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22ND ANNUAL

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Honoring Distinguished Graduate
J. BOONE AIKEN III

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September 27th | 5:30 PM • SiMT • 1951 Pisgah Road • Florence, SC 29501



Reception
BUFFET
5:30 - 7:00 PM • SiMT

Program
BEGINNING
AT 7:00 PM

RECOGNITION OF
J. BOONE AIKEN III

RECOGNITION OF F1S
TEACHERS, PRINCIPAL, &
ASST. PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

Special Door Prize Drawing Courtesy of
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Our Mission Statement

The School Foundation promotes educational excellence in Florence, SC School District 1 through grants for innovative learning and through high impact initiatives designed to prepare all students for success.

Funding Grants, Leading School Readiness Initiative

The School Foundation has awarded \$1,970,572.78 in grants to Florence 1 Schools to date. Our Fellows in Education program gives business and community leaders a unique behind-the-scenes look into Florence 1 Schools and is now in its seventh year. Our StartSMART initiative is continuing to make an impact in the Florence community.



J. BOONE AIKEN III *Distinguished Graduate*

Jefferson Boone Aiken III attended Royal Elementary School, Moore Junior High School and graduated from McClenaghan High School in 1965. He is the son of the late J. B. Aiken, Jr. and Eugenia Turrentine Aiken and is a life-long Florentine. He was a Boy Scout in his early years and received the Order of the Arrow. His future as an attorney was reflective in his student career. At Moore Junior High School he was president of the Student Body. At McClenaghan High School he served as president of both his sophomore and junior class, and was president of the student body his senior year. In his junior year, he was selected as a delegate to Palmetto Boys State and was named a Furman Scholar. He was also a member of the McClenaghan High School tennis team, the "Racketeers".

After high school graduation, Boone received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wake Forest University in 1969. While at Wake Forest, he was a member of the Kappa Sigma social fraternity and was president of the Interfraternity Council. After graduating from Wake Forest, he attended law school at the University of South Carolina where he was a member of the South Carolina Law Review. He graduated from law school in 1973.

Boone has built a successful and esteemed legal career serving his hometown of Florence. He served as the General Counsel to McLeod Health from 2003 until December 2021. His legacy with McLeod began with his grandfather, Jefferson Boone Aiken, who was named a board of trustee member when McLeod was first chartered as a not-for-profit corporation in 1930. Boone is a senior shareholder and founding member of Aiken, Bridges, Elliott, Tyler and Saleeby, P.A., where his focus is on medical and professional liability defense.

Boone is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, where membership is limited to 1% of the total practicing lawyers of any state. He is a member of the S.C. Bar Association, The American Bar Association, past president of the Florence County Bar Association, a past member of the S. C. Bar Foundation board of directors and is a certified court mediator and arbitrator. He received the S. C. Association for Justice Worthy Adversary Award in 2014. This award honors one defense attorney in the state each year who displays exemplary professionalism, honesty, and ethical behavior. In 2015 Boone was awarded the Leadership in Law Award which recognizes attorneys in the Palmetto State who have achieved success in their law practice, made contributions to society, and had an impact on the legal profession.

He has served the Florence community as a Leadership Florence graduate, a past chairman of the All Saints' Episcopal Day School board of directors, a member of the Trinity Collegiate School board of directors, and is a Paul Harris Fellow of the Florence Rotary Club. He served as chairman of The Aiken Foundation, which was started by his grandfather, from 2009 until it was dissolved in 2021, and the assets distributed to Florence County charitable organizations.

Boone is married to Robin Hutchinson Aiken and has three children: Jennifer and her husband, Billy, and their children, Eugenia, Annie, and Will, of Charleston; Mary Margaret and her husband, Patrick, and their son, Oliver, also of Charleston; and Boone IV, who recently started practicing law in Florence at Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd. Boone and Robin are members of Central United Methodist Church of Florence. When he is not working Boone enjoys spending time with his family in Pawleys Island.

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