

York High School ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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DUKES OF DISTINCTION

Nominations now open for 2019!

The **Dukes of Distinction** award honors exemplary York Community High School graduates who display leadership characteristics through achievement of significant and/or extraordinary accomplishments or service; have made an outstanding contribution to society; serve as a positive influence while exemplifying the honored York traditions of teamwork and selflessness; embody the ideals of YCHS and School District 205, therefore bringing pride and prestige to the school, the District and the community

Since 2013, the York Distinguished Alumni Program (YDAP) has recognized 36 Dukes of Distinction. Following a year's hiatus to celebrate York's Centennial, 2019 nominations are now open!

The exemplary alumni who receive the York Distinguished Alumni Award will raise self-expectation among the current students through their realization that these "Dukes of Distinction" once walked the halls of York High School and the streets of this community.

Nominations are reviewed by a panel of volunteers, all of whom are York alumni. Dukes of Distinction are announced in August and honored in early November of 2019.

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"I'm indebted to York High School on so many levels. The lessons I learned as editor-in-chief of the York-Hi served me well at every newspaper I edited, including USA Today. Sprinting for Joe Newton on the York track team made a scholarship and journalism education possible. And most important, I'm still dating Peggy, the young woman I took to the Girls' Club dance in 1970. We've been married for 37 years."

**Ken Paulson, Class of 1972
2013 Duke of Distinction**



Above: 2013 Dukes of Distinction

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Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 encourages you to nominate any York Community High School graduate of 10+ years (2008 or earlier) who has distinguished themselves through significant and/or extraordinary accomplishments, service and/or an outstanding contribution to society.

Among those 36 Distinguished Dukes is 2017 Honoree Mary McEnerney Woolley, Class of 1964. Woolley is an influential medical and health research advocate. She reflects on her time at York noting, "York High School remains a part of my story, a part of myself. I had a privileged education here: quite extraordinary academic training."

You can find more information about Mary McEnerney Woolley and previously awarded Dukes of Distinction online at www.elmhurst205.org/ydap

We hope that you know a York alumnus deserving of recognition and will take the time to nominate him or her to be considered for this prestigious award.

Questions?

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