



## Wall of Honor

### Guidelines for Nomination:

Nominations will be accepted September 1 through December 31 each year for consideration by the selection committee for inclusion on the Wall of Honor for that school year. Nominees are considered based on the significant contributions they have made to our community, state, nation or world. Nomination forms should provide as much detail as possible regarding the nominee, including background information, supporting evidence for the nomination, special honors and notable achievements. Incomplete submissions and those without sufficient information may not be considered.

### Name of Nominee: \*

First Name Last Name

### Home Address of Nominee:

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

**Home Phone Number:**

903 - 876-3735

Area Code Phone Number

**Cell Phone Number:**

903 - 330-0592

Area Code Phone Number

**Email Address:**

example@example.com

**Years Attended Frankston Schools (if applicable):**

1945-1957

**Professional/Area of Achievement: \***

- Bachelor's/Master's Degrees Sim Houston State University in Vocational Agriculture
- Teacher: Gatesville State School for Boys  
Lovelady I.S.D. and Frankston I.S.D.
- School Board Trustee @ Frankston I.S.D.
- United Methodist Church as Board Chairman, Youth Director, Sunday School Teacher
- Numerous Civic Volunteer

**Name of Nominator: \***

June Brown

First Name Last Name

**Home Address of Nominator**

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Frankston

Street Address Line 2

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City State / Province

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Submission Date: \*

mm-dd-yyyy   
Date 12/31/2024

**Please attach supporting information regarding the candidate's biography, legacy and contributions that address the question: "Why should this candidate be included on the Wall of Honor? \***

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Nominators should focus on the following two questions when preparing their nomination packet and include all relevant information regarding the candidate's humanitarian and/or significant professional contributions.

1. What has the candidate done beyond their career to make a lasting contribution to enrich their community, state, nation or world? In what ways have they given back?
2. Have they made such a profound contribution professionally that they are recognized as a leader in their field?

*The following are important considerations:*

1. Be specific when answering the above questions and preparing supporting evidence.
2. List all special honors and other notable achievements.
3. Include recommendations or testimonials from others, if helpful.

Submit

Frankston Wall of Honor Committee  
Frankston Independent School District  
Frankston, Texas 75763

December 20, 2024

To: Wall of Honor Committee

Definition: Altruistic--Selfless devotion to the welfare of others

I, June Brown, would like to nominate Jerry Beard as an inductee to the Frankston I.S.D. Wall of Honor.

Jerry Beard is the first of three sons born February 11, 1939 to the union of Jack and Willie Mae Beard. Jerry and his brothers Ken and James were raised on a farm just west of Frankston. There, Jerry and his brothers learned how to raise livestock and grow food crops for the family and animals.

Jerry attended school at Frankston from 1945-1957. At Frankston School, Jerry developed his lifelong love of sports; especially basketball. Jerry played basketball with a fierce competitive energy as he developed into a very good point guard for his team. I have a pretty good idea the way he played sports helped shape him for future endeavors.

After high school, Jerry attended Lon Morris Junior College for two years. He then went to Sam Houston State University and majored in Vocational Agriculture, receiving both a Bachelor's and Master's degree.

Jerry and his wife, Jenny, whom he met at Lon Morris Junior College, moved to Gatesville where Jerry taught at the Gatesville State School for Boys. Then Jerry moved on to Lovelady where he taught eleven years. When a Vocational Agriculture job opened at Frankston I.S.D., Jerry applied and received this teaching position. So, now Jerry is ready to "come back home" to Frankston with his wife Jenny and their three children, John, Jason, and Jerri Lind.

Jerry Beard now joined Raymond Nichols as co-agriculture teachers, teaching students in grades 9-12. Together these two men changed the complexion of just what Vocational Agriculture can do for students. Jerry was a huge part in helping to turn their program into a sought after class where students learned how to lead and manage their futures. The welding program at Frankston taught students a work skill that has sent numerous young men to work in oil fields all over the world.

