

Outstanding Educator Luncheon

Each year, GHA students have the opportunity to honor an educator who has been particularly helpful, motivational or inspirational in their pursuit of their education—a teacher who has expected much while giving much in return.

The teacher you choose may be a teacher in your high school, but it doesn't have to be. Perhaps it's the one who first opened your eyes and heart to the world of learning and who has been an inspiration. Perhaps it's one you resented at the time, but whom you came to value as you realized the difference he or she had made. The outstanding educator **must not be** the parents or sibling of the electing student.

The 2016 Outstanding Educator Recognition Ceremony will take place on **Saturday, July 9, at 2 p.m.** at **the Wallman Hall Theatre on the campus of Fairmont State University**. Prior to the ceremony, brunch will be served beginning at noon, giving the students and their teachers the opportunity to visit informally in the Falcon Center dining room.

Copy the following pages, personalize the note, write your name in the appropriate space on the form, and give it to your teacher. Tell him or her that you will pick up the information form the next day----and then **do so**. This should be done by May 26 so that you will be ready to submit the information online when the link becomes available on Tuesday, May 31 The IT department at Fairmont State has included the form with the class selection form so that you only have to deal with one online form.

Because planning for the ceremony and luncheon takes much time and effort, only those teachers for whom the online form is completed and submitted will be invited on campus **Saturday, July 9**. It is crucial that you get all of the information requested on the form.

Compose a **5-6** line tribute to your teacher, noting the characteristics and actions that have made him/her so special to you. A copy of your tribute will be presented to the teacher. The tribute for the presentation will be cut off at 6 lines. **A copy will be given to your mentor, so choose your words carefully and watch your grammar and writing mechanics.**

You will type the tribute and the teacher information online at the same time you register for your classes. It would be a good idea to have the tribute, which must be limited to 5-6 lines of 11-point type, in a document so you can simply cut and paste onto the online form when you select classes.

If this information is not completed, your class selection will be delayed. If you do not have an educator you would like to honor, type "None" in the space for the teacher's name. Be sure to include your own name, though.

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Dear

Each year, students at the Governor's Honors Academy have the opportunity to honor an educator who has been particularly helpful, motivational or inspirational in their pursuit of their education—a teacher who has expected much while giving much of himself or herself.

I have selected you as the educator I will always remember and wish to honor, and I hope that you will be able to attend the luncheon and ceremony that will be held on the campus of Fairmont State University beginning at noon on Saturday, July 9, 2016. The 2016 Outstanding Educator Recognition Ceremony will take place in **the Wallman Hall Theatre**. Prior to the ceremony, brunch will be served beginning at noon, giving us the opportunity to visit informally in the Falcon Center dining room

So that the folks at GHA can know how many people will attend and so that they can communicate directly with you, please provide all of the information requested on the form included with this invitation. I will check with you again tomorrow to pick it up. After I submit the information to GHA, you will receive email communication with them in late June or early July.

Your student,

Please provide the following information. I will pick it up tomorrow.

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| Student's Name: | | |
| School Name: | | |
| Name of Teacher | | Class Teacher Taught You |
| Teacher's Home Address or Summer Address if different | | City, State, ZIP |
| Home Phone | Cell Phone | School / Studio Phone |
| Teacher's Email address for summer contact (REQUIRED) | | Please check one. I will attend with ____0 guests, ____1 guest Regretfully, I cannot attend. _____ |