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Inaugural Alumni Spirit Award Presented at Homecoming Celebration



This year, Cabarrus College created a Cabarrus College Alumni Spirit Award. The Alumni Spirit Award was created in order for the College to honor one of our alumni who has consistently demonstrated extraordinary spirit and pride in support of the College and the Alumni Association; has attended and supported the involvement of alumni in Cabarrus College events, and has exemplified a positive image of their Alma Mater, inspiring loyalty and pride in their fellow alumni.

The inaugural recipient of this award was chosen by the College. In the future, nominations will be solicited and decided upon by members of the Alumni Association and other members of the College community. The recipient, Mrs. Joyce Deal (class of 1957) was presented the award at the College's annual Homecoming Celebration, held on September 28th.

Joyce has been a loyal member of the Alumni Association for many years, and has served on the Board for over ten years. I have personally have had the honor of working with Joyce for over eight years and have seen the dedication and pride she feels for Cabarrus College in everything she does. Joyce has been instrumental in the planning and implementation of the December Exam Breaks that our alumni sponsor each year. Our students always look forward to having delicious snacks, mostly made by Joyce herself, while preparing for their end of semester exams. Joyce loves any activity that she can be involved in that includes our current students. For example, she participates in our graduate breakfasts that we hold twice per year, bake sales and cake walks held by various student organizations, and our new student orientations. In August, Joyce alone made and donated over a hundred "Welcome to Cabarrus College" goody bags for our new students, on behalf of the Alumni Association.

Over the years, Joyce has always made an effort to keep in touch with her classmates and encourages them to stay connected to the College by participating anyway they can in College or Alumni events. She continues to try and motivate others because she wants everyone to feel the wonderful connection and love for Cabarrus College that she feels.

It goes without saying that Homecoming Celebrations, Reunions, Mixers and all other alumni events would not be the same without the loyalty, positivity and Cabarrus College pride that Joyce Deal brings wherever she goes.

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