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The mission of the Wilkes County Hall of Fame is to promote and honor the excellence of the people in Wilkes County in order to encourage and inspire the youth and citizens of Wilkes to strive for similar excellence in life's endeavors. By presenting significant and powerful role models, the Wilkes County Hall of Fame is a source of learning, inspiration, and hope for youth.

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# WILKES COUNTY



# HALL OF FAME

## JAMES COOK LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST



The 6th annual James Cook Leadership Breakfast was held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Over 100 student leaders from all Wilkes County middle and high schools attended the event. Students were placed in assorted groups and spoke with 5 different inductees about a specific leadership characteristic. Each inductee was given an area to focus on as part of their journey to share with their table. Topics that students were exposed to were adaptability, learners mindset, personal responsibility, communication, and collaboration. All areas were part of the North Carolina Portrait of a Graduate, the statewide initiative that identifies durable skills that students should possess upon graduation from high school in order to thrive in a 21st century place of work.



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### NOMINATE TODAY!

Nominees for the Wilkes County Hall of Fame may fall into any of the following categories:

-  **Arts & Entertainment**- renowned performers, musicians, actors, actresses, poets, authors and any who work in a related field.
-  **Enterprise**- great contributors in the fields of science, medicine, business and philanthropy.
-  **Sports**- superior athletes, coaches, officials, and administrators in the world of sports.
-  **Leadership**- accomplished people who may not fit into the above categories, e.g. educators and military leaders.

Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- The nominee must have lived in and contributed to the betterment of Wilkes County.
- The nominee must have made broad and lasting contributions to the betterment of the community or brought recognition to the community through their accomplishments.
- The nominee must be of exemplary character and reputation.

*Nominations are accepted each year until November 30th to be considered for the newest class. Once an individual is nominated, they stay nominated. Additional documents to supplement existing applications are welcomed. Visit our website to complete a nomination form: [Wilkescountyhalloffame.org](http://Wilkescountyhalloffame.org)*

The goal of the Wilkes County Hall of Fame is to provide resources and opportunities to students of Wilkes County Schools.

Proceeds from our annual induction gala allow us to give an average of \$16,000 a year to fund innovative programs and projects that benefit students. To date, we have given over \$151,032 to fund over 200 requests ranging from **cultural arts** (drama performances, sound system upgrades, art supplies), **music** (piano lab, upgrading and replacing musical instruments), **physical education** (upgrading equipment and facilities), and **athletics** (improving facilities and equipment).

