

THE 2007 WANSBORO AWARD RECIPIENT



Paula Tennyson

Go on advancing, you are on the true road. Remember, it is not you who have taken it but God who has placed you there. Walk trustfully and may nothing in the world be able to dishearten you. May Jesus' Spirit dispel from you that other spirit which makes you discouraged and mistrustful. Give your heart, once and for all, to love and trust.

-St. Madeleine Sophie Barat

Paula Tennyson's commitment to and trust in Sacred Heart education is nothing short of extraordinary. Familiar to many through her service as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees for the past seven years, Paula is also a graduate of Newton College of the Sacred Heart, and the proud mother of Academy of the Sacred Heart alumna Megan Tennyson⁰⁰. Paula was elected to the Board in 1996, and has additionally shown her commitment to Sacred Heart through service on numerous committees, including acting as Benefit Co-Chair in 1998.

"With fidelity, joy and generosity, Paula Tennyson has held the mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart in trust. She is truly Sophie Barat's companion in spreading the love of the Heart of Jesus with the Academy family. In the name of the Society of the Sacred Heart and the Academy of the Sacred Heart, we give thanks for the gift God has shared with us in Paula and we count on her continued presence with us for a lifetime of loving and leading," says Bridget Bearss, RSCJ.

As the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Paula has seen the school through significant changes, including opening the Middle School for Boys in 2002; dedicating a new, state-of-the-art Field House in September 2005; and welcoming Kensington Academy home in 2006. Fellow Board member and Chairperson-Elect Robert Forrest cites Paula's "tireless efforts and leadership" for the success of these endeavors, saying, "She has served this community selflessly with skill and devotion. Paula truly gives of her talent and time in thanksgiving for what she has been given." Further, he says, "Her love of the Sacred Heart translates into her work at school, her love of family and of this community." For these reasons, the Alumnae and Alumni Association is proud to present Paula Tennyson with the 2007 Wansboro Award.