

## **ELAINE BOYCE LEAGUE, 1966**

Elaine Boyce League graduated from Winthrop in 1966 with a B.S. in physical education. While at Winthrop, she was a member of the Safety Committee, Thomson Hall Committee and the Sigma Gamma Nu Physical Education Honorary. After graduation, she began her career as a middle school teacher in Prince Williams County, Va. She taught in Virginia for six years. During her time in Virginia, she married, and her first child Meredith was born in 1970.

In 1973, her son Christian was born and the family moved to St. Louis, Mo. She and her children left St. Louis for South Carolina in 1978, where she began a 22- year teaching career at Bell Street Middle School. While teaching at Bell, she coached basketball and volleyball. For over 20 years she was an instructor for *Firearm Safety and the Hunter*, which was part of the sixth grade curriculum. There she guided students through the safe use of rifles and shotguns following the Department of Natural Resources curriculum guidelines. A gifted and brave teacher provides middle school students with guns! In 2001, Ms. League retired from teaching and became an active volunteer with her church food bank, the United Ministries, and the Hospice Thrift Store.

Elaine Boyce has touched the lives of thousands of students over her teaching career. She consistently provided quality instruction, demonstrated effective teaching methods, and modeled an active lifestyle for her students. Her impact on her students at a critical juncture in their lives is immeasurable both in her teaching and in her coaching career. She was a gifted and talented educator who continues to be active in her community. She is a model for all the future PEMS sitting in this room today.

Throughout her lifetime, Elaine Boyce League has provided a model of fitness and an active lifestyle. She continues to walk several miles each day, swim, ride her bike, and play tennis. She might even want to take on Dr. Ford some day on the tennis court. She is surrounded in her retirement by family. Her sisters Sue Misenheimer '62 and Barbara Glenn '64 live close. Her daughter Meredith and her family, Billy, Rylan and Landon Pitts, live in Greenwood, S.C., and her son Christian and his daughter, Jordan, live in Clinton, S.C.

In celebration of a distinguished career in teaching and coaching, the faculty and staff welcome Elaine Boyce League as a member of the Class of 2012 Distinguished Alumni.