



FORT MALL SCHOOLS

Children First . . . Every Day

Hall of Fame Ceremony

*Class Of
2019*

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

~ Isaac Newton

January 21, 2020

5 p.m.

Order of Events

Welcome

Dr. Chuck Epps, Superintendent

Hall of Fame History, Guidelines & Introduction of Selection Committee

Mr. Mike Hill, Selection Committee Chairman

Selection Committee:

Dr. Chuck Epps

Mr. Mike Hill

Mr. Scott Patterson

Mr. Rudy Sanders

Mayor Guynn Savage

Mr. Jeff Updike

Mr. Patrick White

Recognition of Honorees

Dr. Chuck Epps, Superintendent

Mr. Mike Hill, Selection Committee Chairman

Mrs. Kristy Spears, School Board Chairwoman

Reception to Follow

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.



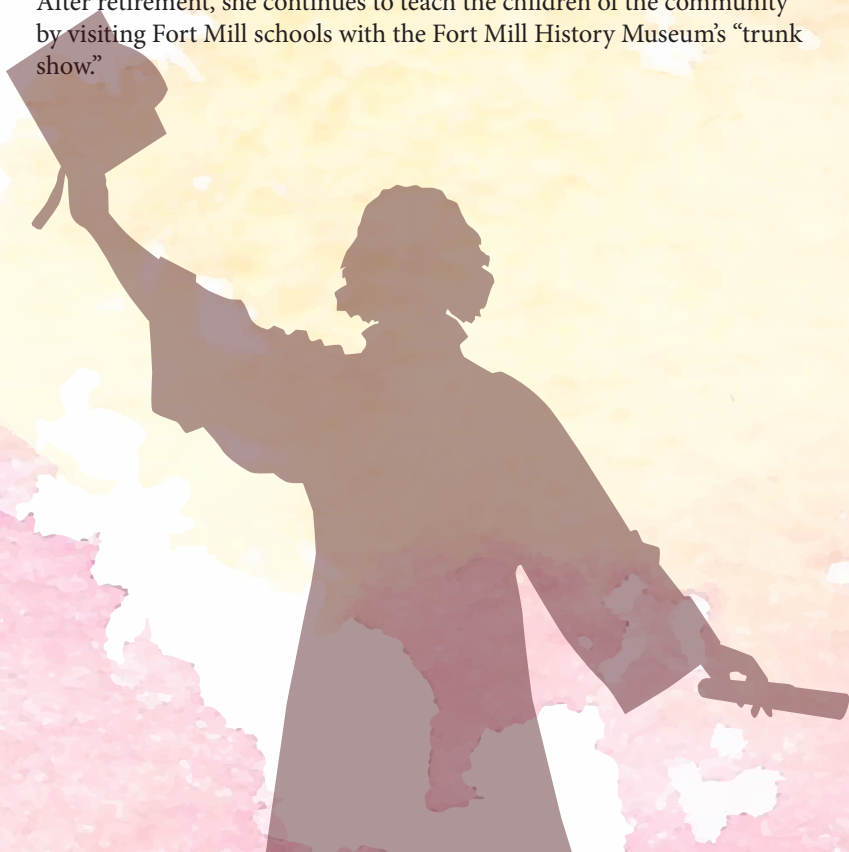
Charlotte Adkins

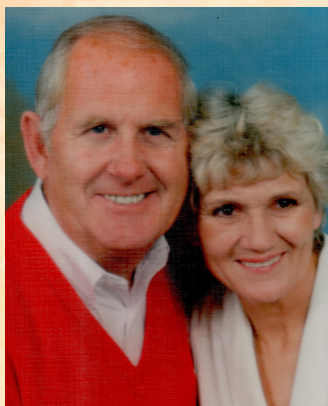
Charlotte Adkins is a 1961 graduate of Fort Mill High School. She taught in the Fort Mill School District for 20 years, first at Carothers School before moving to George Fish School, A.O. Jones and then Fort Mill Middle School.

She retired from the district and taught in North Carolina before returning to teach at Springfield Middle School for another ten years. Mrs. Adkins retired after 46 years in teaching, with more than 36 of those years in the Fort Mill School District.

Mrs. Adkins is passionate about education and learning. She cared deeply about her students. She always provided for them and her co-workers, whether it was a jacket when they were cold, a ride if they needed transportation, or assisting with an extracurricular activity they were passionate about but could not afford.

After retirement, she continues to teach the children of the community by visiting Fort Mill schools with the Fort Mill History Museum's "trunk show."





Bob Jones & Sue Jones

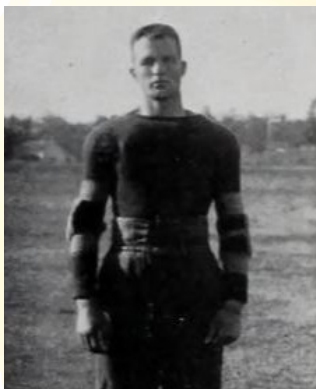
Bob Jones began his career in Fort Mill as a history teacher and beloved coach. He coached a variety of sports and was responsible for the creation of the girls track program at Fort Mill High School.

