

Charita White Crockom

Educator



Charita Laurice White Crockom was graduated from Collinwood High school, June 1971. She was an active Railroader in the Honors program. She was a member of National Honor Society, page editor of "The Collinwood Spotlight", a Highstepper, Gym leader, Booster, and sang in the Choral Club, Top Twenty Singers and All City Chorus.

Charita was awarded a "Martha Holden Jennings" scholarship, attending Baldwin Wallace College. She received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1975 with a major in English and certification in Education. She earned a Masters of Education with a Reading Certification from Cleveland State University.

In 1975 she began teaching at Wilbur Wright Intermediate School. She also taught at Clara Westropp Intermediate School. In 1982 she was "called home" to Collinwood where she was teaching English and Reading at the time of her induction into the CHS Hall of Fame.

Charita's teaching skills were recognized by expressions of approval from students both past and present, as well as awards from British Petroleum, "Most Inspirational Teacher" 1990-1991, and again 1992-1993, Continental Airline's "Teacher Of The Year" 1990-1991 and inclusion in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" 1992-1993.

In addition to teaching duties at Collinwood, she was advisor to both the Collinwood Spotlight and The Highsteppers organizations which have received city-wide recognition under her direction. She also chaired The Open House Committee.

Charita is the daughter of Irvin and Catherine White, wife of Duane Crockom, mother of Duane Michael Crockom. She remains active in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and The Greater Cleveland Chapter of Tots and Teens, Inc.