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The Citadel to Induct Two CCSD Educators into Wall of Fame

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Charleston, SC — The Citadel's Zucker Family School of Education will induct two Charleston County School District (CCSD) educators into their Wall of Fame this evening, Wednesday, February 15, 2017, for their outstanding contributions to education in the Lowcountry. The Citadel Wall of Fame recognizes individuals, alumni, and community partners for their contributions to quality education in the Lowcountry, as well as showcases the recent accomplishments of the Zucker Family School of Education.

Terri Nichols, CCSD Associate Superintendent of Schools, is being inducted and recognized in the category of Outstanding Education Alumnus for her leadership in local education and continued willingness to bring recognition to The Citadel through her active support and focused partnerships. Nichols has served in the District since 1978. Starting off as a school teacher at Morningside Elementary (now Middle) and Brentwood Middle, Nichols quickly progressed to an assistant principal at Hunley Park Elementary in 1988, and shortly after, an elementary school principal at Mary Ford by 1990. Nichols continued to serve as an elementary school principal for nearly 20 years before becoming Associate Superintendent for Elementary Learning in 2008. For the past year, Nichols has served as the Associate Superintendent of Schools where she continues to diligently and dutifully serve all students across the District.

Darwin Shorters, CCSD Mathematics and Computer Science teacher at St. John's High School, is being inducted and recognized in the category of Outstanding STEM Educator for his work in teaching computer science at St. John's. Shorters was also selected as the 2016 Project Lead the Way Computer Science Teacher of the Year and the 2016 South Carolina Career Technology Education (CTE) Teacher of the Year, as well as received the Presidential Volunteer Leadership Award by the White House. Shorters was instrumental in contributing to Charleston's recent CodeON (Coding for Our Neighborhoods) project sponsored by Women in Code and Family Hour of Code that offers computer science classes to underprivileged children, as well as the reemergence of the Computer Science Teacher Association (CSTA) for the Lowcountry.

Both educators will be honored at the Wall of Fame Induction ceremony starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Francis Marion Hotel. To learn more about The Citadel Wall of Fame, visit <http://www.citadel.edu/root/wall-of-fame>.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 schools and several specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities led by associate superintendents. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.