



Everyone needs a hero.



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**“As New Jersey’s largest health network, we are deeply committed to providing high-quality healthcare and enhancing the quality of life in the communities we serve. This is why we support the New Jersey Hall of Fame which honors our state’s legends in the Arts, Public Service, Business and Sports. The Hall of Fame continues to shine a light on these extraordinary citizens who bring pride to our state and serve as role models for our youth.”**

**Robert C. Garrett, FACHE,**  
*CEO of Hackensack Meridian Health*

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# New Jersey – The home of some of our nation's greatest heroes.

## CELEBRATE. HONOR. INSPIRE.

Since 2008, The New Jersey Hall of Fame (NJHOF) has celebrated the Garden State and inspired our state's youth to pursue their dreams by honoring New Jerseyans who have made invaluable contributions to the world!

Our inductees have overcome every imaginable obstacle and challenge, and their accomplishments span the pages of nearly every volume of American history. They have survived war, overcome the bleakness of poverty, conquered fear and disability, and rebounded from untold rejections and failure to achieve their highest potential. From astronauts and athletes to activists, entrepreneurs, and musicians, our inductees provide boundless inspiration, fulfilling the NJHOF's ultimate goal: to provide adults and children with impactful role models who show that each of us can, and should, strive for excellence.

With the support of our network of sponsors and partners and under the direction of a remarkable Board of Trustees made up of some of the state's most influential executives and The Foundation for the New Jersey Hall of Fame, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, the NJHOF is proud to inspire the next generation of New Jersey greatness!

**Won't you join us?**

*"The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of the individual."*



**VINCE LOMBARDI  
2008 INDUCTEE**



## By the numbers.

The many ways we measure success include inventiveness, scholarship, artistic innovation, excellence in sports, and public service, to name a few.

Committed to providing *everyone* with a hero, the NJHOF maintains a balance among our worthy inductees by selecting our annual classes across five distinct categories: Arts & Letters, Public Service, Enterprise, Sports, and Performing Arts.

Unsung Hero, a special sixth induction category, honors ordinary NJ citizens who have achieved extraordinary feats on behalf of their community.

The accomplishments of our inductees are diverse, but the hope they each provide is the source of inspiration for millions of New Jerseyans.

People just like you.

### THE NUMBERS DON'T LIE.

Since 2008, over 200 inductees have been accepted into the NJHOF, more than 300,000 people have visited our Mobile Museum, more than 20 Areté Scholarships totaling over \$100,000 have been awarded to NJ high school seniors, and \$15 million has been raised for a permanent museum.

Over a decade later, the NJHOF is beloved by generations of New Jersey citizens, and we're not done yet...

*"The idea behind all these exhibits is to inspire the next generation of teachers, scientists, musicians and businesspeople. And yes, the next generation of astronauts."*



**BUZZ ALDRIN**  
**2008 INDUCTEE**





200+

Inductees

\$20m

raised in overall support

300

Poster displays and  
holograms throughout  
the State

300,000

Visitors to the Mobile Museum

20+

Areté Scholarships  
Awarded

Over \$17m

Raised to date for building  
permanent NJHOF museum

\$100,000+

Areté Scholarship Money Awarded

Hundreds of Thousands

of celebrities, attendees, television and social media viewers  
have attended or seen the Annual Induction Ceremony

Tens of Millions

of people exposed to NJHOF programs, events, and  
exhibits annually





# Fame is fleeting. Greatness lasts forever.

*“If you don’t have confidence, you’ll always find a way not to win.”*



**CARL LEWIS**  
**2010 INDUCTEE**

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**“As the owner of a Jersey-based business focused on social impact, the New Jersey Hall of Fame is an ideal charitable partner for our company. We are big fans of how the Hall of Fame works with its inductees to encourage individuals from all backgrounds, especially young people, to overcome the odds and pursue their dreams.”**

David Munshine  
*President, The Munshine Group*

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## THE NJHOF INDUCTION CEREMONY— THE STATE’S MOST STAR-STUDED EVENT OF THE YEAR

Our Annual Red Carpet Induction Ceremony is the highlight of New Jersey’s event schedule each year. Where else can you rub shoulders with celebrities like Connie Chung and Kelly Ripa, watch live performances from award-winning musicians such as Bruce Springsteen and Wyclef Jean, and hear the stories of industry titans, including Steve Forbes, in their own words?

