

Biographical Sketch

Donna Wilson – Director of Palmetto Center for the Arts

Donna teaches theatre and serves as the Magnet Director of the Palmetto Center for the Arts. She is also the Theatre Coordinator for the Tri-District Arts Consortium. Ms. Wilson earned an MFA in directing and an MAT in Theatre Arts from the University of South Carolina. She is a National Board Certified Teacher and was Richland Northeast High School's 2001-2002 Teacher of the Year and a District Honor Roll Teacher of the Year. She is also the recipient of the Outstanding Theatre Educator Award for 2000 presented by the South Carolina Theatre Association (SCTA), and was named 1993 "South Carolina Speech Educator of the Year" by the South Carolina Speech Communication Association (SCSCA). Ms. Wilson has served as President of the South Carolina Theatre Association, the Palmetto Dramatics Association, and the South Carolina Speech Communication Association and has been involved in numerous Target 2000 and state arts initiatives, writing and receiving over \$100,000 in grants, as well as serving as theatre consultant and resident artist for many schools and school districts. Recently, she was appointed Chair of the SC Theatre Standards Assessment Committee, as part of the Department of Education's SC Arts Assessment Project (SCAAP). Currently, she also serves on the Board of Directors for the SCTA and the Palmetto Dramatics Association. Her directing credits include two main stage productions for the International Thespian Conference at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, as well as numerous community theatre productions. Her Richland Northeast theatre program, a winner of many first place awards and superior ratings, has been selected three times (1998, 2002, and 2004) to represent the United States as part of the American High School Theatre contingent at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the world's largest celebration of the arts, held annually in Edinburgh, Scotland.