# Ferdinand E. Smith

National Honor Society

## What is the NHS?

- A national organization
- Started in 1921
- Recognizes high school students in 4-specific categories

### What is the NHS?

Categories include excellence in:

- Scholarship
- Leadership
- Service
- Character

#### What do members do?

- Act as exemplary role models to peers
- Help foster a positive image for CHS
- Acts of service

#### What do members do?

- Community Service:
  - Tutor fellow students
  - Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - Pumpkinfest / Easter Egg Hunt
  - Letters from Santa
  - Reading Partnership w/ YWCA
  - Toys from Students gift bags
  - Fundraise
  - School "gift"
  - Many more...

#### Benefits of Membership?

- Earn a transcript distinction that colleges respect
- Network with past members—college / job
- Graduate with recognition—honor cord

## QUALIFICATIONS

# 5 Hurdles:



- Scholastic Achievement
  - Cumulative GPA of 90.0 (unweighted or weighted)
  - You already cleared it
  - This cleared hurdle is providing you the opportunity to apply to NHS

#### Leadership

- Have you demonstrated this trait in and out of school?
- Teams, Clubs, Groups, Jobs, Church, Extracurricular activities, Etc.

- Service (community)
  - Have you demonstrated this trait in and out of school?
  - Have you been involved in consistently helping your school and/or community?

#### Character

- Do you consistently demonstrate strong character and morals in and out of school?
- Are you a model student?
- Do you make positive choices in and out of school?
- In school/class on time, respectful to all teachers/classmates?

- Candidate Packet:
  - Candidate Portfolio
  - Letters of Recommendation (2) from non-CHS faculty
  - Essay
  - Faculty Endorsements (5)
  - Submission of Candidate
    Packet by due date (April 14)

- Candidate Packet:
  - For your convenience, all items on CJSHS web page
  - You may type and print out the Candidate
     Portfolio, if interested

## NHS Process:

- Submit Candidate Packet
- Faculty Input comments
- Presentation of candidates to Faculty Council
- Faculty Council voting
- Notification of candidates

## NHS Process:

- Completing your Candidate Packet <u>does not guarantee</u> membership
- Can you support your candidacy with demonstrated leadership, service, and character?

#### Good luck w/ HURDLES:

See me with questions



