Honoring leaders in the field of adult and continuing education

Serving as an inspiration for future generations
**History and Purpose**

Discussions leading to the founding of the Hall of Fame can be traced to the mid-1980s. Dr. Thurman J. White is universally acclaimed as the founding father of the Hall. It was through Dr. White’s vision and recognition of the need to provide a mechanism to recognize and honor, in perpetuity, living and deceased adult and continuing educators who had distinguished themselves as scholars and practitioners.

The Hall was formally established as a nonprofit corporation in 1993. Dr. White served as the initial chair of its Board, and the University of Oklahoma College of Continuing Education agreed to serve as the permanent home for the Hall. Dr. James Pappas has served as the Hall’s executive director since its inception and is credited for bringing the Hall to fruition. Inductions have been held annually at sites all over the world. The Hall now has approximately 400 members from 13 nations.

These individuals reflect the great diversity of adult and continuing education practice and scholarship and the increasingly global leadership community that constitutes the Hall of Fame.

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**Nominations and Inductions**

Nominations to the Hall are received annually. Anyone may nominate an individual who the nominator feels is distinguished as a scholar, practitioner, or policymaker in the field of adult and continuing education.

Nominations must be referred by a Hall of Fame member to a Selection Committee of Hall members who review and recommend candidates to the Hall’s Board of Directors, which selects nominees for induction.

Annual inductions are held in conjunction with conferences of associations that represent the profession internationally.

The Hall strives to rotate induction locations so they are accessible to practitioners throughout the world. Nomination forms and submission deadlines may be found at the Hall website.

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**European Chapter**

In 2016, the 35 living members of the Hall from Europe organized a regional chapter that represents members from nine European countries.

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**Scholarship Opportunity**

The James P. Pappas Scholarship is an annual award made by the Hall of Fame to a graduate student who is majoring in a field related to adult and continuing education.

Application forms and deadlines for the $1,000 scholarship may be found at the Hall website.
**Hall Support**

The Hall is a nonprofit corporation; it relies on gifts and tax-deductible contributions from its members and others to sustain its activities and ensure its perpetuity. Those who make contributions are recognized at the annual induction ceremony.

Support to the Hall may be designated to either the endowment or the annual operations account. One way to support the work of the Hall of Fame and to honor an individual’s contribution is to make a memorial gift. The family of the individual that is being honored will receive a notification that your gift has been made in the name of their loved one.

Gifts may also be used to honor a mentor. A $200 gift can be used to place a mentor’s name and brief statement about the mentor on a plaque in the Hall of Fame.

**Consider Donating**

To make a donation, please contact the Hall offices.

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