

DR. FLORENCE ARNOLD ARMSTRONG, ED.D.

Superior Service Award

W. A. Pattillo High School Class of 1963



I am Florence Arnold Armstrong, a member of the Class of 1963. Following graduation, I received a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from Saint Augustine's University in 1967. I furthered my formal education by earning a master's degree from North Carolina Central University and culminated my studies with the Doctorate of Education from Nova Southeastern University.

Following graduation from Saint Augustine's University, my career began as teacher of music in Nash County. Since that time, I've held positions of Assistant Principal, Principal, Director of Federal Programs, and Director of Instructional Services in several North Carolina Public Schools and Amelia, Virginia.

My strong dedication to public service began at an early age when I joined the Tarboro Chapter of the National Association for Colored People (NAACP) Youth Council as a youth worker under the leadership of Sarah Beatrice "Miss Bea" Garrett Burnette. In addition to becoming life member of the NAACP, I have held offices and worked with the Democratic Party at the county, state, and national levels. Also, I have served on the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners, Edgecombe Board of Education, the Edgecombe County Arts Council and Edgecombe Health Board. The Edgecombe County African American Democratic Caucus was organized by me. Many say that I walk in the footsteps of my great grandfather Frank Thorpe, a reconstruction Era politician in Edgecombe County.

Finally, my memberships include being a lifetime member of Saint Paul Baptist Church, Chair of the Edgecombe County Board of Elections, First Vice Chair of the North Carolina Elections Board of Elections Board Members and was Vice Chair of the Perry-Weston Educational and Cultural Institute, and the Rocky Mount Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. I am currently the Edgecombe County Board of Elections' Chair and member of the North Carolina State Board of Elections.