

HALL OF FAME REPORT

It was an exciting moment for the hall of Fame committee, with over 300 people in the banquet room of the red Lion Janzten Beach Hotel to witness those Hall of Fame inductees to receive the precious awards. The first program was in 2002 and second was in 2004 that was done in WSD dining room with smaller crowd. Anyway this hopefully envisages the alumni how important the hall of fame program is... to honor those who accomplished in the diversity of fields in their life during in or out of alma Mater. There are nine (9) awards for 2006.

* ARTS award went to Harold E. Stickel for his inspirational leader helping with crafts and hobbies for kids in the dormitory where he was employed for many years. Also he used to perform as clown to enlighten kids in Seattle vicinity. Most unique I have ever seen that WSD Fir Cone printed in 1941, the year book is dedicated commonly to a teacher but to Harold Stickel, a student. A student, he must be a special! Congrats!

* COMMUNITY SERVICE award went to Larry L. Petersen. He was the first Alma Mater to be appointed to serve as Interim superintendent at WSD. Prior to be appointment, he was a teacher at Seattle Community College. He also served in Seattle Deaf Community; Puget Sound Association of the Deaf, Gallaudet University Alumni Association, Washington State Association of the Deaf and many more.

* EDUCATION award went to George L. Belser for his excellence as a Great English teacher as WSD for many years. During his free time as language expert, he helped many deaf organizations to inscribe properly in many different items and he also helped with the inscription for the hall of fame too.

* EDUCATION award went to Kenneth J. Whitney for his patience and kindness while he taught. He would not rush to next chapter until his students completely understood and satisfactory before move on.

*SPORTS award went to Raymond O'Donnell for his Track Dash record Holder. During the late 1930's, the oval track was not like today with modernized embedded that would improve the speed. He struggled and ran as fast as he could on plain dirt track with non-Nike special made light track shoes and he did amazingly 10 seconds for 100 yards dash.

*SPORTS award went to Kenneth J. Whitney, football all-Star Center for his excellence as football center following the steps of his brother, Donald, also a Hall of Fame.

*SPECIAL RECOGNITION award went to Louis A. Divine as Best of the Best Teachers, taught in other deaf schools after graduated from Gallaudet College and then ended up at WSD. He was well-known for his excellence as a teacher and taught at WSD many more years. And to his records that he encouraged over 45 graduated students to Gallaudet College. Former students remembered Louis always brought peanuts to the classroom for his munchies.

*SPECIAL RECOGNITION award went to Belle S. Divine as a Beloved Teacher, wife of Louis divine, no surprise; both were well-educated to be excellent teachers. Belle during her free time helped her students to make up, or catch up with the problems in classroom. She also gracefully participated with the WSD school actives. She was dedicated to 1941 WSD Fir Cone year book along with Harold Stickel, student.

*SPECIAL RECOGNITION award went to James D. . Randall for his Teacher and media, he put his heart in teaching the deaf students at WSD especially media program. He founded the media program at WSD. He returned to WSD as substitute teacher repeat after he retired; obviously he still missed his work. He also participated in many actives in the deaf community that he did not know how to say "NO."

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