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## Education initiative named in honor of Richard Riley

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**Vester M. Boyter '42**, September 3, Moore, S.C. He was a retired employee of Southern Wood Piedmont and was founder of Boyter's Lures. He was a member of the Fishing Club of America, an honorary member of the Antique Lure Collectors of South Carolina and a member of the South Carolina Chess Club.

**Jesse Talmadge Mayfield '42**, August 15, Columbia, S.C. An Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict, he was employed with Greenwood Packing Plant. He was a Mason and a member of Kiwanis and Travelers Protective Agency, and he served on the advisory board of Meals on Wheels.

**Mildred Stone Woodard '42**, September 30, Louisville, Colo. She was a longtime math teacher at Lafayette Centaurus High School.

**Helen Elizabeth Hendricks Wooten '42**, May 2, Tampa, Fla. She was a retired teacher and librarian in Greenville County schools.

**Martha Jenkins Horton '44**, October 24, Anderson, S.C. She taught in the schools of Anderson District 5 for many years.

**Helen Elrod Wright '45**, September 25, Greenville.

**Alice Kay Johnston Faile '47**, October 8, 2007, Dahlonega, Ga. She was employed with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board as a missionary in Ghana, West Africa.

**Zelda King O'Bannon '47**, November 18, Barnwell, S.C. An accomplished artist, she taught for 30 years in the South Carolina public schools and continued to teach art after her retirement. She was active in church work, a former president of the

Barnwell Garden Club and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**John Grover Roach, Jr. '47**, February 11, 2008, Marion, N.C. He started Pleasant Gardens Fire Department and helped to start Hospice of McDowell County. He was a member of the Board of Health in the Tri-County area and of the Council on Aging. He was also on the board for Habitat for Humanity, was a member of Boy Scouts of America Piedmont Council and was a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. He served in the U.S. Army and the North Carolina National Guard.

**John Monroe King '48**, November 9, Greenville. After working briefly as an accountant with a Greenville firm, he joined the Furman business office in 1949 and worked at the university for more than 34 years, retiring in 1983. He was

an accountant in the business office and later became assistant business manager. For several years he also served as business manager of athletics, and he retired as supervisor of housing services. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II in the Pacific Theatre.

**Alvin Pickens Barker '49**, September 11, Snellville, Ga. He was a retired Baptist minister.

**Julia Lynette Nealy Cassell '49**, October 7, Pickens, S.C. She was retired from State Farm Insurance Agency and was a recipient of the Civitan of the Year award.

**Betty Jo Sloan Fersner '49**, November 7, Folly Beach, S.C. She began her teaching career in Joanna, S.C., before moving to Orangeburg, S.C., where she taught elementary music and later served as choral

## EDUCATION INITIATIVE NAMED IN HONOR OF RICHARD RILEY

Laureate Education has announced an international scholarship initiative named in honor of Richard W. Riley '54, U.S. Secretary of Education under Bill Clinton and a champion of making higher education accessible to those in need.

The announcement was made December 3 by former president Clinton and Douglas L. Becker, chief executive officer of Laureate

Education, at the Clinton Global Initiative Asia meeting in Hong Kong. Laureate will award 1,000 Richard W. Riley scholarships to deserving teachers around the world to help them earn an advanced degree in education, business or information technology.

Laureate International Universities is a global network of 42 accredited campus-based and on-line universities offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs to nearly 500,000 students.

Riley served as Secretary of Education from 1993 to 2001, during which time he spearheaded initiatives to improve academic standards and expand college grants and loans programs. In 2008 he was named one of the 20th century's "Ten Best Cabinet Members" by *Time* magazine.

From 1979 to 1987 he was governor of South Carolina, where he also championed education reform. He is currently an attorney in Greenville and vice chair of the Furman board of trustees. Furman's Riley Institute and Richard W. Riley Hall are named in his honor.

In 2008, Walden University, a member of the Laureate International Universities network, named its College of Education after Riley. Walden has announced that it will provide 100 full scholarships through the Laureate program. Recipients will be known as Riley Scholars.