Mr. Jones also served as athletic director before moving into administration as the principal of Fort Mill High School, A.O. Jones, and later returning to Fort Mill High.

After retirement, Mr. Jones served several terms on the Fort Mill School Board. The stadium at Fort Mill High School is named in his honor.

Sue Jones received her undergraduate degree from Appalachian State and her master's degree from Winthrop University. She taught science in Charlotte before moving to the Fort Mill School District.

During her time in Fort Mill, she started the elementary Physical Education program and the elementary swimming program. She taught in the district for nearly 20 years. In addition to her service in the classroom, she was an officer of the Fort Mill Care Center where she spent many hours volunteering her time.



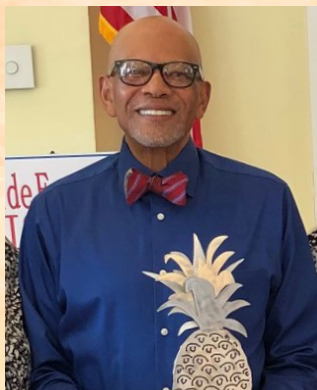
Robert Potts

Robert Crockett "Daddy" Potts attended Central School (later known as Carothers) and was a member of the school's freshman football team, noted as Fort Mill's first football team. He was a senior in 1915 and attended Clemson University after graduation, where he helped lead their football team to a 20-12-2 record.

The Tigers won or shared three state championships during that time and went undefeated against South Carolina. It's also where he earned the nickname "Daddy," given for both his strength and leadership on the team.

After Clemson, Potts became the first Fort Mill football player to go pro, invited to play with the Frankford Yellow Jackets, a precursor to the Philadelphia Eagles. He played tackle against the New York Giants, Green Bay Packers and Chicago Bears, among others.

Though he only played one year, his team would hold the league record for regular season wins until the 1984 San Francisco 49ers went 15-1. He earned a silver pocket watch for his efforts.



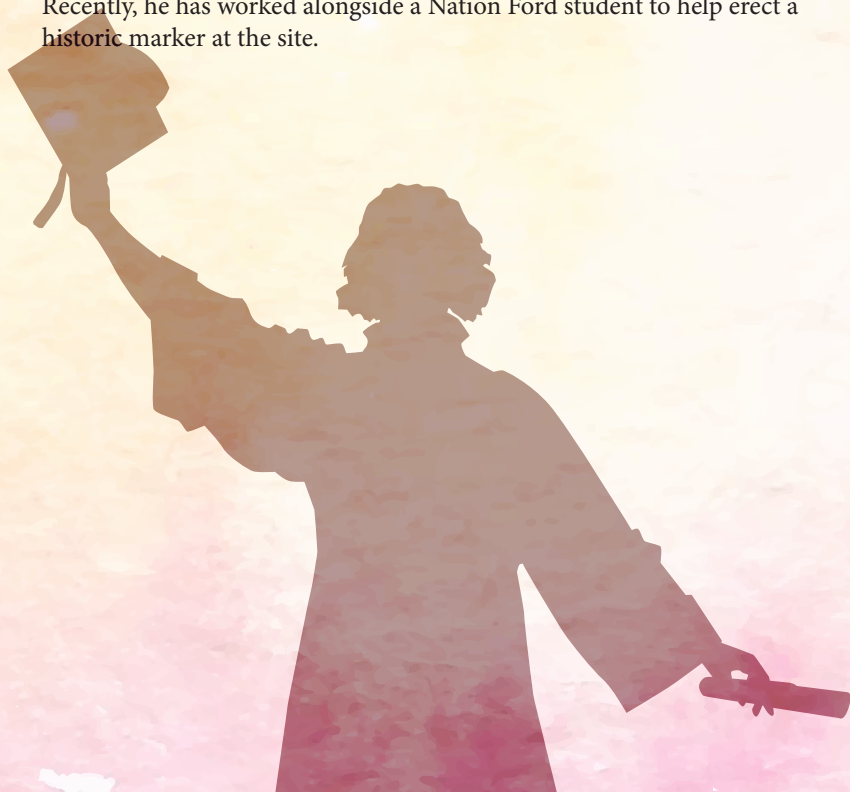
Rudy Sanders

Rudy Sanders is a graduate of George Fish School. He enlisted in the Armed Forces after graduation, served in Vietnam and then moved to New York where he attended Manhattan Technical Institute and City College of New York.

He lived and worked in New York for more than two decades before returning to the Carolinas in 2003, when he began to play a vital role in the civic development of Fort Mill.

Mr. Sanders has served many organizations in Fort Mill, including the Optimist Club, the Fort Mill Economic Council, and the Fort Mill History Museum. He also helped open the Fort Mill History Museum and he has helped the Paradise community with two Community Development Block Grant applications.

In 2006-2007, Mr. Sanders worked with a group of George Fish alumni to erect a monument to George Fish School on the property where the school once stood. During that project, he negotiated an easement from Duke Energy. Recently, he has worked alongside a Nation Ford student to help erect a historic marker at the site.





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