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### **All Saints' Honors Teachers with Wall of Fame**

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Florence, SC – All Saints' Episcopal Day School has honored six teachers as the inaugural members of the school's Wall of Fame: Ann Mullins, Blair Cooper, Carol Allen, Claire Copeland, Faith McMillan, and Nancy Moore. The Wall of Fame, located in the school's administrative hallway, recognizes these teachers for their dedication to the school and love of teaching.

"We believe that our teachers are our most important asset," said Headmaster Joan Pennstrom. "Their service to our school community year after year allows continuity for our children, parents, and fellow faculty members." All Saints' maintains a 98% faculty retention rate annually. 100% of the faculty are certified with 60% holding post-graduate degrees.

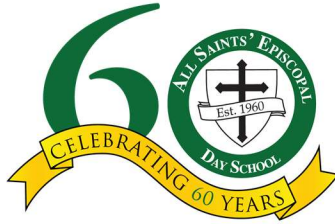
With a collective 176 years of teaching experience at All Saints' these six women served as mainstays of the school family. Claire Copeland, the PE and Athletic Director for 41 years, says that the school was "a part of my extended family." During her tenure, she also taught her own two daughters and four of her grandchildren. Family played a large role in Carol Allen's choice to teach at All Saints' as well. "All Saints' provided a strong academic and spiritual education for my own children," she said.

Ann Mullins retired after 40 years, much of which she spent teaching first grade. Mrs. Mullins chose to teach at All Saints' because of its reputation in the community and the Christian environment that the school provides. "I value the friendships I made with the faculty, staff, students and parents. I'm thankful to be a part of the All Saints' family," she said.

Members of this distinguished group helped develop many opportunities for children to grow academically, spiritually, and physically. Ms. Copeland played a major role in the development of athletics during her tenure. Today the school has four soccer teams, two basketball teams, a volleyball team, two cheer squads, and two tennis teams. Faith McMillan helped create the school's chapter of Beta Club and sponsored the annual Science Fair, taking many students to the regional and state South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) finals.

Mrs. Mullins, as well as current 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Beth Lewallen, were honored a SCISA Teachers of the Year. The annual Teacher of the Year award at All Saints' is named in honor of Mrs. Mullins.

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