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## **Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Seeks Nominees for 2010 Delco Hi-Q Hall of Honor**

The search is underway for individuals to be considered for induction into the 2010 Delco Hi-Q Hall of Honor, according to Rick Durante, director of the 2009-2010 season of the nation's oldest continuous academic quiz competition for high school students. Durante also is Vice President of Education for Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, the primary corporate sponsor of Delco Hi-Q, which began in Delaware County in 1948.

The Delco Hi-Q Hall of Honor was initiated in 2005 by FMFCU and the Delaware County Intermediate Unit to provide role models for Hi-Q team members by honoring former participants who've distinguished themselves through their careers or community service. The Hall of Honor also recognizes those educators and supporters of Delco Hi-Q who have made extraordinary contributions to the program.

Located in the lobby of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit's conference center in Morton, the prestigious Hall of Honor includes plaques with the pictures and names of current honorees, along with space devoted to future honorees. To be eligible for the distinction, past Delco Hi-Q team members must have competed in at least one season of academic competitions and have graduated from high school a minimum of seven years ago. Faculty advisors are eligible after at least one year of separation from Hi-Q. Educators and supporters who have made significant contributions to Delco Hi-Q, during or after their affiliation with the program, are eligible for consideration without any time constraints.

The first Hall of Honor inductee was Donna Zerby, who served as Hi-Q program director and was closely associated with the program for more than 40 years before her death in 2005. The 2006 inductees were veteran Hi-Q quizmaster Tom McCarthy and Media attorney Murray Eckell, who was on Chester High School's Hi-Q team in 1951-1952. In 2007 the honor went to Alicia C. Sheerin of Drexel Hill, owner of a successful public relations firm who competed on the Archbishop Prendergast Hi-Q team in 1987-1988. Sharing the honor with her was Dr. David R. Kalodner of Rose Valley, a doctor of osteopathy who was a member of Interboro's Hi-Q team from 1972 to 1974.

The 2008 inductees were Edward J. Donnelly Jr. of Avondale, a retired DuPont senior vice president, and Richard I. Brubaker of Dayton, Ohio, a retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. and educator. Donnelly competed in Hi-Q in the 1962-1963 season as a member of the St. James High School team. Brubaker was a member of the Media High School team that competed in the 1950-1951 season of what was then known as Scott's Hi-Q.

The 2009 Hall of Honor distinction went to the late Dr. Ronald Scott, who had an outstanding career as an acclaimed scientist, physician and humanitarian before his sudden death in 2004. He competed on Interboro's Hi-Q teams in 1958 and 1959.

A nomination form is available online by logging onto Delco Hi-Q's web site at [www.delcohiq.org](http://www.delcohiq.org), which is sponsored by FMFCU. The deadline for submission is January 30, 2010. A judging committee will carefully consider all nominations and will make its selection of this year's inductee(s) solely on the basis of the nominee's accomplishments and contributions. The individual(s) will be honored at the fifth annual Delco Hi-Q "Partners in Learning Celebration" on April 29, 2010 at the Drexelbrook Corporate Events Center in Drexel Hill. Delaware County's premier education event, it will be presented by FMFCU and the Delaware County Intermediate Unit.