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Springwood's Mr. Dale Freeman Inducted into AISA Hall of Fame class of 2017

On Friday, May 19, during the Springwood Honors Day ceremony, it was announced that Springwood's own Mr. Dale Freeman has been inducted into the AISA Hall of Fame class of 2017. A North Carolina native, Mr. Freeman has an impressive teaching career presently in his 51st year, 35 of which have been spent at Springwood. Mr. Freeman is an incredibly talented educator and always challenges his students to achieve high standards in all that they do. During his time at Springwood he has been involved in teaching English, Speech, and Drama, and has served as the sponsor for the theatre team, oratorical team, and holds the record of tennis coach with the most state championship titles, as well as serving as an assistant coach to the Women's Basketball team. His development of the Springwood theatre program is honored by 14 state titles in AISA competitions dating back to the early 1980s. Mr. Owen, Springwood High School Administrator said of Mr. Freeman, "Dale Freeman is quite possibly the most conscientious and dedicated teacher I have seen in my own thirty-two year career."



Before entering the education field, Mr. Freeman served as a cryptographer in the U.S. Army with atomic top-secret clearance at the 8th Army Headquarters in Seoul, Korea. During his time in Korea, he also taught a conversational English course for Korean students. In addition to his Bachelor's degree in English and Social Studies, Mr. Freeman has also completed all the course work at the University of Tennessee for a Ph.D. in English.

In reference to his nomination to the AISA Hall of Fame, Headmaster Rick Johnson stated, "Dale Freeman is in a category by himself." Some of the words that faculty members and Springwood alumni have used to describe Mr. Freeman include, "outstanding", "dedicated", "passionate", "energetic", and "legend" just to name a few. A fellow colleague, Mr. Warren Nolan, states in regard to Mr. Freeman, "[His] role at Springwood can be encapsulated by a phrase that is continually repeated by his former students... 'He's the best teacher I ever had.'"

Mr. Freeman has continued to set an example for the students and faculty of Springwood, not only professionally but also in his personal life. His wife and former Springwood colleague, Bianca, has been bedridden since 1996. Mr. Freeman has cared for and nurtured her through the years.

Mr. Freeman is cherished by faculty, staff, students, and alumni alike, and the Springwood family is proud of his induction to the AISA Hall of Fame class of 2017!