



FORT MILL SCHOOLS

Children First . . . Every Day

Hall of Fame Ceremony

Class Of

2017

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

~ Isaac Newton

February 20, 2018

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

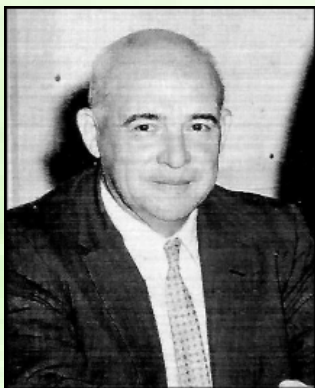
Recognition of Honorees

Dr. Chuck Epps, Superintendent

Mr. Mike Hill, Selection Committee Chairman

Ms. Kristy Spears, School Board Chairwoman

Reception to Follow



Lee Carothers

Lee Carothers was considered among Fort Mill's most popular and esteemed citizens. Mr. Carothers was a graduate of Fort Mill Schools. He continued his education at Presbyterian College and joined the faculty of Fort Mill Schools in 1926 after his graduation, serving as both a teacher and athletic coach. After teaching several years, he became principal of the Riverview School.

In 1941, Mr. Carothers joined the Army to serve in World War II. After the war, he returned to Fort Mill to become principal of Fort Mill Elementary, a post he held until he died in 1961.

In addition to his service in the Fort Mill Schools, Mr. Carothers was a charter member of the Fort Mill Lions Club, a Past-Master of the local Masonic Lodge, and scoutmaster for many years. After his death, Fort Mill Elementary was named Carothers Elementary in his honor.



Anne Springs Close

Anne Springs Close is considered one of South Carolina's foremost environmentalists and philanthropists. In addition to her contributions to the recreation, conservation, and environmental fields, she has made extraordinary contributions to education in Fort Mill.

As chairwoman of the Springs Close Foundation, Mrs. Close has had an immeasurable impact on the students of Fort

Mill Schools. Higher education and social service programs supporting students have long been a focus of the foundation. The foundation has supported the schools through contributions to the PTOs, summer reading initiatives, and the backpack program, among others. The Springs Close Foundation's commitment to students extends beyond K-12, with the Student Loan Program that provides interest-free student loans.

Mrs. Close is the driving force behind the Anne Springs Close Greenway, 2,200 acres of land used for recreation, as well as both a formal and informal outdoor classroom for students and teachers.



Jane Langley

Jane Langley was a graduate of Winthrop College in 1967. She joined the Fort Mill High School faculty in 1968, where she taught for 42 years.

Mrs. Langley began her career at Fort Mill High School in the Business Department before moving to the English Department. She served as yearbook advisor and senior class sponsor for more than 30 years, taught adult education in the evenings, and chaired the

English Department from 1998 to 2010. She had a passion for teaching and was known for arriving early to school and staying late to help students.

Mrs. Langley was twice selected as Fort Mill High School's Teacher of the Year. The Jane M. Langley award was created in her honor and is bestowed upon an outstanding senior at Fort Mill High School each year as a way to honor her legacy.



Stormy Young

Stormy Young is a proud product of the Fort Mill School District. He attended Carothers Elementary School, A.O. Jones, and graduated from Fort Mill High School. He graduated from Clemson University with his undergraduate degree and received his master's degree from Winthrop University.

Mr. Young began working with the district as a social studies teacher at Fort Mill Junior High. In 1981 he became principal of Fort Mill

Middle School. He later served as assistant principal of Fort Mill Middle before returning to the classroom to teach at Fort Mill High School.

Mr. Young was awarded numerous honors in his career including Outstanding Young Educator. He also served as an in-service coordinator with Winthrop College and coached volleyball.

In addition to his work in the schools, Mr. Young served the community as an elder at Unity Presbyterian Church. He made such an impression on students that a former student dedicated a book about teaching to Mr. Young.



Simon Algah White, Sr.

Simon White, Sr. attended Fort Mill Graded School and George Fish School before attending Friendship Junior College and graduating from Johnson C. Smith University. Mr. White returned to Fort Mill after graduation to teach science and math at George Fish.

Mr. White was both a teacher and an active member of the community. He was a member and deacon of Bethlehem Baptist Church, a member of the school PTA, and he helped organize a young men and boy's baseball athletic league in the Paradise community of Fort Mill. Mr. White also served on the Fort Mill Planning Commission and was a member of the Fort Mill Chamber of Commerce.

In retirement, Mr. White became an entrepreneur, providing services to the community in the era of segregation. He established a car service, owned and operated White's Café, and later built and operated White's ABC Store in the Paradise community.



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 Fort Mill School District seeks to promote in its students: respect, fairness, kindness, cooperation, honesty, dependability, responsibility, good citizenship, caring and self-discipline.

Previous Inductees Class of 2016



A.O. Jones



Francis Murray Mack Sr.



Mac McCallum



Phoebe McCallum



J.H. "Hoss" Nesbit



A special thank you to:

Hall of Fame Establishment Committee
Hall of Fame Selection Committee
Fort Mill History Museum