



**Donna Wilson** holds an MFA in theatre, with a specialization in directing, and an MAT in Theatre Arts from the University of South Carolina. Recently retired as Director of the Palmetto Center for the Arts (PCA) and theatre teacher at Richland Northeast High School, she earned her National Board Certification as an Early Adolescence Generalist and was Richland Northeast High School's 2001-2002 Teacher of the Year and a District Honor Roll Teacher of the Year. Most recently, she was inducted into the 2018 South Carolina Theatre Hall of Fame by the South Carolina Theatre Association (SCTA). She is also a recipient of the Outstanding Theatre Educator Award presented by the SCTA in 2000 and is the recipient of SCTA's 2010 Lifetime Service Award. In addition, she received the 2010 SC Consortium for Gifted Education Award for Outstanding Professional Accomplishment, and was named a 2015 TWIN (Tribute to Women in Industry) Honoree by the Palmetto Center for Women. 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 arts initiatives, including serving this year on the state's committee to revise the *South Carolina Guidelines for Identification of Artistically Gifted and Talented Students*. Her Richland Northeast theatre program, a winner of many awards and superior ratings, represented SCTA's High School Division at the Southeastern Theatre Conference in 2014 and 2013 and was selected five times (1998, 2002, 2004, 2007 and 2011) by the American High School Theatre Festival to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland. Currently, she serves as Director of the Tri-District Arts Consortium, a summer program for artistically gifted and talented middle school students in Richland District Two, Lexington District One and School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties.