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BEAUFORT HIGH SCHOOL'S STEPHANIE KELLEY NAMED KAPPA DELTA PI 'MASTER TEACHER OF HONOR'

(INDIANAPOLIS)—Stephanie Kelley, Spanish Teacher at Beaufort High School in South Carolina, is the latest recipient of the Master Teacher of Honor Award from Kappa Delta Pi (KDP), International Honor Society in Education. As only the second award recipient of 2016, she joins an exclusive and elite group of educators who have been recognized with this honor.

After teaching Spanish for more than 15 years, and receiving the Kappa Delta Pi Teacher of Honor recognition in 2010, Kelley understands and appreciates her unending opportunity to change the future and is clear about her educational philosophy. "My objective as a teacher is to motivate others to become lifelong learners who can think independently and make informed decisions."

Martine Marshall, French Teacher and Chair of the World Languages Department at Beaufort High School, stated, "Her inspiring teaching goes beyond the classroom. Stephanie has high expectations of students [and] goes to extra lengths to encourage and achieve high results. In her role as Spanish Honor Society advisor, she has energized students in their studies [and] has provided a fine, very competent, and professional role model for their lives."

Throughout her teaching career, Kelley has served in numerous leadership and extracurricular capacities. Aside from being the sponsor of the Spanish National Honor Society, she also chairperson of the Pep Committee and a World Languages representative for Beaufort High School's Content Area Leadership Team (CALT). The goal of the CALT is to raise achievement levels for all students, collaborate with other teachers on ways to improve their practice, and share best teaching practices.

Currently a doctoral candidate in Education, specializing in Curriculum and Instruction, Kelley has been involved in many professional associations and received several honors. She received the President's Lifetime Volunteer Service Award in 2012, was named an Accredited Interscholastic Coach for the National Federation of State High School Associations in 2014, and was invited to the Phi Lambda Theta International Honor Society and Professional Association in Education in 2015.

The real satisfaction of teaching for Kelley, though, is having an opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of her students. She wrote, "I once had a student who was exceptionally bright, but behavior was an issue for this young man. After 4 years of tears, struggle, parent conferences, and after-school tutoring, the young man graduated and went off to college. He visited me the year after graduation and told me of his success in college because of the preparation that he had as a result of my class. This was the first time I truly thought that the struggles of being a teacher and the lost sleep were truly worth it."

Since the award's establishment in 2011, KDP has named a very select few from around the world as Master Teachers of Honor. To earn this designation, an educator must have more than 15 years of classroom teaching experience; submit evidence of professional development, leadership, community service, and exceptional

contributions to the education profession; and demonstrate a commitment to integrity and high standards in the classroom. The award recognizes teachers of all levels, from early childhood instructors to university faculty members. To learn more about the designation, go to <http://www.kdp.org/recognition/masterteacherofhonor.php>

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About Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education, is a 501 (c) (3) organization established in 1911 to recognize and promote excellence in education, provide a reasoned voice for significant issues, and link learning communities of educators. Through its programs, services, and strategic partnerships, KDP supports the professional growth and teaching practices of educators throughout all phases and levels of their careers. The organization currently has more than 600 chapters and an active membership of nearly 40,000 worldwide.