Ag Students at Frankston were involved in contests of all sorts. Animal Husbandry was always a skill the students loved to be a part of. They learned how to care for their animals and how to show their animals at the local and state levels. The students were involved in Chapter

Conducting, Citizenship, Horticulture, Public Speaking, and many other contests that allowed the students to shine. The Vo Ag students completely prepared and performed at their annual Vocational Agriculture Banquet. This was a huge event at Frankston supported and attended by hundreds of people. Jerry was all about putting his students first and in the spotlight. All anyone has to do is to take a visit out to the Ag complex and see just a part of the hundreds of banners students have won through the years.

One might say, "Well, Jerry was paid to do his job of teaching." Yes, that is true: however, Jerry went way beyond what he was paid to do as it concerned students. He was more involved in his students' lives than "just being their teacher".

Since the subject of what one is paid to do has been opened up, let us discuss just some of the things Jerry Beard was not paid to do.

Jerry Beard was raised by his parents to attend church and he has kept this devotion to God and his church throughout his lifetime. Jerry carried his family to church, he did not send them. Jerry has been involved in just about everything associated with the daily workings of the United Methodist Church. He has served as Board Chairman, Youth Director, Sunday School Teacher, Choir Member, and countless jobs wherever and whenever needed. Jerry with his family beside him have given of themselves and their talents in support of God's glory.

Jerry also has quite a local reputation of being a fantastic public speaker. He has such a dry sense-of-humor and can make you crack up with laughter without even cracking a smile himself. Jerry Beard is a prankster, joker, kidder, with an overall mischievous nature attached.

Jerry has served many years as the main speaker for many school events; especially the End-of-the-Year school faculty dinner. He also has that special gift of treating his speeches as "almost like a roasting" without hurting anyone's feelings.

Oh! But to hear a Eulogy at someone's funeral is Jerry's most precious gift. He has a way of sharing those little anecdotes about that person's life that lifts up the grieving family and audience as well. One might cry one minute when hearing a beautiful memory of their loved one or roll with laughter when hearing a funny story. Jerry has his own way in making the two work together.

Jerry Beard has served as the Master of Ceremonies for the annual Frankston Square Fair Parade; a decades long event. Since Jerry is "Home Grown" so-to-speak, he has the good fortune of knowing almost everyone who is in said parade. Jerry again, has been able to use his clever anecdotes on individuals participating in the parade or who give tirelessly of their time and money to make the Square Fair Day successful.

Mr. Beard also served many years as a Trustee on the Frankston I.S.D. School Board. This very honored community position took countless hours of Jerry's private time away from his

family. However, he always served with dignity, keeping in mind the welfare of those students his position supported.

As one can see, Jerry Beard is a giver, not a taker. He and his wife, Jenny, show up at all sorts of events or places to help someone or some family in need. Whether it be a tragedy, a funeral, a Bar-B-Que to raise money for student scholarships, shut-ins, wedding celebrations, or just simply going by to sing Happy Birthday to a dear, sweet friend, Jerry always pops up!

I could go on with more accolades for Jerry Beard. So in summary, he is not only a good husband, father, grandfather, church worker, community worker, fundraiser, and etc.; Jerry Beard is simply a great person and good friend.

So I think the Altruistic definition applies: The Selfless devotion to the Welfare of Others

The goal is that the picture has been painted well through these words, which is why I chose to nominate Jerry Beard as a candidate for Frankston I.S.Ds. Wall of Honor.

Most Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "June Brown". The ink is black and the signature is fluid and elegant.

June Brown

As I have seen, there are already several people that have been installed on Frankston Independent School District's Wall of Honor. However, as is expected this list is not complete. So therefore, it is my personal honor to recommend Jerry Beard to be installed in such a place.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Beard for close to 45 years. These memories started in my early teenage years when my parents introduced me to Mr. Beard and his family. As time moved forward, I started to learn the many dimensions that Mr. Beard offers.

In 1981, I started my freshman year in the Future Farmers of America. This is where Mr. Beard started showing me the many levels to his character and personality. He approached his teaching, not only as a teacher, but as a friend, a father figure, a leader, a mentor, and not last but a Christian man. He used his many qualities to help mold myself and many others' lives. He worked diligently every day to do his best for his students. It is by his direction, and others, that today I truly enjoy teaching and giving back to the younger generations in my personal line of work. I watched Mr. Beard on many occasions spend the extra time to encourage a student to get the best from them.

