

March 2025

Dear RCHS Seniors,

Each year the RCHS PTSA collects nominations for the Wildcat Inspiration Award. The RCHS PTSA established the Wildcat Inspiration Award to honor and celebrate the extraordinary commitment of school employees to their students' futures. We invite you to nominate a current or former public school employee for the 2025 Wildcat Inspiration Award. In times like these, it seems even more important to focus on kindness and inspiration and we hope that you will take the time to submit a nomination.

Who is Eligible?

The special person who has touched your life may be a teacher, coach, bus driver, guidance counselor, aide, librarian, staff member, club sponsor, custodian or administrator. The only requirement is that the nominee be a current or former employee of the Rockbridge County or Lexington City School system during your kindergarten through 12th grade experience.

Nomination Essay (Express your gratitude!)

In an essay of 200-400 words, please tell us why you think this individual deserves to be honored. Please describe the impact he or she has had on you and other students. Please include examples of specific traits of this person, or acts of kindness or support by this person, that make him or her deserving of a Wildcat Inspiration Award. Please submit the following information to the RCHS PTSA at ptsarockbridge@gmail.com by

May 1, 2025:

- Your name, email, phone number
- Your nominee and his/her position
- At what point in your education did this person most influence you - What grade(s) were you in and at which school is/was this nominee employed?
- Nomination essay (200 -400 words)

Selection Process

The Awards Committee will select two nominations for the 2025 Wildcat Inspiration Award. Nominations will be evaluated according to how well they demonstrate the nominee's impact on the student. All nominees will receive certificates.

Celebration

We will honor the nominees at a gathering TBD. Please plan to attend this brief event so that you can present your essay, as well as a plaque/certificate and other gifts to the nominees and award winners.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful words and encouragement for these deserving folks! Do not hesitate to reach out to us at ptsarockbridge@gmail.com should you have any questions.

Thank you, RCHS PTSA Board