

Award Nominations Requested

There are so many wonderful and deserving alumni and friends of Erskine who should be recognized for their accomplishments, and all they need is for you to nominate them for an award!

Distinguished Alumni Award
(open to alumni only)

Exemplary Service (to Erskine Academy) Award
(open to anyone)

Volunteer Leadership Award
(open to alumni only)

Guidelines and the nomination form can be found on the Erskine Alumni web pages or by contacting the Alumni Office for assistance.

THE ANNUAL DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS IS APRIL 1.

Renaissance Awards

On Friday, December 13th, Erskine Academy students and staff attended a Renaissance Assembly to honor their peers with Renaissance Awards.

Seniors of the Trimester Awards were presented to six students: Dominic Pizzo; Abigail Glidden; Zachary Childs; Alexis Wright; Emma Wilkinson; and Richard Preston. Seniors of the Trimester are recognized as individuals who have gone above and beyond in all aspects of their high school careers.

In appreciation of their dedication and service to Erskine Academy, two Faculty of the Trimester awards were presented to Florence Holmes, retired science instructor, and Heide Hotham, guidance secretary.



**December Faculty of the Trimester recipients
Florence Holmes, science teacher, and
Heide (Starkey) Hotham '91, guidance secretary.**

Betty Keene Retires after 15 Years Service

Custodian Betty Keene began working at Erskine in 1998 as part of a team that makes the hallways and classrooms sparkle year round. From setting up for special events to refinishing the wooden floors in the historic area of the school, Betty worked tirelessly to help make it happen. Visitors often comment how clean and well-maintained the school always looks,



and it is the hard working custodial crew that makes it happen year after year.

Headmaster McQuarrie said about Betty, "We couldn't have had a nicer person to provide the

school with any better service these 15 years. Betty will surely and sorely be missed. We wish her all the best in retirement!" From art teacher Mary Devenney, "She was *always* pleasant, had a kind word and a smile!" Teacher Kelly Clark said, "Betty took so much pride in her work, and we were all so lucky to be on the receiving end of it!" Teacher Katie Hersom said, "Betty went out of her way to make me feel welcome when I started working here. She made sure my classroom was all set, got me supplies, and helped me move things around. Betty genuinely wanted to get to know me and was always very pleasant to interact with. I will greatly miss seeing her at the end of the day—especially that wonderful, bright smile of hers!" Library assistant Evelyn Emerson commented, "Betty is a very warm and caring individual who treated everyone with respect and kindness. She will truly be missed... she is one of a kind and can never be replaced."

A surprise employee gathering was held to honor the unsuspecting Betty—we all wish you much enjoyment in your well-deserved retirement!

Photo above, left to right: Headmaster Mike McQuarrie; Business Manager Cheryl Wellman York '85; Betty Keene; Associate Headmaster Jamie Soule; custodians Gilberto Ortiz, Dan Belanger '10, Colt Pierce '10, Randy Pottle '07, and Nancy Hannan; Ginny Haskell Wellman '62.

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