## Outstanding Alumni: Mrs. Grazier Connors Rhea '70



Grazier Rhea graduated from Converse College in Spartanburg, SC with a Bachelors of Arts in 1974.

What advice would you give students as they prepare for college and the challenges of our world today? Work hard and always give your best effort. Be honest and true to yourself and remember to give your time and talents to better the world around you.

How did attending Anniston Academy / The Donoho School make a difference in your life or your education? The small, nurturing environment of the Anniston Academy gave me the opportunity to gain learning and leadership skills that I have used throughout my personal and professional life.

**Current position, past work experience, licenses** / certifications, and special awards or honors received: Community Development Director - Catawba Regional Council of Governments, 1986 to present; Regional Planner - Catawba Regional Council of Governments, 1978-1986; Spirit of Community Development Award - SC Dept. of Commerce, 2008; Top 125 Converse Alumnae Award, 2014.

Community Service and Volunteer Experience: Past President/Chairman of Historic Rock Hill, SC Community Development Association, Debutante Club of Rock Hill, Jubilee Harvest of the Arts (Rock Hill), and the Converse College Alumnae Association. Also served on the Rock Hill Historic Review Board, Junior Welfare League of Rock Hill, and the Converse Board of Trustees. Currently President of the Women's Art Initiative (Rock Hill) and on the Board of the Performing Arts and Education Center of York County. Various committees for the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour.

**Additional comments:** Appreciate the education and experience that are offered at The Donoho School.

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