### THE ROAD TO GREATNESS

The selection process for NJHOF inductees is rigorous, ensuring that only our State’s most esteemed citizens fill its ranks.

1. NJ residents are asked to recommend deserving New Jerseyans throughout the year on our website.
2. Public recommendations are taken into consideration by the Selection Committee to determine the top 100 nominees annually.
3. The NJHOF Academy, made up of our partners, sponsors, state and local elected officials, and other select citizens, narrows the master list down to 50 finalists.
4. Citizens of all ages are invited to vote on the top 50 nominees.
5. The individual receiving the most votes in each category is automatically a member of that year’s induction class.
6. The Foundation for the NJHOF Board of Trustees deliberates to determine additional members of that year’s induction class.
7. Following the announcement of the official class of inductees, honorees are formally recognized at our Annual Red Carpet Induction Ceremony.

# Our Dream is within reach.

## A PERMANENT HOME FOR THE NJHOF IS JUST OVER THE HORIZON.

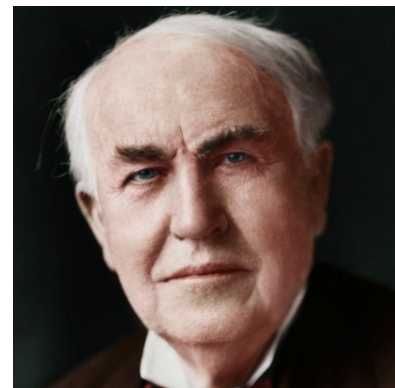
More than 300,000 attendees have toured our Mobile Museum since its inception. The first of its kind in the country, the NJHOF Mobile Museum was built to share the stories of true Garden State greatness and deliver inspiration to our citizens' doorsteps. Now, after an exciting tour up and down the Parkway, we're within reach of a permanent home for our State's heroes: The New Jersey Hall of Fame Entertainment and Learning Center (ELC) at American Dream.

The NJHOF ELC will feature exhibits that position it as a must-see attraction for citizens and travelers alike. Guests of all ages will be wowed with iconic artifacts from impressive inductees, interactive virtual reality experiences, live performances, and more — establishing an attraction that is equal parts educational and entertaining.

The NJHOF ELC will serve as a cultural and social tool, encouraging visitors — particularly young people — to overcome adversity in the pursuit of their greatest ambitions. To dream big and never give up.

By showcasing the stories of luminary historical and modern-day figures as human, relatable, and fallible, the NJHOF Entertainment and Learning Center will ignite the potential inherent in each individual who visits.

*“There is a better way to do it. Find it.”*



**THOMAS EDISON**  
**2008 INDUCTEE**

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**Edison's above quote exemplifies what the New Jersey Hall of Fame did by finding a better way to promote the great State of New Jersey and its heroes by showing the profound impact they had and made to this State and to the world by helping to improve the qualitative life of people everywhere. Very Edisonic!**

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AMERICAN  
DREAM



# Areté

Areté is an ancient Greek philosophy embraced by Aristotle, Socrates and Plato, described as the actualization of one's highest sense of self with a moral excellence of character. To embrace Arété is to strive to pursue one's passions in life and realize their dreams, regardless of their circumstances or the adversities that they are likely to face on the path to greatness.





# Here's your chance to become a student's hero.

*"I am so excited and honored to be a part of this community and to see the excellence that is happening in the state. I am really blown away!"*



**CHRISTINA BATISTA**  
**2017 ARETÉ**  
**SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

## YOU CAN OPEN THE DOOR TO OPPORTUNITY.

Presented by the NJHOF in partnership with the New Jersey Education Association, The Areté Scholarship is awarded annually to two deserving high school seniors from New Jersey, one male and one female. Each recipient receives a \$5,000 scholarship to support them in realizing their utmost potential as they pursue a college degree.

Successful applications exemplify a sense of Jersey pride to go above and beyond the call of duty. They embody the meaning of Areté by exhibiting qualities such as academic engagement, moral character, and a commitment to their community. Recipients of the Areté Scholarship are not required to be at the top of their class from an academic standpoint but should demonstrate a keen focus in school and life and have a well-thought-out plan on how they intend to realize their highest sense of self: their Areté.

