



With an 80-plus year history, West Hills Coalinga has embraced many traditions that have become important to students, faculty, staff, friends of the college and alumni. The WHCC Alumnus of the Year Award is our most prestigious offered by the college.

The Alumnus of the Year Award recognizes alumni who have gained unique distinction through their accomplishments and have excelled personally and professionally, making a continued and significant difference in the lives of others.

## Nominee Eligibility Criteria

- Nominee is seen as having an outstanding and uncommon achievement in one's profession;
- Nominee significantly contributes to their community, state, or nation;
- Nominee demonstrates a high level of integrity in his/her personal life and has gained recognition of various other persons around him/her;
- Nominee completed at least one semester at WHCC, but does not have to be a graduate;
- Nominee's achievement over a period of time illustrates continuity of performance and excellence.

*Additional considerations include:* Recipients adhere to standards of work and ethical conduct that would cause the college to be proud to present nominees as role models for students and other alumni.

## Nomination Form Availability

**In Person at:** WHCC President's Office, 300 Cherry Lane, Coalinga, CA 93210

**Online at:** <http://westhillscollge.com/district/foundation/alumni.asp>

**Questions:** 559.934.2203

Nominations will be reviewed by WHCC Alumni of the Year Committee and recipients will be notified in mid-April.

## Nomination Process

- Solicitation of nomination from alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the college begins during the spring semester of each school year.
- Candidates not selected will be considered for the award for up to three years, as long as they continue to meet the award criteria.

All nominations must be received in written format and include the following information:

- Fully completed Nomination Form;
- A written letter (no more than 300 words) explaining what uniquely qualifies the nominee for the WHCC Alumnus of the Year Award;
- Nominee's professional accomplishments, education accomplishments and community involvement. Be sure to include any honors or awards your nominee may have received;
- Two references;
- Additional documentation to support nomination (i.e. press releases or news articles citing community involvement, candidate's resume).

## Nomination Deadline

Nominations are currently being accepted through the third Thursday of March, March 21. Nomination materials should be received in full, as outlined below by the WHCC Alumni of the Year Committee, in the Office of the WHC Coalinga President, 300 Cherry Lane, Coalinga, CA 93210, by 5 PM.

## Recognition

The Alumnus of the Year Award will be presented during the Commencement ceremony where the recipient(s) will be invited to join the dignitaries on the stage. Recipient(s) will be asked to address the graduates in a short speech and academic regalia will be provided.

The recipients will be notified in mid-April and are responsible for any travel arrangements. The recipients, along with any personal guests, will also be invited to join a pre-Commencement celebration.



Nomination Year: 20\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Nominee Graduated from West Hills College: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach Written Letter

(no more than 300 words) explaining what uniquely qualifies this nominee for the WHCC Alumnus of the Year Award.

Professional Accomplishments:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Affiliations:

Educational Achievements (**List** Institution, Degree, Date Received):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Community Involvement:

Honors/Awards:

References (**List** Name, Address, Phone, Email):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Person Nominating: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return form by the third Friday in March to: WHCC President's Office, 300 Cherry Lane, Coalinga, CA 93210.

You may also e-mail this form and your letter to [presidentsoffice@whccd.edu](mailto:presidentsoffice@whccd.edu)