

JOHN J. PILATO SR.
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI WALL OF FAME
at CORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Nomination Information
2023-2024

It is the **mission** of the Committee of the John J. Pilato Sr. Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame at Cortland High School to recognize and commemorate Cortland High School graduates who have made outstanding contributions in their careers and in the community. These distinguished alumni serve as role models for the student body and a source of pride for the community.

To be eligible, nominees must be graduates of Cortland High School who have been out of school for at least 20 years. They must have made outstanding contributions in their field and/or in the community. Nominees may be living or deceased. There are no limits on the number of eligible graduates that you may nominate. There will be a limited number of nominees selected to receive this prestigious award. Application materials will not be returned.

The Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame award is the **highest honor** that can be granted to a Cortland High School alumna or alumnus. Successful nominees will be honored with a reception and a special award. In addition, a digital photo provided by the nominee will be placed into our digital Wall of Fame interactive board.

Nomination Process: If you feel you know a worthy CHS graduate who meets the high standards set forth above, **please complete and return the attached nomination form** to the Cortland High School Wall of Fame Committee at the address below. **It is important to include all supporting documentation in hard copy** (i.e. resumes, letters of recommendation, news clippings, etc.) along with the nomination form describing how this nominee has distinguished himself/herself. The nomination form is also available online on the Cortland City School District webpage (www.cortlandschools.org) and clicking on the quick links tab and going to the community resources title and then find the high school alumni association title and clicking on it will bring to the alumni site where you can scroll to find the nomination form; or, you may go directly to the alumni page by using this website address: <https://www.cortlandschools.org/alumni>

IMPORTANT: All submissions should be in **hard copy format (print or written)**. CDs, flash drives, website references, and electronic media is not acceptable and will not be reviewed. **The Wall of Fame Committee will review only the hard copy information provided and will not do further research.**

Deadline for submission is September 27, 2025 The names of nominees selected for this honor will be published in the *Cortland Standard* and will also be posted on the CHS Alumni Association website.

Please submit the nomination form and all additional materials to:

The John J. Pilato Sr. Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame Committee
Cortland Jr.-Sr. High School
ATTN: Janessa Cornish
8 Valley View Drive
Cortland, NY 13045
Phone: 607-758-4110
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Thank you for your nomination.

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Nominee's Biographical Data

__ Living __ Deceased

Nomination Name: _____ CHS Class Year: _____

Nominee's Home Address: _____

Nominee's Daytime Phone (if applicable): _____ Nominee's E-Mail: _____

Evidence of Nominee's Distinction

(You may notate secondary areas but please clearly mark the PRIMARY area of distinction.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Government/Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Science/Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Performing/Fine Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): _____ | | |
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Evidence of Nominee's Distinction

The Committee will evaluate nominees on **all** of the following criteria. **Please attach information that indicates if it was at the community, state, national, or international level and shows how the nominee:**

- Made significant contributions in his/her field of endeavor.
- Attained high honors in his/her field.
- Made significant efforts to help mentor or train others in his/her field.
- Made significant contributions as a volunteer or member of a volunteer organization.
- Distinguished himself/herself as an appropriate role model of outstanding character.

Briefly summarize why you feel this nominee deserves this award in the space provided below

*Please attach additional PDF documents if necessary

Submitter's Information

Your Name: _____ Your CHS Class Year (if applicable): _____

Your Address: _____ Your Daytime Phone: _____

Your Email: _____ Date Submitted: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received: _____