The Areté Scholarship is the highest honor available to be bestowed upon a student by the NJHOF, NJEA, and the State of NJ. Each scholarship winner is recognized with equal gusto as our celebrity inductees at our Annual Induction Ceremony; after all, they are the next generation of NJ greatness!

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**"The New Jersey Hall of Fame recognizes accomplished people from the Garden State, offering youth a shining example of greatness and inspiration. Horizon BCBSNJ is proud to be a Founding Sponsor and applauds the NJHOF for its great work."**

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# Heroes come from all walks of life.

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Bud Abbott & Lou Costello  
Val Ackerman  
Charles Addams  
Danny Aiello  
Buzz Aldrin  
Jason Alexander  
Elizabeth A. Allen  
John Amos  
Dr. Virginia Apgar  
Margaret Bancroft  
E Street Band  
Richard "Rick" Dennis Barry III  
Clara Barton  
John Basilone  
Count Basie  
Peter Benchley  
Tony Bennett  
George Benson  
Yogi Berra  
Alice Guy Blache  
Carol Blazejowski  
Judy Blume  
The Borg Family  
Linda Bowden  
Senator Bill Bradley  
Sister Jane Frances Brady  
Lt. Brian Brennan  
Justice William J. Brennan  
Bobbi Brown  
Governor Brendan Byrne  
Joe Buckelew  
Milt Campbell  
Mary Chapin Carpenter  
Harry Carson  
Raymond G. Chambers

Connie Chung  
Carol Higgins Clark  
Mary Higgins Clark  
Grover Cleveland  
Harlan Coben  
Gerry Cooney  
James Fenimore Cooper  
Stephen Crane  
J. Fletcher Creamer, Sr.  
Crew of The  
Battleship New Jersey  
Celia Cruz  
Maud Dahme  
Madeline McWhinney Dale  
Sarah Dash  
General Martin Dempsey  
Danny DeVito  
James D'heron  
Fairleigh Dickinson  
Kathleen DiChiara  
Joetta Clark Diggs  
Detective Marc DiNardo  
Larry Doby  
Anne Donovan  
John Dorrance  
Michael Douglas  
Alfred E. Driscoll  
Thomas Edison  
Steve Edwards  
Albert Einstein  
Patrick Ewing  
Millicent Fenwick  
F. Scott Fitzgerald  
Governor James Florio  
Malcolm Forbes

Steve Forbes  
William Fox  
Milton Friedman  
James Gandolfini  
Kool & The Gang  
Gloria Gaynor  
Althea Gibson  
Dizzy Gillespie  
Sue & Ed Goldstein  
Michael Graves  
Admiral William "Bull" Halsey  
Alexander Hamilton  
Jon F. Hanson  
Carla Harris  
Ed Harris  
Franco Harris  
Debbie Harry  
Laurie Hernandez  
Leon Hess  
Kevin Hoagland  
Emily "Cissy" Houston  
Whitney Houston  
Bob Hurley  
Arthur Imperatore, Sr.  
Monte Irvin  
Jerry Izenberg  
Colonel Jack H. Jacobs  
Tommy James  
Wyclef Jean  
Derek Jeter  
General Robert Wood Johnson II  
J. Seward Johnson  
Jon Bon Jovi  
Steve Kalafer  
Howard Katz

