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HALL of FAME

Nominations are being sought for the 49th annual induction ceremony for the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame.

The deadline for nominations will be Dec. 1. A selection committee of past honorees will decide the 2019 inductees in January or early February. The induction of the nine new Hall of Fame members will be April 25 at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Journalists or journalism educators are chosen for recognition each year from among those who have made outstanding contributions to the field for at least 10 years. They must either be Oklahoma natives or have worked in Oklahoma journalism for 10 years. Each year, a selection committee of past honorees reviews all nominations, including those made in the past.

Hall of Fame Director Joe Hight said that planning is already under way for a special ceremony for the 50th anniversary in 2020. The Hall of Fame has inducted 418 new members since its first year.

"We've already surpassed 70 nominations for the 2019 class, so it's important to justify why an individual should be inducted into the Hall of Fame. It often takes work or honors beyond a career that distinguishes the individual to be considered for induction," Hight said.

The preferred way to submit nominations for the 2019 class is by filling the "Nomination Form" on the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame web page at <http://okjournalism.uco.edu/nomination-form.asp>.

Nominations also can be sent to Hight through the mail at the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame, 100 N. University Ave., Edmond, OK 73034. They also can be sent via email to hof@uco.edu. All nominations must include a date of birth, place of birth, phone, email address and regular address, nearest living relatives, and a date of death if the nominee is deceased. The nomination also must include a detailed list of accomplishments that qualify the nominee for the Hall of Fame as well as a biography or resume of the nominee and a photo. The nominator's phone number and email address also must be included.

A nomination is required before an honoree can be selected.

This year's honorees were Jon Denton, a retired editor, reporter and columnist; pioneering investigative reporter Mary Hargrove; Barbara Hoberock, state Capitol bureau chief, *Tulsa World*; Douglas Hoke, director of photography, *The Oklahoman*; Chris Lee, photojournalist for KOCO-TV in Oklahoma City; Ray Lokey, the late publisher of the *Johnston County Capital-Democrat*; Kim Poindexter, executive editor of the *Tahlequah Daily Press*; retired reporter/anchor George Tomek; and Berry Tramel, sports columnist, *The Oklahoman*.

Dr. Joe Foote, dean emeritus of the Gaylord College of Journalism & Mass Communication at the University of Oklahoma, also received Hall of Fame's first Lifetime Achievement Award.

For more information about the Hall of Fame, send an email to hof@uco.edu or call 405-974-5122.

The Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame is also accepting tax-exempt donations for the 50th anniversary celebration and other initiatives. Checks made payable to the UCO Foundation can be sent to 100 N. University Drive, Box 133, Edmond, OK 73034. Be sure to put Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame in the memo or notes.