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## From the Head of School

As the school year came to an end and we bid farewell to the Class of 2008, I marveled at the progress our children have made. Amidst the flurry of activity and our busy lives, I try to remind myself and our faculty how important the work is that we do and what a significant difference we make not only in our families' lives but in the Charlotte community.

Commencement represents a time of new beginnings, the promise of continued hope, and the chance to reflect on the days behind us. In doing so, we continue to grow as individuals and as a school—and I am deeply honored to be a part of it all. This is personally my favorite—as our graduating seniors walk across the stage to receive their diplomas, I cannot help but think what would have happened had Dore not been a part of these budding adults' lives. It is a proud moment for all of us to see how much our seniors have accomplished as they embark on their journeys into the world.

Thank you for your continued support of Dore Academy, as it is so important to our work and a source of encouragement for those of us who devote our lives to these students. We hope to see you on campus or in the community very soon.

Please stay tuned for the exciting events coming up as we work over the summer to plan an even better 2008-2009 academic year.

With warmest regards,  
Roberta Smith, M.A. Ed.

**The Mission of Dore Academy:** To provide students in grades K-12, who have specific attention and learning disabilities, the individualized education to achieve their highest potential.

## Successful Spring Fundraiser

The Spring Fundraiser to benefit the Annual Fund was held on Thursday, June 19 at the Mint Museum of Craft and Design in downtown Charlotte. Along with live jazz as a part of the summer jazz series and the galleries being opened for viewing, the event featured Alyssa Shea, a former Dore student, who told the story of how Dore was instrumental in her academic success. Alyssa is a rising senior at Appalachian State University. The event was held against the back drop of the city sky line.

## Dore Announces “Learning For Life” Campaign Honorary Chairs



Dale F. Halton

Dore Academy is pleased to announce the “Learning for Life” Campaign Honorary Chairs: Ms. Dale F. Halton and Mr. Hugh L. McColl, Jr. These individuals are pillars of philanthropy in the Charlotte community, and their endorsement of Dore’s efforts to raise \$8 million for a new school facility and endowment funds is unequivocally crucial during this time of fundraising for Dore.

Dale Halton is the former Chairman, President and CEO of Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Charlotte, Inc. She is the living legacy of her grandparents, Henry B. and Sadie Clarkson Fowler, the original franchise owners who started the company in 1905. In 1981, Ms. Halton assumed the role of President and CEO, and her vision and perseverance made Pepsi-Cola a thriving and secure company that is still wildly successful today. Ms. Halton is an active member of the Charlotte community, and Dore Academy is deeply honored to have her as part of the “Learning for Life” Campaign.

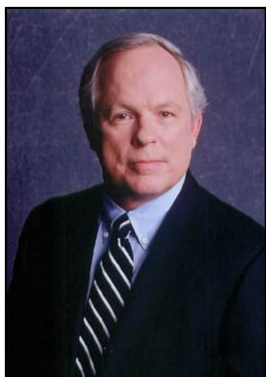


Hugh L. McColl, Jr.

Hugh L. McColl, Jr., is former Chairman and CEO of Bank of America, and current Chairman of McColl Brothers Lockwood. He, along with Dale, joins Dore Academy’s campaign with extensive experience in building a better Charlotte community. His tenure at Bank of America began in 1960 when he joined one of its predecessor banks as a trainee. He assumed the role of CEO in 1983 and presided over its unprecedented growth. His vision for the future of Charlotte and wealth of leadership capacity will be a huge asset to Dore’s campaign.

Honorary Chairs are in place to fully endorse the “Learning for Life” Campaign and also allow Dore Academy the chance to honor these individuals for their transformational work in Charlotte. Dore’s campaign leadership and volunteers are extremely touched and grateful for Dale’s and Hugh’s endorsements and support of the campaign.

### Marc Oken Joins Dore As Campaign Chair



Marc D. Oken

Mr. Oken is a Founding Partner of Falfurrias Capital Partners and he currently oversees the operations of the firm. Mr. Oken is the former Chief Financial Officer of Bank of America. In that role, he had responsibility for Finance, Supply Chain Management, Corporate Treasury, Corporate Investments, Corporate Workplace, and Investor Relations. Also during his tenure with Bank of America as a senior financial executive, Mr. Oken had significant involvement in all of Bank of America’s acquisition activities. Most recently, in the Fleet Boston Financial Corporation and MBNA transactions, he held the additional role of Transition Executive and was responsible for integration of the companies.