## NJHOF INDUCTEES

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Lewis Katz	The Nelson Family	Madame Louise Scott
Governor Tom Kean	Samuel Newhouse	The Four Seasons
Philip Kearny	Jack Nicholson	The Shirelles
Mark Kelly	Annie Oakley	Joseph Simunovich
Scott Kelly	Bart Oates	Frank Sinatra
F.M. Kirby II	Joyce Carol Oates	The Smithereens
Alfred Joyce Kilmer	Shaquille O'Neal	Bruce Springsteen
Al Koeppe	Thomas Paine	Elizabeth Cady Stanton
Ernie Kovacs	Dorothy Parker	Jon Stewart
Dorothea Lange	Dr. Victor Parsonnet	Martha Stewart
Queen Latifah	William Paterson	Meryl Streep
Senator Frank Lautenberg	Alice Paul	C. Vivian Stringer
Bill Lavin	Les Paul	Joe Theismann
Fran Lebowitz	Christie Patricia Pearce	John Travolta
Eric LeGrand	General Gustave F. Perna	Harriett Tubman
Al Leiter	Peace Pilgrim	Buddy Valastro
Carl Lewis	Joe Piscopo	Frankie Valli
Jerry Lewis	John "Bucky" Pizzarelli	Sarah Vaughan
Anne Morrow Lindbergh	Mort Pye	Dick Vitale
Ray Liotta	Anna Quindlen	Paul A. Volcker Jr.
Vince Lombardi	Christopher Reeve	"Jersey Joe" Walcott
Carli Lloyd	Phil Rizzuto	Dionne Warwick
Southside Johnny Lyon	Kelly Ripa	Sara Spencer Washington
Clara Maas	Paul Robeson	Alice Waters
Eli Manning	Mary Roebling	Chuck Wepner
Wellington Mara	Phillip Roth	Timothy White
Guglielmo Marconi	Arthur F. Ryan	Walt Whitman
Bernard Marcus	Carl Sagan	Brian Williams
George R.R. Martin	Joe & Anne Salvatore	William Carlos Williams
Peter J. McGuire	Susan Sarandon	Bruce Willis
Tim McLoone	General David Sarnoff	Clerow "Flip" Wilson
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Toni Morrison	Wally Schirra	9/11 Victims
Robert Mulcahy III	General Norman Schwarzkopf	9/11 First Responders



SELECT NJHOF INDUCTEES



# Built on a solid foundation.

## AN A-LIST OF CORPORATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

Since its inception in 2008, the NJHOF has earned worldwide recognition and positive press for the Garden State. While some may consider our goals lofty, we're determined to achieve our Areté with the support of some of New Jersey's most prominent and respected businesses, organizations, and individuals. Our A-List network of sponsors and trustees nearly outshines our inductees, and we hope you'll consider joining us.

As we honor our past and inspire the future, we're proud to partner with:

### Lead Sponsor

- Hackensack Meridian Health

### Major Sponsors

- PSEG/PSEG Foundation
- The State of New Jersey

### NJHOF Founding Sponsors & Partners

- Acrisure
- Al Leiter Foundation
- Bank of America
- Business and Governmental Insurance Agency
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- Creamer Family Foundation
- Edison Innovation Foundation
- F.M. Kirby Foundation
- S. Dillard and Adrienne Kirby Family Philanthropic Fund (CFNJ)
- Genova Burns LLC
- Group One LLC
- Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey
- NJEA
- NJM Insurance Group
- PNC Financial Services
- Prudential Financial
- Russo Development/Russo Family Foundation
- RWJBarnabas Health
- Saddleback Real Estate Developers

- The Hampshire Foundation

- The Munshine Group

- The Taffet Family

- Triple Five Group

- Finn and Kim Wentworth

### 2022 Induction Ceremony Sponsors

- Merck
- Amazon
- Charles Edison Foundation
- Verizon
- Inserra Supermarkets
- Kim & Finn Wentworth
- The MCJ Amelior Foundation

### Poster Campaign Partners

- Applegreen
- Battleship New Jersey
- Interstate Outdoor
- Meadowlands Chamber
- New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
- Newark Liberty International Airport
- NJ TRANSIT
- New Jersey Turnpike Authority
- New York Waterway
- Port Authority of NY & NJ
- Travel Plaza Media

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# Show your Jersey Pride.

