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## **Charlotte Catholic High School Announces 2019 Sister Paulette Williams Awards for Outstanding Service**

### **Five CCHS Faculty Members Honored at Graduation**

**Charlotte, NC** – Charlotte Catholic High School is proud to announce the 2019 winners of the Sister Paulette Williams Awards for Outstanding Service. The awards were presented at the Commencement Exercises held on May 31, 2019 at Bojangles' Coliseum.

The 2019 winners are Mrs. Nell Baker (English), Mrs. Carolyn Hilderbrand (Science), Mrs. Jen Murlless (Counseling), Mrs. Joanne Winters (Mathematics), and Mrs. Dana Zimmer (History).

In 2016, the CCHS Foundation established the Sister Paulette Williams Awards in order to recognize members of the Charlotte Catholic faculty whose exceptional dedication, knowledge, and commitment inspires students to learn. These are teachers who consider the whole student, and encourage them to be their best in all aspects of their lives. They

exhibit the best qualities of faith and mercy in their interaction with students as well as with colleagues. They consistently go above and beyond, making a difference in the lives of CCHS students and the school community.

The CCHS Foundation chose to name the awards in honor of Sister Paulette Williams, RSM, who played a key role in establishing the basis for Catholic education in Charlotte. She was a teacher at CCHS for five years, Assistant Principal for two years, and Principal for twenty years. “Her leadership, dedication, guidance, and vision built our school into what you recognize today – a community leader in academics, arts, and athletics,” said Mr. Kurt Telford, CCHS Principal.

Any current member of the CCHS community – teachers, staff, parents, and students – may nominate a faculty member for the Sister Paulette Awards. All are encouraged to participate, and each year, more than 50 nominations are received. A five-person committee, consisting of two CCHS Foundation board members, two past Sister Paulette Award winners, and one administrator, review the nominations and recommend the award winners to the CCHS Foundation Board for confirmation.

Mrs. LynnErin Tyler, President of the CCHS Foundations, announced the Sister Paulette Williams Award winners at Graduation, and Mr. Telford presented a letter of thanks and a \$5,000 check to each of the winners, on behalf of the CCHS Foundation.

“We congratulate these dedicated teachers,” Mr. Telford said. “These awards validate, honor, and encourage these educators. They are an expression of thanks for all these teachers do every day, above and beyond what is expected, to make a difference in the lives of our young people and our school community.”

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LynnErin Tyler, CCHS Foundation President, presents the Sister Paulette Williams Awards at Graduation



Mrs. Nell Baker and Mrs. Carolyn Hilderbrand



Mrs. Jen Murlless is congratulated by Principal Kurt Telford



Mrs. Joanne Winters and Mrs. Dana Zimmer