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MEET ROBERTA SMITH, OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

On May 1 the Dore Academy Board of Directors appointed Roberta Smith as Dore Academy's new Head of School. Roberta had been the Interim Head of School since January.

Roberta has been on the faculty of Dore Academy since 1992 when she started as a Social Studies teacher. She has held various teaching and administrative leadership roles since then, including teaching reading, directing Student Services, and serving as Head of the Upper School from August 2000-December 2005. In addition to earning a B.A. in Business from Queens University of Charlotte in 1987 and an M.A. in Education in 2005, she is trained in the Orton-Gillingham method, Lindamood Bell Visualizing and Verbalizing Program, the Stevenson Reading Program, Project Read—Framing Your Thoughts Program and Report Form, and Handwriting Without Tears. In addition, she is a past President of the Learning Disabilities Association of Charlotte.

Karen Geiger, Chair of Dore's Board of Directors, says, "We are delighted by, and confident about, our decision to promote one of our best administrators. She is off to an excellent start, and we look forward to continuing our focus on meeting the educational, intellectual, emotional and social needs of students with specific learning disabilities and/or attention deficit disorders so that they may ultimately succeed in a mainstream educational environment and become self-confident, responsible, and successful adults. We are already known for developing students in our region with a successful educational experience, strong decision-making skills, self-awareness and identity development, and we have exciting plans for building innovative techniques into the curriculum that can be a model for other teachers, administrators, and parents."

Dore Academy is the first school in North Carolina to offer students with specific attention and learning disabilities a college preparatory curriculum from elementary through high school. Founded in 1978 by Dr. Mary Dore as an outgrowth of a testing center and special education program begun at Sacred Heart College four years previously, Dore Academy is dually-accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). It has an enrollment capacity of 130 students who currently come from 2 states, 8 counties, and 21 cities, and the maximum class size is 10, with a teacher/student ratio of 1 to 7. Dore also offers tutoring, summer sessions, and an Extended Day program.



(l to r) Karen Geiger,
Chair of Dore's Board of Directors
Roberta Smith,
Dore's Head of School

Board Installation Reception
Queens Burwell Parlor
June 14, 2006

DORE ACADEMY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

On June 2, 2006, Dore Academy held its Twenty-Fourth Commencement Ceremony at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Our commencement speaker, Tim Newman, Chief Executive Officer-Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority, advised the graduates to set goals but keep them simple. Newly elected Board Chair, Karen Geiger, also addressed the graduates and welcomed them into the Alumni Association. Of the five graduates, three intend to go to four-year schools and two to CPCC.



l to r: Joshua Alexander Sonderman, Michael Neil Dougherty, Joseph Phillip Garden, Thomas Michael Evans, Samuel Nelson Read



l to r first row: Board Member, Gregg Walker, Joshua Sonderman, Board Chair, Karen Geiger, Commencement Speaker, Tim Newman, Samuel Read, Head of School, Roberta Smith
l to r second row: Michael Dougherty, Joseph Garden, Thomas Evans

JAZZ IT UP! 2006 AUCTION

Friday, April 7, was a very memorable evening for all in attendance at Dore's JAZZ IT UP! Auction held at the Levine Museum of the New South. Museum tours were provided and the evening was filled with live music from the band, Punk Jazz Project. There was excitement in the air and great anticipation to see who would win the elegant 1.3 carat teardrop diamond pendant donated by Karat Patch Jewelry! The beautiful diamond necklace went to a mom of a Dore student!

Here are some interesting facts about the Auction:

- Over 200 parents, faculty, board members, and friends of the school attended
- Over 188 auction items were exhibited, and all but a handful sold
- After expenses, over \$32,000 was raised for school programs
- More than 35 parents and faculty volunteered their time to make the auction a success
- Over 100 donors participated

Thank you so very much for your continual support! As a team, we can achieve many goals to make Dore the very best school for our children.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Our graduates continue to make us proud, and we want to keep up with all of them. If you have information about a former student of Dore, we would love to hear about it! Please share your information by calling the school at 704-365-5490.

Class of 2006

Thomas Evans: Thomas was recently accepted at Lees-McCrae College.

Class of 2005

Scott Hunter: Scott is currently attending CPCC and starting a new job with Fed-Ex Ground.

Bruce Wilhoit: Bruce is working full-time for the Humane Society of Mecklenburg County and also volunteers for them.

Class of 2004

Jacob Toeman: Jacob is finishing his first year at UNC-Asheville. He has enjoyed his experience this year and looks forward to returning in the fall.

