

The Distinguished Educator Award

In Memory of Tom Wing

Background

In the fall of 2003 we lost a friend and a mentor at Lake Forest High School. Tom Wing touched the lives of many people, especially the lives of those whom he taught. After his death many of his students came forward to express their gratitude and appreciation for all that he had given of himself. Unfortunately, Tom did not have the chance to hear this praise. It is this regret that serves as the foundation for The Distinguished Educator Award, a contest that will help all of us at Lake Forest High School remember to celebrate, appreciate, and acknowledge the wonderful relationships our students and faculty create year after year.

Nominations

Seniors can find the nomination form on the LFHS website. Each form asks students to answer four questions (in essay form). Students may individually nominate an educator, or do so as a group. Seniors are asked to be as specific as possible in their answers. This is not a contest that judges writing abilities; rather, the judges will be considering the content of the answers.

The Process

Once all essays have been turned in, the essays will be placed in binders and presented to the judges, who are to be members of the community with an investment in Lake Forest High School. These judges, however, may not be parents of students, nor may they be employees of the high school.

The panel of judges will narrow down the essays until they decide on the winner. The writer of the winning essay will be contacted and will have the opportunity to read the essay at graduation as a surprise to the winning faculty member. If the author would rather not read the essay, he or she may ask another party to do so. At graduation, after the essay has been read, the winning educator will be presented with a plaque and a pin. A larger plaque will also be engraved and will state the winner from year to year. This plaque will be hung in the school. No educator may win The Distinguished Educator Award more than once in a five-year period.

All nominated educators will be presented (by the Superintendent/Principal) with a framed certificate at a closing faculty ceremony. On the back of each frame will be a typed portion of the essay that was written in the educator's honor. Educators may then hang the certificate in their classroom or office. Educators will also receive the original essay written in their behalf.

**Lake Forest High School
Distinguished Educator Award**

**2012 Distinguished Educator Award
Nomination Form**

All nominations must be submitted electronically to educatoraward@lfschools.net by **Friday, May 4th, 2012**

Educator:

Department:

Nominator(s):

You may nominate a teacher, counselor, dean, or an administrator for this award. Please be as specific as possible in your responses. Nominations will be judged on the quality of the answers. Please email your submission to educatoraward@lfschools.net

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1. Why are you nominating this educator for the Distinguished Educator Award? Describe particular incidents, and discuss the individual's special qualities and abilities.
2. How does this educator contribute to you and your peers outside of the classroom or designated office? With what specific support has this individual provided you? Please give examples.
3. What positive influence has this educator had on you, your peers, and/or the school? How has he or she affected your view of the world and the kind of person you want to be?
4. Overall, how is this individual special? Please add any additional stories or comments you would like to share.