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## **NEWS IN EDUCATION**

### **PAM MILLS RECEIVES DR. JAMES A. STREET AWARD**

**Montgomery, Alabama, June 11, 2019:** Mrs. Pam Mills, a former guidance counselor at Center Point (Erwin) High School in the Jefferson County School System, was awarded the prestigious Dr. James A. Street Award. This award was presented at the 2019 Annual CLAS Convention at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center during the Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, June 11, 2019.

The Dr. James A. Street Award is presented by the CLAS Board of Directors in recognition of exceptional service to Alabama public education. The award's namesake, Dr. Street, was the first full-time executive director of the Alabama Council for School Administrators and Supervision (ACSAS), which is now CLAS. Dr. Street was a visionary leader who served in many capacities in the public education system in Alabama.

Mills was nominated for devoting two careers – one in the public sector and one in the private sector - to the education of Alabama students and supporting public education in Alabama. During her 25 years in public education, Mills was a teacher as well as a reading specialist. Mills was a champion for helping children learn to read before the third grade. After retirement, Mills took her passion for helping children to the Alabama State Department of Education and worked in the Office of School Improvement. Her work continued to make an impact and it caught the attention of Houghton Mifflin Publishing, who brought her into the private sector. Mills' tremendous ability to connect with administrators and teachers was realized by Classworks, who hired her in 2008, and she remained with their organization until she officially retired from Classworks this Spring.

“Pam Mills' contributions throughout her careers have made a significant impact in supporting public education in Alabama,” states CLAS Executive Director Dr. Vic Willson. “Mrs. Mills' efforts to secure partnerships, support for recognition programs, and most importantly teaching students, demonstrates her determination to do what is right for the students. Pam Mills was truly an advocate for public education and most deserving of this recognition.”

**About CLAS:** CLAS, the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools was founded in 1969 by a small group of school leaders to provide targeted professional development and support for Alabama's public school administrators. CLAS now serves eleven affiliates representing each type of public school/school system leader. CLAS provides the framework to connect dedicated school administrators and other successful leaders with a network for professional growth and support. CLAS is the premier professional learning provider for administrators in public schools in the state of Alabama.

**Photo (L to R):** Pam Mills with 2018-2019 CLAS President, Dr. Tamala Maddox [DOWNLOAD PHOTO](#)

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