Class of 2003

Rob Thomas, Jr.: Rob is currently attending Lees-McCrae College.

Class of 2002

Katie Hellams: Katie is doing very well and is currently working at CMC.

Jonathan McGuirt: Jon is now working with his dad at McGuirt Advertising, representing Geiger-Carolinas—Promotional Products Distributor.

Class of 1995

Jeff Cotton: Jeff lives in Seattle and designs game software. Jeff and his wife, Stacy, welcomed Parker into their family February 17. Big brother, Harrison, is already an avid Panthers fan. David Gentry, '95 had dinner with the Cottons last August and can attest to Harrison's enthusiasm!

David Gentry: David is the Lead Associate in the CMS Before- and After-School Programs at Elizabeth Lane Elementary.

Jay Comer: Jay is working at Kia Motors in Asheville, North Carolina. (1993-1996)

Adam Rumsch: Adam is a rising senior at St. Andrews Presbyterian College. Adam is majoring in psychology and is planning on attending seminary after he graduates. He was a resident advisor for two years and currently heads his church youth group. (1993-2000)

Ned Parnell: Ned is working in management for Epes Transport. He is doing well! (1996-1998)

Knox Carpenter: After two years at Dore, Knox returned to public school in Lincoln county for one year and made straight A's without using his modifications. He then moved to Gaston Day which has an accelerated curriculum, where he has continued to make straight A's without using his modifications. This year, he was chosen for the Duke TIP Program and will be taking the SAT in January with high school students—even though he is in the 7th grade. We are very proud of him! (2001-2003)

Foundation Support

Dore Academy is the beneficiary of contributions from several foundations. The school is very fortunate that these foundations have the vision to see how much their support can help our LD/ADHD students learn. Three foundations are highlighted below.

The Philip L. Van Every Foundation. The Van Every Foundation has contributed to Dore Academy for over a decade, providing an annual gift to the operating budget. The school is very grateful to the foundation for recognizing the value of Dore Academy in the Charlotte community.

The E. J. Snyder Family Foundation. The Snyder Foundation has been a strong proponent of LD education for many years. Mr. Snyder's son, Edward John, III, attended Dore from 1984—1989. Mr. Snyder was instrumental in helping and encouraging Dr. Mary Dore in the school's early years, and he continues his generous annual support.

The Mecklenburg Medical Alliance and Endowment, Inc. The Alliance makes yearly grants to fund health-related community projects. The Alliance, started in 1934 as the Mecklenburg Medical Society Auxiliary, has distributed over a million dollars since 1982.

In February, in conjunction with AHEC, the Area Health Education Center, the Alliance sponsored a community mental health symposium called *The Stigma Stops Here*, which dealt with issues of depression. Dore Academy's Dr. Michelle Gesing attended the seminar through a scholarship given by the Alliance. At the group's May annual meeting, the Alliance awarded the school a grant to start a therapeutic library. Dr. Gesing is purchasing materials that will enable her to enhance activities that teach social skills, conflict resolution, and address other problems such as depression. The school is very appreciative of the Alliance's understanding that the early recognition of problems goes a long way towards enabling the students to achieve their goals.

How You Can Impact a Child's Future Success with Your Support

Make a gift to the Annual Fund. As is true for all independent schools, tuition does not cover all expenses, and the school depends on the Annual Fund to cover the gap. Gifts by check or transfer of stock can be made by contacting the school at 704-365-5490.

Make an honor or memorial gift. Remember a loved one with a gift to Dore Academy. Or, honor a favorite teacher, a student, or someone who was special in your child's life.

Double your gift with a company match. Increase your gift by using your company's matching program. Don't let dollars go unmatched that can make a difference to Dore Academy. Obtain a matching gift form from your human resources department.

Contribute to the endowment. Dore Academy has a small endowment for scholarships managed by the Foundation of the Carolinas. Help this fund grow for future students.

Give a restricted gift. Gifts may be made for a specific purpose such as scholarships, faculty development, technology, or special projects.

Donate to the Dore Academy Auction. Items for the annual auction are always appreciated. Enjoy an evening next spring with others who care about supporting the mission of the school.

Leave a legacy. Include Dore Academy in your will or estate plans, ensuring that future children will have a school which helps them achieve their potential. Past bequests have enabled the school to continue its mission to provide educational resources to LD/ADHD students. The school would appreciate being notified if you have included it as a beneficiary in your estate plans. Contact your attorney or financial planner for tax advice about trusts, retirement accounts, and life insurance that can be designated to help Dore Academy.