## BE SEEN. BE SUPPORTIVE. BE JERSEY.

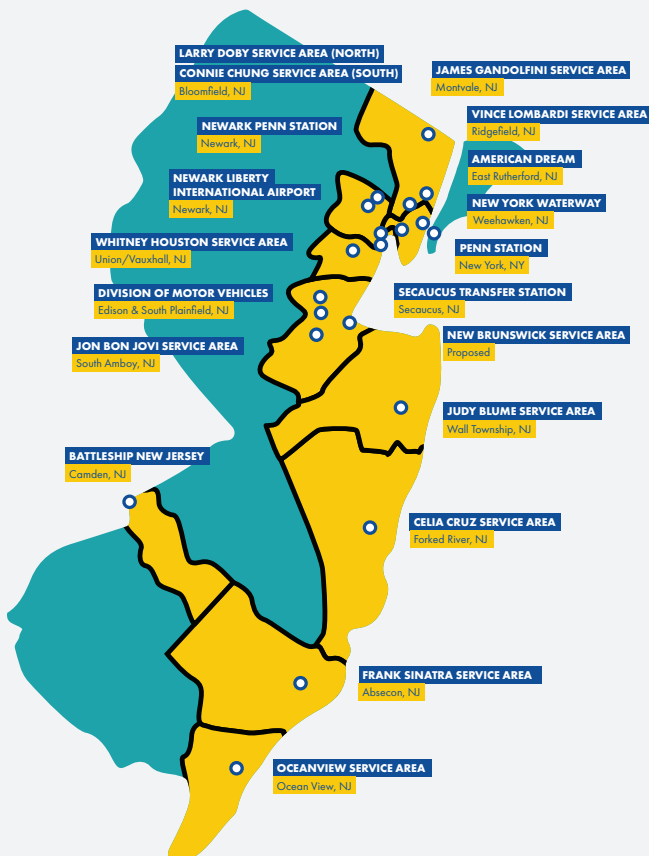
The work of the New Jersey Hall of Fame is made possible through the generosity of leading corporations and countless others who believe in our essential mission.

As a New Jersey Hall of Fame sponsor, you'll join an exclusive team of leading corporations, foundations, and community philanthropists supporting the organization and embracing shared values. You'll gain positive recognition from the tens of

millions of people exposed to the New Jersey Hall of Fame's programs and events annually, help shape our youth by inspiring the innovators of tomorrow, and access unparalleled opportunities to collaborate with New Jersey's most respected leaders.

The Foundation for the New Jersey Hall of Fame is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

### NJHOF EXHIBIT LOCATIONS STATEWIDE:



### POSTER DISPLAYS

Posters honoring our inductees are featured in prominent locations statewide.

### HALL OF FAME POSTER DISPLAYS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

- Battleship New Jersey, Camden, NJ
- Division of Motor Vehicles, Edison, NJ
- Division of Motor Vehicles, South Plainfield, NJ
- Garden State Parkway Service Areas
- Harriett Tubman Museum, Cape May, NJ
- Newark Liberty International Airport
- Newark Penn Station
- New York Waterway
- Penn Station New York City
- Secaucus Transfer Station

## PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



### NJHOF ENTERTAINMENT AND LEARNING CENTER

Featured exhibits and experiences to celebrate the Garden State and inductees of the NJHOF



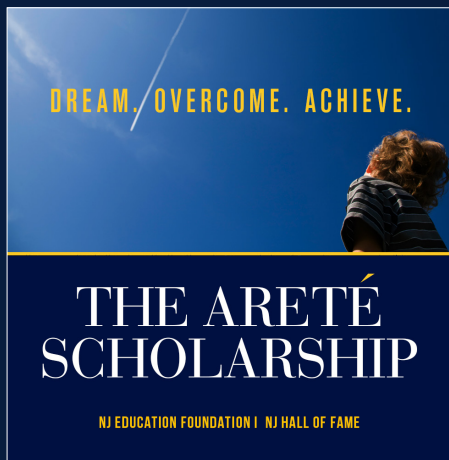
### ANNUAL INDUCTION CEREMONY

Our annual induction ceremonies that have generated substantial positive worldwide publicity for the State of New Jersey



### MOBILE MUSEUM

300,000 visitors to date; designed by inductee Michael Graves



### ARETÉ SCHOLARSHIP

Two annual scholarships given to New Jersey high school students to help them realize their dreams



# High visibility, big payoff.

*“Make a difference  
about something other  
than yourselves.”*



TONI MORRISON  
2008 INDUCTEE

The most exclusive and customizable level of partnership with the NJHOF offers partner visibility and recognition across the extensive breadth of programs, events, and exhibits.

**Premier Partners receive recognition through:**

- Annual Induction Ceremony
- Exhibit Naming at the permanent NJHOF Entertainment and Learning Center
- Satellite Exhibits throughout the State
- Mobile Museum
- All special and press events
- Areté Scholarship program
- NJHOF Website
- Interactive inductee monitors (in development)

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**“As a Main Street Bank committed to serving our communities, PNC’s support for the New Jersey Hall of Fame helps to connect with neighbors across the state to celebrate and learn about New Jersey’s cultural and historic legacy.”**

**Ted Knauss**

*Senior Vice President and Market Leader, NJ, NY, CT – Commercial Banking,  
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