

CLASS

Community Leaders Advancing Student Success

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Charleston County School District has CLASS!

Welcome to the inaugural edition of *CLASS: Community Leaders Advancing Student Success*. This newsletter highlights partnerships between the Charleston County School District (CCSD) Office of Teacher and Principal Effectiveness and its business partners. Thanks to generous community sponsors, teachers have been afforded opportunities to advance their teaching skills through recognition events and professional development which directly affect student achievement. This publication archives event successes and details upcoming collaborations.

(Pictured Above: Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, CCSD Superintendent , and representatives from South west Airlines at the 2011 *Gala*.)

An Evening with the Stars Gala

March 10, 2011

March 10, 2011 marked the inaugural celebration of CCSD's teachers with a black-tie affair. This star studded event highlighted over 60 teachers who were recommended by their administrators as outstanding educators.



The *Gala*, held at the *Francis Marion Hotel* in downtown Charleston, was a success because of

the generosity of sponsors. From our Signature Presenting Sponsor, Southwest Airlines, to our Exclusive Automobile Sponsor,

Crews Chevrolet, to the more than 100 silent auction item contributors, the support from businesses, schools, and individuals for public education was stellar! In addition to

recognizing outstanding teachers, profits from the *Gala* funded the *Charleston Teacher Quality Symposium* (see page 3).



Teachers entered on the red carpet, were welcomed with special gifts, and enjoyed music by students from Haut Gap Advanced Studies Magnet and Cario Middle schools, as well as an evening-long performance by the 19-piece *Joe Clarke Big Band*. Vanessa Hill, former television news anchor, was the guest emcee. Delicious food and festive décor immersed teachers, administrators, and community members in a classic Hollywood atmosphere.

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- Francis Marion Hotel





June 8-9, 2011

Fast Facts

- ◆ Over 350 CCSD educators attended
- ◆ 11 hours of professional development provided
- ◆ Presenters from across SC as well as from 8 other states
- ◆ Hosted on *School of the Arts* campus



Keynote speakers Kim Bearden of the Ron Clark Academy in Georgia, and Dr. John Hodge of the Urban Learning and Leadership Center (pictured above), inspired participants to delve into factors contributing to achievement gaps in our schools and to construct strategies to overcome those realities.

Reflect, Recharge, Renew was the theme and goal for the inaugural 2011 Charleston Teacher Quality Symposium. Across two days, educators participated in sessions organized in three strands: effective teaching, transformative leadership, and holistic well-being.



The administration and two teachers from each school attended the Symposium. Pictured above is one school team discussing how they will share and implement what they have learned in their school next year.

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Educators' Quotations about the Symposium

- I truly felt that what I learned at the symposium will affect my teaching next year.
- It was refreshing, motivating and offered me a lot to take back to my colleagues.
- (about Kim Bearden's keynote) She was so inspiring. I definitely want to be the extraordinary teacher that she talked about.
- (about John Hodge's keynote) He validated my feelings about and passion for teaching!
- Thank you for this wonderful opportunity! It has really invigorated my desire to be the best teacher I can be.

Join us for this year's
An Evening with the Stars: Cirque des Etoiles Gala,
 February 24th! Call 843.937.6343,
 and reserve your table now!

Upcoming Events

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Fall 2011

Charleston Educator Symposium

June 5-7, 2012

District Priorities

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- * Literacy Improvement
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