

Achievement Acknowledged

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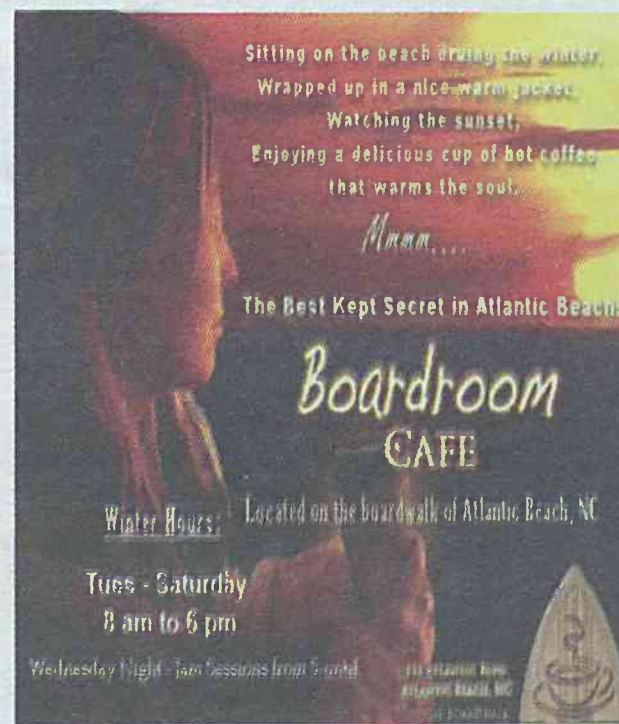
On February 13, 2010, Bonnie Maccallum Ferneau received the Honor Award for the Southern District of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (SDAAHPERD) at the association's annual convention in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The southern district is made up of 13 southern states from Virginia to Texas. The Honor Award recognizes meritorious contributions in the field of physical education, health education, recreation and/or dance.

Bonnie is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College and George Washington University. She completed a 36-year career as an elementary teacher in Frederick County, Maryland, Fairfax County, Virginia and Carteret County, North Carolina. Committed to the philosophy of success for every student and to the importance of physical education and fitness for a lifetime, three of the schools



in which Ms. Ferneau taught physical education were recognized as Demonstration Schools for the President's Council for Physical Fitness and Sport. In addition to teaching, Bonnie served as cooperating teacher for 35 student teachers, then went on to the role of mentor for teachers in their first three years of teaching. Bonnie has shared her love for teaching in over 100 presentations at state, district, national and international workshops and conferences.

Since 1970, when Bonnie was a nominee for Outstanding Young Educator, she has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and Phi Delta Kappa. In addition to many other service and honor awards, Ms. Ferneau has been recognized as Teacher of the Year in Fairfax County, Virginia, as well as in two North Carolina schools. Locally, Bonnie continues to contribute her talents as co-chair of the School Health Advisory Committee of Carteret County.



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