

THE KANSAS HALL OF FAME CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS!

Topeka – The Kansas Hall of Fame at the Great Overland Station is calling for nominations from across the state of Kansas. Hall of Fame officials anticipate five to seven honorees to be inducted into the Kansas Hall of Fame at a Gala Ceremony on June 15, 2012, and are asking Kansans to participate in the process.

“We are eager to hear from people from all corners of the state,” Roger Aeschliman, Chairman of the Nominations Committee said. “This is THE Hall of Fame of ALL of Kansas and we hope to receive a broad representation of nominations.”

A simple nomination form is available on-line at www.greatoverlandstation.com. Click on the Kansas Hall of Fame logo on the home page to find the nomination form. The form can be filled out on-line and printed out, or printed and filled out by hand. It can then be mailed or faxed back to the Great Overland Station. Anyone without Internet access who desires a paper copy may call the Great Overland Station Museum office to request a form by mail or fax.

The Hall of Fame Committee hopes the nominations process will spur continued Kansas-wide discussion and debate about Kansas history and community engagement about the great quality of life in our state.

“I think it would be great if every elementary school teacher would use this as a tool to engage their students on the great historic figures of Kansas and the tremendous diversity of talent that shaped our state,” Aeschliman said.

Beth Fager, Campaign Director at the Great Overland Station Museum, said nominations will be accepted until January 20, 2012. “The committee will meet to review nominations and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. When approved, our induction committee will contact the selected nominees and coordinate their acceptance and attendance at the event. Once that is done, we will announce the final class of inductees for 2012,” Fager said.

“We know there will be no shortage of great nominations. The hard part is selecting only a few from so many deserving Kansans. But we have to limit it to ensure a high quality ceremony for each honoree, properly recognizing their achievements and contribution to Kansas,” Fager explained.

The 2011, the Kansas Hall of Fame seated the inaugural class of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Vice President Charles Curtis, US Senator and Presidential Nominee Bob Dole, General and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Richard Myers, Pizza Hut founders Dan and Frank Carney, Aviatix Amelia Earhart and Marshal Matt Dillon of “Gunsmoke” as portrayed by James Arness.

“We’re counting on Kansans to make the second class as amazing as the first!” Fager said.

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