Prior to his career with Bank of America, Mr. Oken was a Partner with Price Waterhouse and served as a Professional Accounting Fellow at the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mr. Oken currently serves on the Board of Directors of Marsh & McLennan Companies, Sonoco Products Company, and Star Scientific, Inc.

Mr. Oken earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Loyola College and obtained a Masters of Business Administration degree from the University of West Florida. Mr. Oken is a Vietnam veteran who served as an aviator in the U.S. Navy from 1968 to 1973.

## Dore Academy Class of 2008

Alumni Notes



The commencement ceremony was held on June 7, 2008 at Covenant Presbyterian Church and was attended by over a hundred family members and friends. Our guest speaker was P. Anthony Zeiss, Ed.D, President of Central Piedmont Community College. Everyone enjoyed the Power Point presentation produced by Anne Moon, our Assistant Head of School. The ceremony included laughter and tears, the words of wisdom from our speaker, the support from all of our teachers and administrators, and the enjoyment of the delicious goodies at the reception. We want to wish the graduates of 2008 the best of luck in their future endeavors!

Back Row: Karen Geiger, Anne Moon, P. Anthony Zeiss  
Middle: Michael Goldsbury, Spencer Green, Reid Young  
Front: Michael Bruch, Jenny Collier, Michael Shealey, Justin Wilson

### Congratulations - Robert Griffin and Michael Shealey Recipients of The Who's Who in Minority Leadership

The United States Achievement Academy (USAA) Scholarship Foundation: Who's Who in Minority Leadership Award was granted to rising 8th grader Robert Griffin and senior Michael Shealey. The nominees were selected by their teachers and counselors based upon the following USAA Official Standards for Selection: academic performance, dependability, leadership, enthusiasm, dedication to self-improvement, attitude, cooperative spirit, and responsibility.

As recipients of this award, Robert and Michael, will each receive a congratulatory letter from the United States Achievement Academy. They will be recognized in the appropriate edition of the USAA Official Yearbook listing their activities and scholastic accomplishments, and they are eligible to compete for scholarship grants awarded by the Academy. Lastly, USAA Award recipients receive a news release for local distribution. Dore Academy is very proud of Robert and Michael!



L to R: Michael Shealey and Robert Griffin

### The President's Educational Awards for Excellence and The President's Educational Awards for Achievement

The President's Educational Awards for Excellence and The President's Educational Awards for Achievement is sponsored by the US Department of Education to recognize and honor students achieving high academic goals and dedication to learning. The President's Educational Awards for Excellence are awarded to students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher and a score in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher on the Woodcock Johnson III Test of Achievement. This award was presented to Upper School students: Amber Padgett and Jay Murphy; Middle School students: Savannah Ockerbloom, Sarah Kerman-Bistolfo, and Thomas J. Francomano; Lower School students: Austin Morris and Donald Robinson. Ten students were presented The President's Educational Awards for Achievement who exhibited outstanding educational growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development in their academic subjects. These awards were presented to Upper School students: Anthony Parker, Donna Swanson, and Julie Gibbons; Middle School students: Jeffrey Kromer, Will Vogel, Jonathan Hillsgrove, and Timothy Glauberman; Lower School students: Miller Farrow, Kruesi Barker, and Elizabeth Van Pelt.

*Susan Sumner, 1993-1994, currently lives in Raleigh. She and Leroy welcomed a baby boy, Luke William, on November 18, 2007. She works in customer service at Target, and enjoys being in Raleigh where her brother and sister live.*

*Jack Funck, 1997-2006, enrolled in Northwest School of the Arts in 10th grade following his tenure at Dore Academy, and is currently in the 11th grade. He has continued with music lessons and plays acoustic and electric guitar. He is currently exploring colleges, and is preparing to take his SAT. Jack is also active in Boy Scouts, is on the Rugby club team at Charlotte Catholic High School, and is a teen volunteer for the Children's Liturgy program at St. Ann Catholic Church. He has worked full-time the last two summers at Ranger Construction.*

*Vickie Cole, Class of 2003, attended Central Piedmont Community College following graduation, and then moved to Raleigh where she attended Wake Tech. Vickie is now working for ColeJenest & Stone as an administrative assistant, and recently moved into her own apartment.*