Throughout the next few years, I have grown to know him as a personal friend. It is always encouraging to run into Mr. and Mrs. Beard around town. You know you would be greeted with a friend's hand shake, a big smile, and probably a hug. You would learn soon after becoming his friend that he would give the shirt off of his back to help you. I am glad to say that he is one of the men in my life that I have looked up to.

I also think that to be considered for the place on the wall, a person should be represented in other areas besides school. I think he excels here also. Mr. Beard is well known as a churchman, that is to say a Christian. His work at church is well known. He is also known as a good Frankston citizen. He has been the Master of Ceremonies of Square Fair Parade for many years, and a good one. I know him to be active in public works. He is one to be there for the sick neighbor, the deceased family member or the friend that just needed a pat on the back.

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation, and I think it could not be given to a better educator, friend, citizen or gentleman.

Sincerely ,

James Brown,DVM

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Brown". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large, stylized initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.



To Whom It May Concern,

December 6, 2024

It is with great honor and heartfelt enthusiasm that I, Britt Bacon, write this letter in support of the nomination of Mr. Jerry Beard for the Frankston I.S.D Wall of Honor. As a former student of Mr. Beard's, I can confidently say that he embodies every quality deserving of such recognition.

Mr. Beard began teaching agricultural science at Frankston I.S.D in 1979 and served as my ag teacher throughout my high school years until my graduation in 1983. From the first day I stepped into his classroom, it was evident that Mr. Beard was not just a teacher but a mentor, role model, and an unwavering source of guidance.


Of the highest moral character, Mr. Beard is a man whose faith and integrity have been cornerstones of his life and career. A great Christian man, he consistently led by example, demonstrating the values of honesty, fairness, and compassion. His influence extended far beyond the classroom; he became a leader and a pillar of our community. Whether speaking at countless funerals or announcing the Frankston homecoming parade, Mr. Beard's eloquence and dedication brought comfort and pride to those around him. In every interaction, Mr. Beard exemplified fairness and honesty – traits that earned him universal respect. His ability to connect with students, parents, and community members alike was unparalleled, leaving a legacy that continues to shape lives today.

Before I close, I would like to share a brief story that captures another side of Mr. Beard – a moment of his quick thinking, athleticism, and humor during a memorable day in the ag shop:

Mr. Beard had always told us to listen to him. If there were ever any problems, we should follow him, and he would lead us to safety. One day, a student – who shall remain nameless – was using a rosebud torch to heat a piece of metal when the acetylene hose somehow caught on fire. I was standing nearby with the student and Mr. Nichols, the other ag teacher, trying to get the fire under control. Just then, Mr. Beard emerged from his office, immediately assessed the situation, shouted, "Everybody out!" Without hesitation, he sprinted for the door, leading the rest of the class to safety. Meanwhile, the three of us stayed behind trying to put out the fire. A few minutes later, Mr. Beard cautiously peeked around the corner, relieved when he didn't hear a loud boom. He quipped that everything must be all right since the shop was still standing. True to his word, Mr. Beard led everyone to safety – or at least those wise enough to follow him! This story highlights not only Mr. Beard's quick decision-making and care for his students but also his good-natured humor that endeared him to us all.

In conclusion, I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this honor than Mr. Jerry Beard. His unwavering commitment to his students, his faith, and his community has left the indelible mark on countless lives, mine included. I am proud to call Mr. Beard not only my teacher but also my friend.

Sincerely,



Britt Bacon

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To: Mrs. June Brown  
Frankston, Tx 75763  
Dec. 4, 2024

It is my honor to nominate Mr. Jerry Beard for the Fisd wall of Honor.

Jerry has supported Fisd as an instructor, a school board member, and as a member of the Frankston community. He has gladly participated in school activities and fund raisers.

Jerry is the type of person who represents the best of our school and community.

Cordially,

Austin Thacker

Retired Superintendent Frankston ISD