

**All-School Closing Chapel**  
**Friday, May 14, 2004**  
**9:30 a.m.**

It is impossible to do justice in a setting such as this to a great teacher, advisor, mentor, and friend who has served two generations of students at Lovett.

Sandy Sturgeon will retire from our faculty this year after 35 years of extraordinary service. Even before Mrs. Sturgeon came to Lovett in 1969, she had accomplished a great deal. At Florida State, she was a cheerleader, Homecoming Queen, and Phi Beta Kappa. Talk about a diversity of gifts! She held a highly technical job at Lockheed Aircraft before entering the teaching ranks and, fortunately for us, she fell in love with teaching and with high schoolers and threw herself totally into the life of our community. In addition to being an outstanding math teacher, she has sponsored our Cum Laude chapter, she has been the Senior Advisor and Graduation Coordinator

for years and, in those capacities, has devoted countless hours to working with seniors and to planning the multitudinous details connected with graduation. Because of her unwavering commitment to the school, to her discipline, and to her students, she has twice been chosen by students as a winner of the Senior Class Faculty Award. She was also a recipient of the Woodward Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Sandy has brought enormous passion and energy to her work. She absolutely loves to teach math. Her students are in awe of the pure joy she gets from math and from its teaching. Her keen mind, her love of math, her spontaneity, and her incredible illustrations and diagrams all make her a math teacher of the first order.

Sandy, your students and colleagues will miss you, your zaniness, your opinion on all subjects, your energy, your love for people, and your passion for your craft. Thank you for giving so powerfully, so unselfishly of yourself for 35 years! We appreciate you, we love you, and we wish you Godspeed.

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