*Jacob Tocman, Class of 2005, is in his third year at UNC-Asheville and is majoring in Economics and Political Science.*

*Anna Stone, Attended Dore 3rd, 8th & 9th Grades, when Anna left Dore Academy, she pursued a career in modeling. She traveled to New York, Miami, and Chicago for a couple of years. She later returned to Charlotte and attended Central Piedmont Community College for undergraduate studies. She then decided to go to school for massage therapy at Southeastern School of Neuromuscular Massage Therapy and graduated in 2002.*

*Anna is currently working at Regenesys Medical Spa and Wellness Center and has been practicing for six years. She has resumed her education and has enrolled part-time in the Physical Therapy Assistant program at Central Piedmont Community College. In her spare time, she adores playing with Teddy, her pet chihuahua, and she continues to do runway modeling for David's Bridal at the Charlotte Convention Center.*

**NOTE TO READERS:**

We sincerely apologize for the 3rd page errors in Issue I of the Dore-Ways newsletter, which was sent in February 2008. This was an overlook of the printing process, and we will ensure in the future that a run-off like this does not occur again. Thank you for your continued interest and readership

**PLEASE KEEP  
US UPDATED!**

If you have news or updates regarding former students of Dore Academy, please let us know! You may e-mail updates to Cheryl McCullough at [cmccullough@doreacademy.org](mailto:cmccullough@doreacademy.org), or call 704-365-5490, ext. 22.

## Congratulations - Robert Odell Griffin, Jr. Recipient of The Frank L. and Sarah K. Gentry Leadership

### The Award

In recognition of the significant contributions of time, talent, and treasure provided to Dore Academy by Frank and Sarah Gentry for over 20 years, the Dore Academy Head of School will present annually The Frank L. and Sarah K. Gentry Leadership Award to that student who has best demonstrated a consistent commitment to enhancing the Dore community, including fellow students, faculty, staff, and visitors to the school.

### The Recipient

Robert Griffin, a rising 8th grader, has been a student at Dore since the third grade. Robert at the age of thirteen demonstrates his gifts of reading, speaking, athleticism, and music. Robert, an avid reader, is active in his church, participating in services and reading Bible Scripture. At Dore, Robert shares his performance talents on the stage, on the soccer field, and on the basketball court. Robert's peers respect him for his leadership, loyalty, and sense of responsibility. He is often first to help a classmate or pay a compliment to a peer. Robert's fondness and respect for others begins with his family: his mother, Timeka, his father, Robert and his little brother, Ryan.



L to R: Frank Gentry, Robert Griffin, Sr., Robert Griffin, Jr., Timeka Griffin

## Dore Welcomes Grandparents

Dore Academy celebrated Grandparents' Day on Friday, April 4, 2008. Coffee, juice, and delicious pastries were available for students and grandparents or "that someone special." Much to the delight of our guests, the students in grades 1-3 gave a fun-filled musical performance. After enjoying the wonderful pastries and listening to the students perform, some of the students gave tours of Dore to their special visitor(s). Other students took their grandparents back to their classrooms where a variety of activities took place. The Kindergarten grandparents filled out a "cut and paste" survey with their grandchild on "School-Then and Now." Some questions were..."How did you get to school? Did you have computers? What was your favorite subject?" The students had fun listening to their grandparents' responses. We all look forward to seeing the spark in the children's eyes when their grandparents visit Dore Academy on Grandparents' Day.



Jack Devlin with Grandparents Bob and Kate Devlin

## Cheryl J. McCullough Joins Dore Academy

Dore Academy is pleased to welcome Cheryl McCullough as Director of Development. Cheryl brings a wealth of talent and knowledge to Dore. Cheryl has amassed over 15 years of experience specializing in leadership development, strategic planning and management, organizational change and leadership, business development, and project management. She also has experience in the areas of program planning and execution, leadership training and development, student development and educational program development.

She earned her undergraduate degree at Livingstone College with honors and her Masters Degree from Pfeiffer University. She also completed the Management Development Program at the Harvard University College of Education.

Cheryl is an active member of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church-Charlotte, serving as a teacher in the L.I.F.E. (Lay Institute for Equipping) Ministry, and a mentor with the Ladies of Influence Ministry. She is also an active member in the Eta Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

