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# Cortland Alumni Association presents Distinguished Educator Award to Lyn Long



**Dr. Long with SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum and his wife.**

The SUNY (State University of New York) at Cortland Alumni Association presented its Distinguished Educator Award to Carolyn Macleod "Lyn" Long, of Chapin, during the 2018 Reunion Alumni Awards Luncheon on Saturday, July 14.

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Not retired teacher and school administrator Carolyn "Lyn" Macleod Long '58. After decades of achievement in education and community involvement, the mayor of Chapin, S.C., a community with a population similar to that of SUNY Cortland, last year formally declared Nov. 3 "Lyn Long Day."

Long, who has a doctorate from University of South Carolina, is a former South Carolina Distinguished Assistant Principal of the Year. She introduced new programs in reading and math at Chapin Elementary School that significantly increased test scores and attracted funding. Because of her focus on writing, the school was invited to highlight its successful writing program at three fall writing conferences and was

insisted that Chapin teachers were among the best in the business," said her husband and nominator, Eugene Long. With the help of parents, teachers and students, Long initiated construction of a nature trail, including a wooden outdoor classroom behind Chapin Elementary. Lone Trail — Learning in an Outdoor Natural Environment — was spotlighted on PM Magazine on WIS Television.

Since retiring, Long has coordinated an essay contest with Chapin-area elementary, middle and high schools to promote positive traits that lead to character development. She has written and illustrated several children's books and reads at local elementary schools weekly. She organizes the Chapin Women's Club's annual day of service and was named Chapin Woman of the Year by the group in 2006.

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Fern Yasser Kupfer '68, an American author and retired associate professor of creative writing at Iowa State University.

Nestor Sherman '84, a Regents professor of kinesiology at Texas A&M University-Kingsville who has made a lasting impact in his field on the measurement of human performance.