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The CCHS Foundation Announces

2020 Sister Paulette Williams Awards for Outstanding Service

Five CCHS Faculty Members Honored

Charlotte, NC – Charlotte Catholic High School is proud to announce the 2020 winners of the Sister Paulette Williams Awards for Outstanding Service. The winners are Ms. Jean Adamian (Mathematics), Mr. Jeremy Kuhn (English), Dr. Leo Maganaras (Science), Mrs. Susan Montague (Religion) and Mr. Shawn Panther (Social Studies).

In 2016, the CCHS Foundation established the Sister Paulette Williams Awards in order to recognize members of the Charlotte Catholic faculty whose exceptional dedication, knowledge, and commitment inspires students to learn. These are teachers who consider the whole student, and encourage them to be their best in all aspects of their lives. They exhibit the best qualities of faith and mercy in their interaction with students as well as with colleagues. They consistently go above and beyond, making a difference in the lives of CCHS students and the school community.

The CCHS Foundation chose to name the awards in honor of Sister Paulette Williams, RSM, who played a key role in establishing the basis for Catholic education in Charlotte. She was a teacher at CCHS for five years, Assistant Principal for two years, and Principal for twenty years. “Her leadership, dedication, guidance, and vision built our school into what you recognize today – a community leader in academics, arts, and athletics,” said Mr. Kurt Telford, CCHS Principal.

Any current member of the CCHS community – teachers, staff, parents, and students – may nominate a faculty member for the Sister Paulette Awards. All are encouraged to participate, and this year, more than 100 nominations were received. A five-person committee, consisting of two CCHS Foundation board members, two past Sister Paulette Award winners, and one

administrator, review the nominations and recommend the award winners to the CCHS Foundation Board for confirmation.

Mr. Rick Rossitch, President of the CCHS Foundations, announced the Sister Paulette Williams Award winners before Friday's graduation ceremonies. Each winner will receive an award check for \$5,000.

Ms. Jean Adamian has been a mathematics teacher at CCHS since 2002. She received her BA in Education from UNC Charlotte with concentrations in Math and English, and has additional coursework working toward a Master's Degree from UNC Chapel Hill. She teaches Honors Geometry as well as Functions and Modeling.

Mr. Jeremy Kuhn joined the CCHS faculty in 1996 after receiving his BA in Education from Wake Forest University, majoring in English with a minor in Religion. Mr. Kuhn has a Master's Degree in English from Winthrop University. Mr. Kuhn teaches AP English as well as Junior and Senior Literature.

Mr. Shawn Panther has taught at CCHS since 2005 and is head of the Social Studies Department. Mr. Panther completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Dayton, receiving a BS in Mechanical Engineering. He then received a Master's in Education at UNC Charlotte. Mr. Panther teaches AP Micro and Macro Economies as well as US History.

Dr. Leo Maganares joined the faculty at CCHS in 2015. Dr. Leo completed his BS in Engineering at the Hellenic Naval Academy in Piraeua, Greece, where he also completed postgraduate work. He has a Master of Science in Management from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA and a Doctoral Degree in Education from the Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara, CA. Dr. Leo teaches Introduction to Engineering as well as Honors Engineering.

Mrs. Susan Montague has been a member of the CCHS faculty since 2008. Mrs. Montague has a BA in Psychology from Queens University and a Master's Degree in Religion Education from Loyola University of New Orleans. Mrs. Montague is a member of the theology department and teaches all levels of students.

"We congratulate these dedicated teachers," Mr. Telford said. "These awards validate, honor, and encourage these educators. They are an expression of thanks for all these teachers do every day, above and beyond what is expected, to make a difference in the lives of our young people and our school community."

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