Board of Directors

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As you know, Dore Academy is governed by a Board of Directors. This coming year the Board will work to keep you informed about its top priorities and information about its members and activities. In this issue, we will introduce you to the members of the Board, and in future issues will inform you about what our role is in serving Dore Academy.

The current members of the Board offer a wide range of talents and abilities to the school. Below are short profiles.

Karen Geiger, Board Chair – Karen is a Professor at the McColl School of Business at Queens University of Charlotte and President of Karen Geiger & Associates, Inc. – a leadership development consulting firm. She is a Ph.D. candidate at Antioch University, has an M.S. in Education from Indiana University, and a B.A. in Sociology from the University of Rochester. She is a past President of Women Executives, and a member of the Program Committee of the Executive Service Corps of the Charlotte Region and the Southern Summit Steering Committee. Her professional memberships include the Academy of Management, American Society for Training and Development, Organizational Behavior Teaching Society, Society for Human Resource Management, World Future Society, and the International Leadership Association. She has two sons, Michael (19) and Adam (21). Adam attended Dore Academy from 1993-2000, is now a rising senior at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, and is planning to attend seminary when he graduates.

June Allison, Facilities Committee Chair – June is a partner in the law firm of Wishart Norris Henninger and Pittman. She specializes in assisting closely held businesses and their owners and in assisting creditors in dealing with bankruptcy matters. She is originally from Black Mountain, NC but finished high school in Raleigh before heading to college. She graduated from UNC Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in History and Economics. She also did her graduate work at UNC, earning a J.D. (law degree) and M.B.A. degree in 1981. She was awarded Order of the Coif for academic achievement in law school. June is a voracious reader and has served on the Boards of various non-profit corporations including Meals-On Wheels, United Way, Family Abuse Services, and Child Resources and Referral. She is married to Philip Temple, a Charlotte native, and their son Austin has attended Dore since 1999-2000.

Marlene Bishop, Marketing Committee – Marlene is a full-time mother and breast cancer survivor who is still undergoing treatment and physical therapy. She has a B.S. degree in Individual and Family Studies from Pennsylvania State University, College of Human Development, and a J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. Her husband is a member of the clergy and now a retired Methodist Bishop of the AME Zion Church. They have two children: Jason (13), in 8th grade at Dore and Dana Elizabeth (10), in 5th grade at Eastover Elementary School. Jason was the only student at Dore this past year to be awarded a certificate for perfect attendance and received special recognition for having completed five years of perfect attendance at Dore. In addition to working hard to be an honor roll student, Jason has played on the Dore basketball team for two years and also played on the golf team this past year. Marlene is also involved in CHADD, Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder and also a member of LDA, Learning Disabilities Association of Charlotte.

Roger Cobb, Facilities Committee – Roger is Vice President, Office Brokerage with Southern Real Estate, a commercial real estate firm in Charlotte. He moved to Charlotte in 1972 and went to Eastover, AG and West Charlotte, then graduated from UNC Chapel Hill. He is married to Ginny Cobb and has 2 daughters, ages 4 and 6. He is also on the Board of Trustees for the YWCA and the Emergency Winter Shelter, and is President-elect of Charlotte Commercial Board of Realtors.

Elizabeth Funck, Risk Management Chair – Elizabeth manages the Service Division of Ranger Construction, a commercial general contracting company that she owns with her husband, Bernie. She and Bernie have three sons: Jack, who has been at Dore since 1st grade and will be going to Northwest School of the Arts in the fall where he will play guitar in the jazz band; Nick, in 7th grade at Holy Trinity, and Alex, in 5th grade at St. Ann's. Elizabeth received her B.S. from Indiana University and her J.D. from Wake Forest University. She practiced corporate law in Charlotte for 14 years prior to taking on her current role with Ranger Construction.

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Jesse Hite, Finance Committee Chair – Jesse is Regional Office Manager for Gannett Fleming, Inc., an International Consulting Engineering firm headquartered in Harrisburg, PA, with offices across the U.S. and several foreign countries. He has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech and a Master of Engineering from Old Dominion University. He and his wife, Dianne, are the parents of three children and the grandparents of one. Their youngest, Katherine, is a graduate of Dore, having attended from the fourth grade through high school. In addition to serving on the Dore Board, he has been an active participant in several professional and technical societies associated with engineering, has been a long time member of the Charlotte Rotary Club, has served as an Elder and Deacon at First Presbyterian Church, and has served on various Committees of the Charlotte Presbytery.

