



Palmetto Association of Independent Schools

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To: The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor, State of South Carolina

From: Starr W. Snead, Executive Director, PAIS

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Subject: ECENC Board – PAIS Recommendations to Governor Nikki Haley

Organization information: Palmetto Association of Independent Schools (PAIS)
Executive Director: Starr Snead, Charleston
Board President: Chris Angel, Headmaster, Hammond School, Columbia

PAIS respectfully offers for Governor Haley's consideration, to serve on the newly-appointed Board specified in South Carolina's ECENC legislation, the following three individuals. The individuals have been interviewed regarding this recommendation. Names are offered in the order in which PAIS recommends the Governor give consideration.

1. Donald Bailey, Executive Director, College Transition Connection
2. Colonel Myron C. Harrington, USMC, Retired
3. Betsy A. Fanning, Head of School, Trident Academy

1. Donald Bailey, Executive Director, College Transition Connection (CTC)



Donald Bailey is a lifelong resident of Charleston SC, and the parent of two children and three grandchildren. His youngest child has cognitive learning difficulties.

Donald has had a long term interest in education. He served on the local high school's parent-teacher associations in the 1980's and on the Board of Trustees at the University of South Carolina from 1990 through 1998. For the past several years, he has been involved in developing post-secondary educational opportunities around the state for young adults with intellectual disabilities. He was a founding Chairman of the CTC and now serves as Executive Director.

Donald and his wife, Caroline, are committed to helping South Carolina become a national leader in post-secondary education for anyone with intellectual disabilities.

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2. Colonel Myron C. Harrington, United States Marine Corps, Retired



Colonel Myron Harrington currently serves as a member of The Citadel Board of Visitors. He served 15 years as Headmaster of Trident Academy in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Upon his retirement from Trident Academy, he was named Headmaster Emeritus, and the school named their gymnasium in his honor.

Harrington served as Vice President of the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA), President of the SCISA Headmasters Association, and President of the Palmetto Association of Independent Schools (PAIS). He also served on the Board of the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS). He was honored by SCISA with their Education Leadership Award, the Dr. Charles Aimar Award, for 2002.

He is a 1960 graduate of The Citadel where he received a Bachelor of Arts in History. He was commissioned 2nd Lt. USMC in May 1961 and attended The Basic School, Quantico, VA 1961; Amphibious Warfare School, Quantico, VA 1968; Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA 1977; and the Army War College, Carlisle, PA 1980. Harrington received a Master of Science degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg State College, Shippensburg, PA in 1980.

During his military service, Colonel Harrington received numerous honors including:

- Navy Cross
- Silver Star
- Legion of Merit with two Gold Stars in lieu of second and third awards
- Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star in lieu of second award
- Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" and Gold Star in lieu of second award
- Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star
- Vietnamese Staff Honor Medal 1st Class

After retiring from Trident Academy, Colonel Harrington was named Co-Chair of the 2010 Medal of Honor Convention held in Charleston, SC, honoring all Medal of Honor recipients throughout the United States.

In addition to his military honors, Colonel Harrington has received the following additional recognitions and honors:

- Order of the Palmetto from the State of South Carolina
- Palmetto Medal from The Citadel
- Distinguished Alumnus by The Citadel Alumni Association

Colonel Harrington resides in Charleston, SC where he is a member of St. Phillips Episcopal Church and has served as Senior Warden.

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3. Betsy A. Fanning, Head of School, Trident Academy



Betsy Allen Fanning has been involved with students with special needs for almost 40 years, beginning as a counselor at Camp Howard, a camp for children with learning disabilities in North Georgia. As Head of Trident Academy, she continues her long service to children with special needs.

Betsy is a member of the International Dyslexia Association, Learning Disability Association of America, and the Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators. She is Past President of the South Carolina Branch of the International Dyslexia Association.

She is a member of the current Advisory Committee to the EOC for the ECENC.

Betsy earned a BA in English from the College of Charleston, an MAT in Special Education from The University of Charleston, and an M.Ed. in School Administration from The Citadel.

Additional professional background includes:

- Southern Association of Independent Schools Accreditation Chair Training (2016)
- Southern Association of Independent Schools Institute for New Heads (2015)
- People Against Rape Advocacy Training (June 2013)
- Southern Association of Independent Schools Finance Institute (January 2013)
- Darkness to Light Training (Fall 2010)
- EE Ford Fellow, NAIS awarded (August 2005)
- Southern Association of Independent Schools Administration Institute for Heads and Assistant Heads (2003)

Betsy lives in North Charleston, SC and is a member of Grace United Methodist Church which she serves as Lay Leader. She is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Lowcountry Emmaus Community.

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