



## Thirty Years of Academic Excellence 1981-2011

- ✚ October 13, 1981 –Palmetto Unified School District (PUSD) became a school district by a mandate of the SC Legislature. Education programs existed in SCDC since 1964 utilizing federal funds from various sources
  - ✚ November 25, 1981, 1<sup>st</sup> official Board of Trustees meeting held
  - ✚ FY 1981- Total budget was 2.5 million (1 million was SDCD funds and 1.5 was federal). There were 110 educational staffs
  - ✚ January 1982-The Defined Minimum Program (DMP), a set of educational standards established for the operations of schools and by which schools met accreditation requirements, was approved by the State Department of Education.
  - ✚ 1982- 1992 Mr. Layne Coleman served as the 1<sup>st</sup> district superintendent
- | District Superintendents |           |
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| Dr. James Archie         | 1992-1997 |
| Ms. Barbara Mayson       | 1997-1999 |
| Mr. Wendell Blanton      | 2000-2006 |
| Dr. Randy Reagan         | 2007 -    |
- ✚ April 1982 Mr. W.C. Hawkins was sworn in as the 1<sup>st</sup> Board of Trustee Chairman
  - ✚ November 1984- certified staff placed on the teacher pay scale
  - ✚ FY 1985- There were 13 schools with 119 staff and an average inmate population of 8,966 .
  - ✚ FY 1986-87 - Based on the teacher salary schedule(190 days) a teacher with a Masters+30 and 17 years of experience was paid \$28,745 and a 1<sup>st</sup> year teacher with a Bachelors-received \$16, 378
  - ✚ 2002- 2011- Palmetto Gold recipient for academic excellence as noted on the District's report card as part of the state's education accountability system
  - ✚ April 2003-SCDC experienced a Reduction in Force (RIF) and the staff of PUSD was reduced from 177 to approximately 85
  - ✚ FY 2008 Credentialing Program initiated to document the work skills of inmates
  - ✚ FY 2008 Agency-wide Character Education initiated by PUSD, Division of Education
  - ✚ FY 2008- The District's first Teacher of the Year (TOY) selected
    - 2008 TOY Ms. Martha June Wise- Trenton High School
    - 2009 TOY Ms. Caren Rose- Sara Babb High School
    - 2010 TOY Ms. Ernestine Mickens- Turbeville High School
    - 2011 TOY Mr. Robert Campbell- Turbeville High School
    - 2012 TOY Ms. Maurie Singletary- Kirkland High School
  - ✚ FY 2011- PUSD awarded 1209 GED's and 2769 vocational certificates which are the highest numbers in the District's history
  - ✚ July 5, 2011- District Office is relocated to the former residence of the SCDC Director
  - ✚ FY 2011- First virtual high school diploma awarded at Trenton High School
  - ✚ August 2011- Mr. Leslie Levy honored for being the only board member to have served on the Board of Trustees since its inception in 1981