Dr. Trey Ishee, Education Committee – Trey is a psychologist with Southeast Psychological Services, and provides psychotherapy to children, families, and parents. He was raised in Charlotte, received his Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and completed his Master's and Doctorate degrees in Clinical Psychology at Pacific University. Trey took his clinical internship training at Broughton Hospital in Morganton, NC. His training, research, and practice has focused on ADHD, parenting, disruptive behavior disorders, anger management, and child and adolescent depression. He is an advocate of a strengths-based approach to treatment which emphasizes empowerment and problem solving. When not in the office, you will find Trey on the golf course or engaged in a variety of fitness activities, or playing with his 7-month old son, Coble.

Jim Kelligrew, Development Committee – Jim is responsible for Wachovia Securities' Investment Grade Debt units (including Liability Management, Corporates, Preferreds, Private Placements, Money Markets, Client Solutions, and Loan Syndications) across the Syndicate, Sales, Trading, and Debt Capital Markets groups. Prior to joining Wachovia in November 2003, Jim spent 10 years at Banc of America Securities, where he was Managing Director and Head of Global High Grade Fixed Income. His specific responsibilities included running the High Grade Corporate, Money Market, Emerging Market, US Treasury, US Agency, and Global Funding businesses. Jim began his career at Lehman Brothers in 1987, where he worked in various capacities in the firm's New York (1987 to 1989) and London (1989 to 1993) offices. Jim has previously served on the boards of MarketAxess, Incapital, BAS-Japan, and the Catawba Lands Conservancy. He holds a B.A. in Economics and Sociology from the University of Michigan. His son, Jay, is in first grade at Dore.

Bob Selee, Finance Committee – Bob is Vice President of Finance for General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products, and he relocated to Charlotte from Burlington, VT in Sept. 2003. He holds an MBA in Finance from Bentley College, and received his B.S. in Finance/Economics from North Adams State College. He has a son, Wesley, who is in 5th grade at Dore. He is also a Board member of the NC Citizens for Business and Industry and serves on the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce's Board of Advisors.

Roberta Smith, Education Committee Chair (ex officio) – Roberta, as Head of School, is responsible for the curriculum and will lead this Board Committee to define Dore's unique "signature experience."

Blair Stanford, Marketing Committee Chair – Blair is the Chief Operating Officer for the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. Prior to this role, she served as Group VP of Member Services, and now also produces the Chamber's Annual Meeting, which is Charlotte's largest business event. She has been with the Chamber since 1993 when she began as Public Relations Manager. She is immediate Past President for the Charlotte Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America and is on the leadership board for Sister-to-Sister, National Women's Heart Day and the Queens University of Charlotte Alumni Board. She is a Charlotte native, a Queens University graduate, and is married with two children, ages 7 and 9.

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Rob Thomas, Immediate Past Chair, Development Committee Chair – Rob is the City Executive for the Scottish Bank and is responsible for all retail and commercial lending, loan operations, human resources, business development, personal portfolios, and branch administration. He has a B.S. in History from Appalachian State University. His son, Rob Thomas, Jr., graduated in 2004 from Dore Academy and is now attending Lees-McCrae College. Another son, E.C. Thomas, currently attends Myers Park High School. Rob is also on the Board of Visitors of Lees-McCrae College, and is a past Board member of Wing Haven and Kinder-Mourn.

Gregg Walker, Development Committee – Gregg works with Aon Consulting and has a degree in the History of Ideas from Williams College. He and his wife, Ann, have three sons: Nathan (in 8th grade at Dore), Joshua and Eli. In addition to his involvement with the Dore Board, Gregg is also a member of Rotary and is a Lay Leader at St. Stephen United Methodist Church.

Debra Wilhoit, Technology Committee Chair – Debra just completed her 23rd year as a Lower School Librarian at Providence Day School. She graduated from Western Carolina University with a B.S. in Education and majored in Educational Media and Library Science. Her son, Bruce, began attending Dore Academy in 2000 and graduated in 2005. She helped establish the Dore Academy Library and has continued to help as a volunteer. She is very involved in MorningStar Presbyterian Church in Matthews and currently serves on the Pastor Nominating Committee, as well as the Mission and Evangelism Committee. After journeying to the Philippines with Heifer Projects International, she became very involved with that organization, whose mission is to end world hunger while preserving our planet.

Dr. Charles Wood, Education Committee – Charlie is an assistant professor of special education at UNCC. He earned his B.S. in Psychology from Western Michigan University and his M.Ed. and Ph.D. in Special Education from Ohio State University. Prior to completing his Ph.D., Charlie was an elementary school special education teacher for students with learning disabilities. His areas of interest and research include students with mild/moderate disabilities, evidence-based reading instruction, and study skills.

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