

THE WALTER E. STEBBINS OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD

The Mad River School District has established a long-standing tradition of academic excellence. Many graduates who distinguished themselves in the classroom and in the scholastic competition continued to distinguish themselves after graduation.

The Walter E. Stebbins Outstanding Alumni Award recognizes graduates making exceptional and noteworthy achievements both professionally and personally. Their success inspires young people who are preparing to become tomorrow's leaders.

Nominations for this prestigious award may be submitted by family members, friends, co-workers, past and present faculty, or anyone aware of the special accomplishments of a Stebbins graduate. The candidates themselves may also make nominations.

Eligibility

Graduates of Walter E. Stebbins High School may be nominated for the Walter E. Stebbins Outstanding Alumni Award. Nominees will be judged on their outstanding accomplishments since graduation from our high school.

- Be graduates of at least ten years ago from Stebbins High School (The 2027 award will be considered for members of the 2017 graduation class and before.)
- Exhibit a high level of achievement in both their professional and personal lives.
- Demonstrate integrity and qualities of leadership, character, and service in a variety of ways that will motivate others to reach their highest potential.
- Be committed to lifelong learning.
- Mad River employees and Board of Education members, and their children are not eligible.
- **Individual Nomination Only:** Nominations are open solely to individuals.
Nominations of couples or groups will not be considered.

Nomination materials will be evaluated by a select committee of teachers, administrators, staff, parents, and alumni who value the integrity of the Walter E. Stebbins Outstanding Alumni Award. There is great emphasis on keeping the selection process fair and unbiased. Award recipients will be notified within one month after the nomination deadline and honored at a ceremony. Their names will be engraved for permanent display on the Wall of Fame outside the high school building.

THE WALTER E. STEBBINS OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD NOMINATION FORM – Part A
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Nominations must fulfill these requirements:

1. Complete the nomination form. Please print or type. Be as specific as possible.
(Please note: Nominees must meet one or more, not necessarily all, criteria.)
2. **Please attach resume/ curriculum vitae.**
3. **List any activities that the nominee was involved in during their years at Stebbins High School.**
4. Please answer all the questions on the application and submit all necessary materials to alencia.smith@madriverschools.org or mail to:
Alencia Smith
Mad River Local Schools
801 Old Harshman Rd.
Riverside, OH 45431
5. **Nominations must be received by mail or delivery no later than January 1, 2027.**

Nominee: _____
First Name Last Name

Nominee's Year of Graduation from Stebbins High School: _____

Nominee's Address:

Street City State Zip

Nominee's Contact Information:

Phone Number E-Mail Address

Nomination Submitted by:

First Name Last Name

Nominator's Address:

Street City State Zip

Nominator's Contact Information:

Phone Number E-Mail Address

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NOMINATION FORM – Part B**

I. Why is this nominee worthy of the Walter E. Stebbins Outstanding Alumni Award? How has this nominee been a good role model for the graduates of Stebbins High School and others?

II. Career/Avocation: Please indicate the special qualities/leadership skills that this nominee has exhibited in his or her life's work or personal endeavors. What special honors, awards, or recognition has this person earned?

III. Volunteerism: What unique contribution has he or she made in service to his or her community? In doing so, how has this nominee exhibited outstanding character and citizenship and motivated others to achieve their highest potential?

IV. How has the nominee demonstrated a commitment to lifelong learning?

V. List any activities that the nominee was involved in during their years at Stebbins High School.

VI. Additional comments: Please share any additional information that you feel supports your nominee's worthiness for this award.

If you need additional space, attach a separate sheet. Please include separate supportive documents such as resumes, newspaper clippings, etc. To ensure a competitive application, please make sure to answer each question. Nomination forms will be kept on file for two (2) years following their original date of receipt. If this nominee is not selected for the first year, he or she will be reconsidered for a second year.

If your nominee is chosen to receive the Walter E. Stebbins Outstanding Alumni Award, the information you provide will be released to the media for publication. **Please note any confidential information or statements that should not be made public.**

Thank you for submitting this nomination for our consideration.

Signature of Nominator

SAMPLE FORMAT

What a pleasure it is to submit the name of Dr. David Engstrom, J.D. for the Outstanding Alumnus Award of Stebbins High School. An educator can sometimes sense that a student will achieve great things and that was the case with David. I had the opportunity to instruct him in college prep government and in the honors Readings In Political Science Course. He was one of those rare students who cared more about "knowing" than about the grade he received. I also had the privilege of having David in Student Senate for several years and as Vice President during his Senior year. He was one I could always count on when put in charge of a committee or a activity and I never had to worry that he would not carry out his responsibilities.

When writing a letter of recommendation for a student, we try to project what we hope a student will accomplish in the future. With David, what I wrote in a letter to a scholarship committee in 1989 was right on target for his future accomplishments. I wrote: "He is a pleasure to instruct and to have in class as he is always prepared, well-read, and eager to engage in discussion and intellectual pursuits. I have had the pleasure to instruct David in the college prep American Government Course as well as the Honors Readings In Political Science and he functions well in both. The very fact that David has elected an accelerated course with a more demanding set of requirements, gives an indication of his desire for academic challenge. And, it is reassuring to find a student who is interested in gaining knowledge and not just in achieving the highest grade status. David does both!"

His post high school accomplishments are really something to behold. With a B.A from Dartmouth with Phi Beta Kappa honors and summa cum laude, a Fulbright Scholar to Oxford (England) where he graduated with distinction, a Law Degree from Stanford where he served on the Law Review, and a PhD from Yale with distinction, he has excelled at every level of higher learning. He had a great experience when he volunteered for the Teacher Corps and was placed in a rural impoverished school. That experience has lead him to do work with inner city educational reform quite apart from his profession of law. His legal experience includes clerking to a U.S. Appeals Court Judge, researching and practicing in Georgetown Law School and a firm that dealt with national issues and, of course, being accepted into a prestigious law firm which represents clients before the U.S. Appeals Court and the U. S. Supreme Court.

Beyond his degrees, his legal profession, and his volunteer work, David remains an individual who continues to pursue knowledge as is evidenced by his research and his writing. I know that he is a great family man and he will be a great influence on his children. I believe that David brings honor to all that he pursues and it would be an honor to have him recognized with the best of Stebbins High School as an Outstanding Alumnus.