

Proposal #1

Name of Proposed Honoree:

William Fred Stroud Jr.

Proposed site, building, and/or memorial location:

PRHS Welding Building

Rationale for Honoree:

Teaching Career:

1960-1961 Porterville High School (1 year)
1961-1995 Paso Robles High School (34 years)
1988-2009 Cuesta College Welding @ PRHS (31 years)

Taught the following subjects at PRHS:

Welding, General Shop (1 quarter of Wood, Drafting, Auto, Welding), Auto, Work Experience.
Main subjects were Welding and started Work Experience program at PRHS.

Influence on Welding at PRHS:

- Started the Cuesta Welding program at PRHS in 1988. He continued teaching the class after he retired from PRHS in 1995. He retired from teaching the class in early 2009 because he suffered a stroke.
- Created Regional Occupational Program (ROP) in Welding, a double-period class. Students would be able to start at a higher level towards certification at Cuesta or other 4-year programs.
- Worked with Assistant Superintendent Walter Klass and Superintendent Bill James writing grants for the ROP program for more automotive equipment in Auto Shop and new welders for the high school and improved welders needed to teach the Cuesta Welding class.
- Started getting students interested and competing through 4-H and FFA in welding competitions at the SLO County Fair, starting with coupon welds and moving to BBQ pits, trailers, iron furniture, wine bottle stands, etc. Today this is a huge Fair event where the students sell their projects in an auction. He started getting the original program going.
- Worked with the Industrial Arts Program for budgets and other items to help improve the ROP programs for all ROP classes. He also served as Chairman of the Industrial Arts Program.
- 1984: PRHS Teach of the Year & Community Teacher of the Year
- Influence with Welding in the community
- Placed many students with local businesses who need welders. Businesses included: Nunno Construction, San Luis Tank & Steel, Wood's Welding Shop, Hank's Welding, PR Welding, and had many students take their skills and go work out in the oil fields for Texaco and Chevron.
- Worked 30+ years at the SLO County Fairgrounds. Built the Rodeo Arena and holding pens. Overhangs for entertainment stages, railing for the main parking lot. Judged welding projects during the Fair.
- 1983: Paso Robles Daily Press Family of the Year

Coaching Career at PRHS 1961-1990's:

1961-1969, 1976 Boys Head Freshman, JV, and Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach
1961-1993 Head Freshman Football and JV Assistant Football Coach
1960's-1974 Head JV Baseball Coach
1975-1977 Head Varsity Baseball Coach
1985-Early 90's Head Varsity Softball Coach

Proposal #2**Name of Proposed Honoree:**

Mrs. Bertha Phillips

Proposed site, building, and/or memorial location:

PRHS Library

Rationale for Honoree:

Mrs. Bertha Phillips arrived in Paso Robles in 1969 after accepting the librarian position at Paso Robles High School from Superintendent Dr. Bill James. Her career as a librarian spanned 42 years, 39 of which were spent at Paso Robles High School. Mrs. Phillips retired in 2008.

She began her tenure with the District when the High School was still located at 24th and Spring Street, what is now George H. Flamson Middle School. She took great pride in her library and the students it served. When the time came to renovate the library, Mrs. Phillips organized the very first high school parent organization to move the entire collection of books to the gym and then back to the library. In 1980, she again was instrumental in organizing the move to the new present-day campus.

When technology became mainstream, it was Mrs. Phillips who became the site Technology Mentor, where she managed all the technology for the campus. She wrote and applied for many grants to get funding for the library. One grant she was particularly proud of was for 35 computers for the new computer lab that was located adjacent to the library. This grant was instrumental in giving PRHS students access to the world of technology.

As school advisor for the Cultural Assembly, she worked with students to share their cultural experiences. She served as a mentor for the SLO County Teachers Organization, taught workshops on Saturdays at Rancho El Chorro, and served on the Board of Directors for El Paso Robles School for Boys as the PRHS District Representative. Many people remember her and her smiling face as she greeted people selling admission tickets at Bearcat sporting events including football, basketball, volleyball, and wrestling. During the summers, she could be found selling tickets at the Mid State Fair.

Mrs. Phillips received her degree in Library Science from Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1966. She always had a huge heart for her students and believed everyone deserved a proper education if they were willing to work for it.

Proposal #3**Name of Proposed Honoree:**

Mr. Randy Canaday,

Proposed site, building, and/or memorial location:PRHS Woodshop/Building Trades/BITA
Classrooms 601 & 602

Randy Canaday Building of Construction Trades

Rationale for Honoree:

During my time at PRHS, I have been through many Advanced Placement and Honors classes, and have had the privilege of completing the Building/Construction Trades Pathway which is taught by Mr. Randy Canaday. Out of all the classes I have taken, I learned the most in the trade pathway. Mr. Canaday was an electrician for many years before he decided to lead the trades classes at PRHS. He has influenced and changed the lives of dozens of students, with between 150 and 200 students completing the pathway in his time at PRHS and around 20% of them starting careers in the trades after high school. He not only taught students the various trades and skills in construction but taught them many key personality traits that would lead us to be successful no matter what their future pathways may be.

Mr. Canaday taught his students how to properly construct resumes for job applications, and showed them how to conduct themselves during an interview. He changed the involvement of SkillsUSA for PRHS, and led over 30 students to win state championships and compete on the national level. During his time at PRHS, his students in electrical construction wiring won consecutively all but one time for 18 total state championships. He also had aides from other trades come in to instruct the students competing in the plumbing and cabinet-making competitions. This led PRHS to dominate in those fields of competition.

Mr. Canady is retiring this year after 19 years of teaching and will be missed by many students and staff members at PRHS.

Proposal #4**Name of Proposed Honoree:**

Don Edward Parish (deceased 5/9/2018)

Proposed site, building, and/or memorial location:

PRHS Field (Practice Field)

Rationale for Honoree:

Don Edward Parish attended elementary, middle school, and PRHS. He was active in high school functions as a student, athlete, sports letterman, and in student government. He played football, basketball, and baseball and was one of the top student-athletes. Don graduated from PRHS and was an inductee to the PRHS Hall of Fame.

Don attended Stanford University, receiving scholarships and majoring in History and Math. His football awards and accolades are numerous. He was an inductee to the Stanford Hall of Fame.

Don was drafted to the National Football League and played football for the St. Louis Cardinals, Los Angeles Rams, and Denver Broncos.

Mr. Parish was husband to Stephanie Parish and has two sons, three daughters, and grandchildren.