming weekend each year.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Nominations are to be submitted to the Selection Committee by no later than July 1st of each year. See the attached form which is an example of what the nomination form will look like.

Nominations can be made by St. Bede Alumni, their parents or spouses, faculty and staff of St. Bede Academy and Abbey as well as friends of the school.

A diverse selection committee made up of members of the board of directors of the St. Bede Alumni Association will make recommendations for the award winner(s) from the nominations submitted, which will then be vetted with the Abbot and the school superintendent.

The selection committee will protect the confidentiality of the nominees during their deliberations and while the nominee is on file for possible consideration.

The selection of an individual for this award must be by a unanimous vote of the selection committee. Individuals not selected for the award on their initial nomination will have their nomination reviewed yearly for two additional award cycles.

Members of the selection committee cannot be a nominee nor can they make a nomination during their tenure on the committee.

There is no requirement that the selection committee make an award each year.

The number of awards each year can be zero to a maximum of three awards.

The award winner(s) will be notified, and their selection announced at least two months prior to the presentation.

PRESENTATION CEREMONY:

Presentation of the Distinguished Alumnus Award will take place at the annual Homecoming Brunch, which usually occurs on Sunday morning of Homecoming weekend in October of each year.

In addition, we will ask the award recipients to be available to the St. Bede students at a school function at a date and time convenient to all parties. Our intention here is to demonstrate to the current students that a St. Bede education or affiliation combined with their significant individual effort can provide success in life.

