



From left, Lori L. Sullivan, Dr. Jacqnaï A. Finkley, Dr. April Harris Finkley, Dr. Alicia Hunsberger, Jenny Anderson Waltman and Jason Allen Waltman.



Drayton Nabers and Liz Huntley.



Scholarship Recipient Christa Chery.

Educational Excellence

Samford Names Drayton Nabers and Lori L. Sullivan Learning for Life Honorees

Two Mountain Brook residents, **Drayton Nabers and Lori L. Sullivan**, were honored Aug. 25 by Samford University at the 2021 Learning for Life ceremony at Vestavia Country Club.

The Learning for Life Award, established in 2015 by Samford's Orlean Beeson School of Education, honors outstanding education alumni who have made a significant impact in the lives of others.

Nabers is co-founder and chairman of The Hope Institute, and Sullivan retired two years ago after serving 40 years as an educator.

A 1962 graduate of Princeton University, Nabers earned his law degree from Yale University in 1965.

Before returning to Birmingham to practice, he was a law clerk to former Justice Hugo Black on the U.S. Supreme Court. He has been general counsel and chief executive officer of

Protective Life Corp. and Alabama state finance director.

He served as chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court from 2004 until 2006. He also served Samford as director of the Frances Marlin Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership.

Nabers is the author of three books on ethics and leadership: "The Case for Character," "The Hidden Key to Happiness" and "Priceless: A Life That Counts for Good." He is an active member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Birmingham. He and his wife, Fairfax, have three children and seven grandchildren.

Sullivan earned bachelor's and master's degrees in elementary education from Samford.

She spent 40 years as an educator in different capacities at Crestline Elementary School. In addition, she has volunteered at her church for ministries and committees, at Samford

through the parents and alumni associations, Legacy League and the School of Education advisory board, as well as with her sorority in the role of adviser.

She retired two years ago and has since been spending more time on hobbies, volunteering, traveling and her family, which now includes two grandchildren. ♦



Samford University President Beck Taylor.