



FORT MILL SCHOOLS

Children First . . . Every Day

Hall of Fame Ceremony

*Class Of
2020*

*"If I have seen further than others, it is by standing
upon the shoulders of giants."*

~ Isaac Newton

May 17, 2022

Order of Events

Welcome

Dr. Chuck Epps, Superintendent

Hall of Fame History, Guidelines & Introduction of Selection Committee

Mr. Mike Hill, Selection Committee Chairman

Recognition of Honorees

Patty Barron, introduced by Cindi Lightsey

John DeLoach, introduced by Jamie Medlin

Terry Holliday, introduced by Jason Ford

Susan Palmer, introduced by Brad Mercer

B.S. Plair, Sr., introduced by Rudy Sanders

Performances by the Fort Mill High School Wind Symphony

Mr. Ren Patel, Conductor

Reception to follow

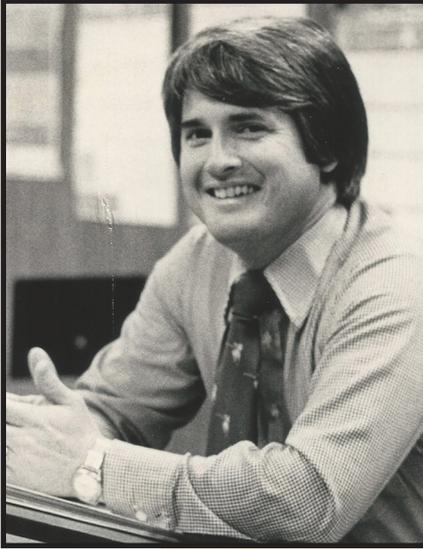
Patty Barron



Mrs. Barron taught for 35 years, primarily as an 8th grade English teacher at Fort Mill Middle School. She enjoyed being part of all school activities including ticket collecting, cheerleading sponsor, student council advisor, academic team sponsor, and more. After

retirement, she heeded a call from a local principal in need, returning to the classroom in the 2000s when enrollment spiked at Gold Hill Middle School.

John DeLoach



The Fort Mill Marching Bands are said to have gotten their competitive direction from John DeLoach, who began competing with the Fort Mill High School band in 1972. Under his leadership, the band earned its first state championship in marching band and its

its first superior rating at concert festival.



Terry Holliday



Terry Holliday was hired as Fort Mill High's Director of Bands in 1981, the beginning of his 13 years in the Fort Mill School District. After a successful run as Director of Bands, he moved into the assistant principal position and later became principal at Fort Mill

High, where he was responsible for leading the school through the transition to computerized grades, records, and communication. After leaving the Fort Mill School District, Mr. Holliday served several districts as superintendent before becoming the Commissioner of Education for the State of Kentucky.

Susan Palmer



Mrs. Palmer was a teacher in Fort Mill Schools from 1976 until 2010, serving at Fort Mill Middle School and later at Fort Mill High as an Algebra, Pre-Algebra, and Geometry teacher. After seeing students struggle in Algebra I, she worked to create a better way to prepare students for success in the course.

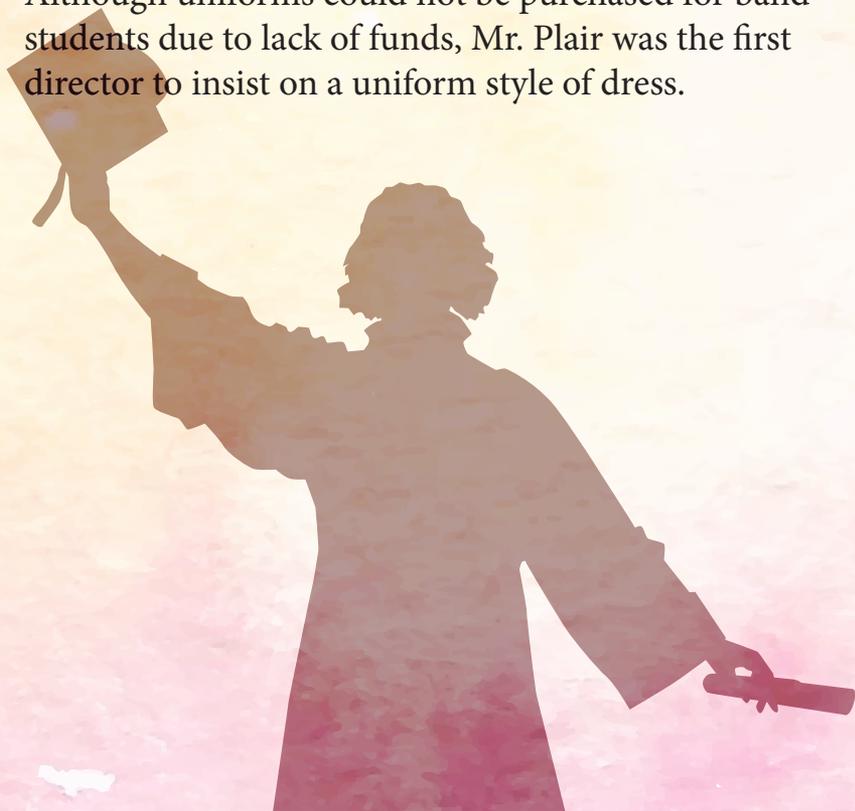
This resulted in “Mastery Algebra,” a new way of delivering the course to her students at Fort Mill High School and schools around the state. Her success with the new curriculum resulted in dropping the failure rate in the class from 30% in the first year down to 0%.

B.S. Plair, Sr.



B. S. Plair Sr. had a passion for music and, during his spare time in the military, he would practice his clarinet or saxophone. After his military service, Mr. Plair served as high school band director at George Fish School. He required students to play John Philip Sousa, Beethoven and

helping the students and the band become known around the state as the “famous George Fish Band.” Although uniforms could not be purchased for band students due to lack of funds, Mr. Plair was the first director to insist on a uniform style of dress.



About the Fort Mill School District Hall of Fame

The Fort Mill School District Hall of Fame was established in 2016 to honor graduates of Fort Mill School District schools and other persons whose interests and activities – whether professional, vocational or voluntary – have resulted in significant contributions to the betterment of the school district, their communities, their states and/or our nation.

These honorees may have shared an inspiring vision for the education of the district's students, made notable contributions to the district's educational policies or programs, or made a significant contribution to society at large as a consequence of their education in the district's schools.

The achievements of Fort Mill School District Hall of Fame inductees reflect honor on the district. Inductees are persons whose personal qualities reflect the values of good character that the Fort Mill School District seeks to promote in its students: respect, fairness, kindness, cooperation, honesty, dependability, responsibility, good citizenship, caring and self-discipline.

A special thank you to:

Hall of Fame Establishment Committee
Hall of Fame Selection Committee: Dr. Chuck Epps,
Mr. Mike Hill, Mr. Scott Patterson, Mr. Rudy Sanders,
Mayor Guynn Savage, Mr. Patrick White
Fort Mill History Museum
Fort Mill High School band and staff
Mr. Jason Ford