

EAVES ANNOUNCES TKA'S INAUGURAL HALL OF FAME CLASS; TWELVE HONOREES TO BE INDUCTED HOMECOMING WEEK

The King's Academy President and Head of School Dr. Fred Eaves announces the inaugural class of the academy's Hall of Fame. Twelve people will be recognized in this initial class and two additional awards will be presented in a ceremony at 3 p.m. Friday, October 16, in Woody Auditorium. The inauguration is part of TKA's annual Homecoming Week activities. The public is invited to attend.

Dr. Eaves initiated the establishment of the Hall of Fame early in his tenure which officially began July 1 of this year. The Hall of Fame recognizes alumni, educators, coaches, trustees, and other members of the TKA community whose achievements, service, and influence have made a lasting contribution to the academy and beyond.

"A Hall of Fame is a natural addition to the legacy of our 146-year-old institution," Dr. Eaves says. "Outstanding educators have made significant impact on students, and thereby the world. Similarly, many alumni became influencers in the most positive meaning of the word. We feel strongly that we need to recognize and affirm these people and honor their legacy."

Nine recipients are expected to be present for the presentations. Five awards are being announced posthumously; relatives of these inductees have committed to receive the awards on the recipients' behalf.

TKA's Hall of Fame Class of 2026 includes:

ALUMNI

- Dr. D. Carter Davis, Class of 1959
- Judge Dwight Stokes, Class of 1970
- Dr. C.G. Bull, Class of 1902 (deceased)
- Pauline Enix Tibbetts, Class of 1945 (deceased)

ATHLETICS

- Estella Florez Simmons, Class of 1975
- Andy Rittenhouse, Class of 1984
- Coach Larry Watson, Served 1997-2012
- Coach Lester McCarter, Served 1955-1982 (deceased)

FACULTY/STAFF

- Janice Mink, Served 1983-2023

- David Mosher, Served 1985-2024
- William F. Hall, Served 1926-1971 (deceased)
- Hubert B. Smothers, Class of 1943, Served 1970-1984 (deceased)

DISTINGUISHED YOUNG ALUM

- Kelsi Pratt Mower, Class of 2012

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

- Brenda O. Burchfield, Trustee 2016-2023