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Lindale ISD Alumni Association to Honor Two People with Distinguished Awards

The Lindale ISD Alumni Association will honor one Lindale High School graduate with the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award, and one outstanding former Lindale ISD employee with the 2018 Distinguished Service Award. The recipients will be awarded on September 28, at the homecoming pre-game festivities.

This year's Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, Dr. Clayton Downing, was a 1961 graduate of Lindale High School, graduating as Class Salutatorian. While attending Lindale High, he participated in all sports and received numerous honors in multiple events. He was a 4 year Letter-man in both track and football.

After graduation from Lindale, he played football for both Tyler Junior College and the University of North Texas. While at North Texas, he was named to the All Missouri Valley Conference academic football team. He was a student judge on the UNT student supreme court in 1963-64 and also a member of the prestigious men's service organization known as the "Talons."

This year's Distinguished Alumni recipient spent his career as a coach, a teacher and an administrator with the Lewisville Independent School District where he was named Superintendent in 1983 and remained there until his retirement in 2001. He has served for many civic, philanthropic, religious and fraternal organizations, receiving many awards. He was named Superintendent of the Year in 1993 by the Association of School Administrators and was also nominated for the National Superintendent of the Year. Since his retirement from the Lewisville ISD, he has continued his career as a lobbyist for the Property Wealthy Districts of Texas.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is given annually to a Lindale High School graduate whose achievements, strengths of character and citizenship serve as a model to inspire and challenge current students.

The Alumni Association also bestows a Distinguished Service Award for those who served the Lindale Independent School District. This year's recipient, Mr. Jasper Huff, began his journey with the Lindale ISD in 1966 as band director. Between the years of 1966 and 1974,

“The Pride of Lindale” was born as he led the Lindale High School band to its first UIL Sweepstakes in the history of the school. He taught the band program for grades 5th through 12th as the only director during his tenure, producing marching bands, concert bands, jazz bands and musicians of excellence. Huff left the Lindale ISD in 1974 but returned in later years serving as principal of Lindale Junior High and at the primary schools. Through his work with the Lindale band program and finally as an administrator, he has given a lifetime of distinguished service.

“We are so pleased to be able to recognize this extraordinary group of former Lindale students and teachers,” LISD Alumni Association President Mitzi Bjork said. “We received several nominations for many deserving people and the awards committee felt it was time to honor these two with the distinguished awards. They have most certainly earned the recognition.”

The Distinguished Service Award is given to a former faculty member or other individual whose outstanding service greatly contributed to the success of the Lindale Independent School District.

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