



John Wood Community College Trail Blazers Athletic Hall of Fame

Purpose:

1. The purpose of the John Wood Community College Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize individuals who have distinguished themselves by their outstanding performances, work, support, and/or contributions to John Wood Community College Trail Blazer Athletics.
2. Athletes, coaches, college administrators, and/or other supporters may be recognized for their outstanding work on behalf of the John Wood Community College Trail Blazer Athletic Department.
3. Contributing members may be selected because of their support of, contributions to, or interest in John Wood Community College Trail Blazer Athletics as designees of the Dr. John Letts' Blazer Pride Award.

Selection:

To be eligible to receive an honor, the candidate shall possess or shall have possessed, in addition to outstanding ability in or contribution to a sport(s), other personal qualities such as sportsmanship, character and integrity, and be one who has brought distinction to John Wood Community College.

Number of Awards:

Selection is limited to no more than three individuals (student-athlete or coach) and/or one team or contributor supporter per year. In addition, no more than one individual or family will be recognized with the Dr. John Letts' Blazer Pride Award. In the case of no appropriate nominations having been received by the deadline, the Athletic Department reserves the right to not have a class inducted that particular year.

Eligibility (Selection Criteria):

- Student-athlete, coaching, team and college administrator nominees for the Trail Blazer Athletic Hall of Fame should possess an outstanding athletic, coaching or professional resume of achievement.
- Student-athlete, coaching, team and college administrator nominees must have completed their playing, coaching, or administrative career (respective to their nomination) at John Wood Community College at least five (3) years prior to their nomination date.
- Strong consideration should be given to awards received (i.e. All-Conference, All-Region, All-American, Player of the Year, Coach of the Year, etc.), NJCAA postseason success, NJCAA leadership, outstanding achievement in multiple sports, national or international recognition/honors, athletic or professional success after leaving John Wood Community College and outstanding contribution to Trail Blazer athletics as a coach, administrator, or student-athlete.
- Team induction will be reserved for teams that attained a high level of success, with strong consideration given to the team performance at their respective NJCAA National Tournament. Conference championships, Region and/or District championships, and in season national rankings will all be given considerable consideration as well.
- Dr. John Letts Blazer Pride award nominees must have made significant contributions at least one athletic program at John Wood Community College, with strong consideration given to length of support and/or service to Trail Blazer Athletics.
- All nominees must have displayed good citizenship during and after their time at John Wood Community College and continue to be in good standing with the college.

Dr. John Letts' Blazer Pride Award

Falling under the umbrella of the John Wood Athletic Hall of Fame, the Dr. John Letts Blazer Pride Award was created in 2017 for individuals that have demonstrated a support for John Wood athletics through volunteerism, service, and leadership as exemplified by its namesake. This award will be presented to those contributors that were not coaches, athletes or members of a team that, through time, have exceeded expectations in their support of a particular athletic program or the totality of the John Wood athletic department. Dr. John Letts played an integral role in the development of athletics at JWCC when the first athletic staff member was hired in 1990. Letts was the Dean of Student Services when the athletic department was established then later served as the Vice President of Student Services until being named the fifth President of John Wood Community College in January 2012. After more than 25 years in key leadership roles at the college, Dr. Letts retired in 2014 and this award is in recognition of his service and contributions.

Hall of Fame Committee:

Nominees for the John Wood Community College Athletic Hall of Fame are selected by an annual Hall of Fame Committee. The committee is composed of a diverse group of individuals connected to the athletic department, either currently or from the past, and have a commitment to the overall college community. The Athletic Director, chairperson of the Hall of Fame Committee, will choose the committee from the following, yet not inclusive, groups of supporters: John Wood Booster Club or community members, John Wood Athletic Staff, John Wood Community College employees, the President of John Wood Community College or his/her designee, and others at the discretion of the Hall of Fame Committee Chair. The chairperson shall strive for 8-12 members of the Hall of Fame committee at all times. The Hall of Fame Committee has the authority to review special circumstances and adjust criteria accordingly.

Nominations:

1. Nominations and support forms are distributed by the John Wood Community College Athletic Office. Nominations are open to anyone who fulfills the criteria of the three classifications of the John Wood Community College Hall of Fame categories or the criteria of the Blazer Pride Award.
2. Nominations and support information are accepted at the John Wood Community College Athletic Office throughout the year, but are due by **August 1st** to be considered for the next class induction.
3. The Hall of Fame Committee will meet within the first two weeks of August each year.
4. The Athletic Director serves as the chairperson for the Hall of Fame Committee and is a voting member.

Induction Ceremony:

The induction ceremony will be held during the spring semester.

Display of Plaques/Awards:

1. A plaque and picture with each Hall of Fame's inductee's name and year of selection into the John Wood Community College Athletic Hall of Fame shall be displayed on the Hall of Fame Wall in the Student Activity Center at John Wood Community College, 1301 South 48th, Quincy, IL 62305.
2. Each Hall of Fame inductee will receive a replica plaque with the inductee's name and year of selection into the John Wood Community College Athletic Hall of Fame.
3. A name plate with the award winner's name and year of selection shall be placed on the Dr. John Letts' Blazer Pride Award plaque that is on display on the Hall of Fame Wall in the Student Activity Center at John Wood Community College, 1301 South 48th St, Quincy, IL 62305.
4. Each person and/or family recognized by the Dr. John Letts' Blazer Pride Award will receive a commemorative token of their recognition, which will include the honoree's name and year of selection.

For a complete listing of all Hall of Fame Inductees, visit the Trail Blazer website at www.johnwoodblazers.com.