



## HALL OF MERIT POLICY

### Statement of Policy and Context

“Men and Women for Others”

In 1973, Pedro Arrupe, S.J., then Superior General of the Society of Jesus, gave an address to the International Congress of Jesuit Alumni at Valencia, in Spain. The title of that address, “Men and Women for Others,” has become the capsule formula for what all alumni/ae of Jesuit schools propose to be.

Fr. Arrupe stated: “Today our prime educational objective must be to form men-and-women-for-others...men and women who cannot even conceive of love of God which does not include love for the least of their neighbors; men and women completely convinced that love of God which does not issue in justice for others is a farce.”

In this same vein, and from the beginning of his papacy, Pope Francis has stressed the importance of a life of “service.” “To be Christian,” he proclaimed, “is to do what Jesus did – serve.” He noted that “... there are many people who spend their lives ... in the service of others.” Hence, the purpose of the Loyola Hall of Merit, which was created in 1984, is to honor outstanding Loyola High School graduates and associates who contribute significantly to society in the spirit of “service for others.”

In addition, the Loyola Hall of Merit also offers current and future Loyola students’ examples of ‘men and women for others, men and women of compassionate service.’

### 1. Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will be convened normally in the fall of every second academic year to review the nominations and/or candidacies received for nomination to the Hall of Merit and submit its recommendations for appointment to the Hall of Merit to the Board of Governors no later than six months following its initial meeting. The Selection Committee will be composed as follows:

- i. Chair of the Jesuit Board of Directors;
- ii. President of Loyola High School;
- iii. Principal or Vice Principal of Loyola High School;
- iv. Senior Faculty member as appointed by the President of Loyola High School;
- v. Member of the Hall of Merit;
- vi. Alumni Association Executive representative serving on the Board of Governors;
- vii. Board of Governors representative who is not or has not been in the role of one of the individuals listed above; or belonging to or previously representing any one of the groups above.



## 2. Role of the Selection Committee

- 2.1. The Selection Committee will welcome the nominations of those who best exemplify the goals and ideals put forward by Fr. Arrupe and Pope Francis and articulated in the High School's motto "Men and Women for Others." Whether nominees have received public exposure for their contributions or have done so more quietly, but no less effectively, the overriding criterion for selection will be remarkable and outstanding service for others.
- 2.2. The Selection Committee will consider the following key characteristic in reviewing and bringing forward recommended nominations to the Board of Governors: "Those who have contributed remarkably and significantly to society in the spirit of "service for others."
- 2.3. The Selection Committee will require that each nomination be supported with three (3) letters of recommendation.
- 2.4. The Selection Committee will undertake to verify the accuracy of the information brought forward for each candidate.

## 3. Call for Nominations / Candidacies

Once convened, the Selection Committee will invite nominations to the Hall of Merit. The call for nominations will be distributed via e-mail and social media to all members of the greater Loyola community and will contain information as regards the nature of the award, the process, the criteria for the selection of honorees and the deadline for the submission of nominations. The above information will also be posted on the Loyola High School website and the call for nominations will be included in the Loyola Today magazine as well as in any other communication medium the committee deems appropriate.

## 4. Selection Process

- 4.1. The Selection Committee will convene shortly after the nomination deadline date to review the nominations received and to decide on whom to recommend to the Board of Governors for induction into the Hall of Merit.
- 4.2. The Board of Governors will review the recommendation brought forward by the Hall of Merit Selection Committee and decide whether to forward said recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval. Once approved by the Board of Directors, the name(s) of the new inductee(s) will be made public.