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CHARLESTON HEADMASTER TO RETIRE

Trident Academy Headmaster Colonel Myron C. Harrington, Jr. has announced that he will retire at the end of the 2006-2007 academic year. Col. Harrington has served Trident Academy for 15 years and is the longest serving Headmaster in the history of the school. In addition, he is the longest serving Headmaster among the 32 schools that comprise the Palmetto Association of Independent Schools (PAIS) as well as among the Charleston area schools that belong to the South Carolina Independent Schools Association (SCISA).

Myron Harrington is a national leader in the education of students with learning disabilities. During Harrington's tenure, Trident Academy became one of only ten schools in the nation to be accredited by the Academy of Orton Gillingham. Under Harrington's leadership, all Trident Academy teachers in grades K-12 have been trained in the Orton-Gillingham approach to teaching phonics. Orton-Gillingham is a sequential, multi-sensory method for teaching students to read. Using Orton-Gillingham school wide ensures that students with various learning styles are able to grasp concepts at all grade levels.

Col. Harrington has served on the boards of the South Carolina Learning Disabilities of America and the South Carolina International Dyslexia Association. In fact, he is the only Headmaster in the state to serve on both boards simultaneously. Larry Watt, Executive Secretary of SCISA, says, *"Myron Harrington has a genius for organization. Trident Academy is organized completely amid the unique challenges of the learning disabled student. Students, not only at Trident, but nationally have benefited from Myron's expertise. I am delighted that he will continue to call South Carolina home so that we may draw upon his experience."*

In addition to being recognized for his strides in educating children with learning disabilities, Myron Harrington has also been directly involved with independent education throughout South Carolina. From 1996-2005 he served as the Vice President of SCISA. He has also served as the President of the SCISA Headmasters Association, as well as President, Past President, and board member of PAIS. Col. Harrington is currently a member of the Southern Association of Independent Schools Board, an association of 290 independent schools throughout the Southeast. In 2002, Col. Harrington was awarded the Dr. Charles Aimar Education Leadership Award by SCISA. Trident

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Academy is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), and SCISA.

Prior to becoming Headmaster at Trident Academy, Colonel Myron Harrington served in the United States Marine Corps from 1961 to 1991 when he retired as Professor of Naval Science and Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps, The Citadel. Col. Harrington is a graduate of The Citadel and received a Master's Degree from Shippensburg University while attending The Army War College.

Trident Academy was founded in 1972 in Mt. Pleasant to remediate learning differences in children who have struggled in more traditional settings. It is one of 10 schools in the nation to be accredited by the Academy of Orton Gillingham, specializing in teaching multi-sensory techniques to teachers.

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**Parents, students and teachers are available for media interviews. Please call Betsy Fanning at 884-7046. If she is unavailable, you can speak with Lael Byrd.