



## CHARACTER COUNTS! IN AMES 2009 Annual Awards

### Nomination Information

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Mark Watson, *Ames Police Department*

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#### Eligibility

- Nominees must work or live in Ames.
- Nominees can not have been a recipient of a CHARACTER COUNTS! IN AMES Award in the previous 5 years.
- Youth Awards will be based on nominee's age as of January 1, 2009.
- CHARACTER COUNTS! IN AMES Steering Committee members are not eligible for a CHARACTER COUNTS! IN AMES Award.
- Award recipients may be asked to participate in a video biography and will be recognized at the CHARACTER COUNTS! IN AMES Awards Reception in the spring of 2009.

#### Award Criteria

Award recipients will be chosen based on the following criteria as described in the nomination form (January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008):

- Consistent demonstration of good character (specifically trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship).
- Active and continued service to the community and/or state.
- Demonstrated commitment to making good decisions, doing the right thing, and standing up for personal beliefs and values.

#### Nomination Process

- **Nomination materials must be postmarked on or before February 18, 2009. If you are faxing or emailing nominations please make sure to include any attachments so the nomination is complete.**
- The nomination form must be completed and signed by the nominator.
- Nominators may use up to three additional pages to answer the "Tell Us About the Nominee" questions on the nomination form.
- Nominators may also include up to four additional pages of supplemental information (i.e. copies of newspaper clippings, certificates of achievement). This supplemental information must be photocopied onto 8 ½ x 11 paper.
- The CHARACTER COUNTS! IN AMES Steering Committee has the right to disqualify any nominations due to an incomplete nomination form or a nomination which exceeds the page limits.
- Nominators may select more than one category for individuals they are

nominating for a CHARACTER COUNTS! IN AMES Award. The CHARACTER COUNTS! IN AMES Steering Committee reserves the right to change the nominees' category if appropriate.

- The nomination form, additional pages and a photo of the nominee (if available) should be submitted to Pete Englin, Iowa State University, 1206 Friley, Ames, IA 50012.
- The CHARACTER COUNTS! IN AMES Steering Committee has the right to forgo presenting an award in any category due to a lack of nominees who meet the Award criteria.

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## Award Presentation

- Award recipients will be presented with their CHARACTER COUNTS! IN AMES Award at a reception to be held in the spring of 2009.
- The CHARACTER COUNTS! IN AMES Steering Committee will be in contact with the Award recipients prior to the reception to arrange Award details, including possible participation in a video biography.

## Award Descriptions

*The following Awards will be presented at the CHARACTER COUNTS! IN AMES Awards Reception in the spring of 2009:*

**Business/Organization of Character Award:** Presented to an organization that embodies and demonstrates the Six Pillars of Character in its professional culture and climate.

**Character Champion Award:** Presented to an individual who is making a commitment to their community through use and promotion of the Six Pillars of Character.

**Citizen of Character Award:** Presented to an individual whose actions demonstrate and model continuous commitment to the Six Pillars of Character. A Citizen of Character Award will be presented in each of the following age groups: Age 10-12, Age 13-15, Age 16-18, and Adult.

**Educator of Character Award:** Presented to an educator who teaches and models the Six Pillars of Character and has impacted students through innovative character development and education in their subject areas. An award will be presented in each of the following groups: K-5, 6-8, 9-12, Iowa State University.

**Pursuing Victory With Honor Award:** Presented to an athletic team or organization that demonstrates and models commitment to the Six Pillars of Character.

**Schools of Character Award (Elementary):** Presented to schools that have developed and sustained a comprehensive character development initiative to positively impact the culture and climate at the school.

**School Administrator of Character Award:** Presented to a school administrator who demonstrates leadership in fostering a positive environment to influence their school and embodies the Six Pillars of Character in their personal and professional life.

**Volunteer Group of Character Award:** Presented to a group whose actions demonstrate and model continuous commitment to the Six Pillars of Character. A Volunteer Group of Character Award will be presented in each of the following groups: K-12 and Post High School.

## Questions & Assistance

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# The Six Pillars of Character

## **Trustworthiness**

Be honest – don't deceive, cheat or steal● Be reliable-do what you say you'll do● Have the courage to do the right thing● Build a good reputation● Be loyal-stand by your family, friends and country

## **Respect**

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule● Be tolerant of differences● Use good manners, not bad language● Be considerate of the feelings of others● Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone● Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements

## **Responsibility**

Do what you are supposed to do● Persevere; keep on trying!● Always do your best● Use self-control; Be self-disciplined● Think before you act-consider the consequences● Be accountable for your choices

## **Fairness**

Play by the rules● Take turns and share● Be open-minded; listen to others● Don't take advantage of others● Don't blame others carelessly

## **Caring**

Be kind● Be compassionate and show you care● Express gratitude● Forgive others● Help people in need

## **Citizenship**

Do your share to make your school and community better● Cooperate● Stay informed; vote● Be a good neighbor● Obey laws and rules; respect authority● Protect the environment; recycle