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## **Peyton Sasnett named Middle School Teacher of the Year by S.C. Independent School Association**

**Columbia, S.C. - April 18, 2008** - Heathwood Hall Episcopal School today announced that science educator Peyton Sasnett has been named Middle School Teacher of the Year by the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA). A Heathwood Hall teacher has earned this award seven out of the past eight years.

Sasnett, a sixth-grade earth and environmental science teacher who has taught for seven years, was recognized by SCISA last night. She is a graduate of Heathwood Hall.

“This is a well-deserved recognition for a professional who is passionate about her teaching and her children,” said Anne Weston, interim co-head of school. “We’re extremely proud to be her colleagues and extend our appreciation to SCISA and to Peyton, for all she does on behalf of our students and our school.”

Sasnett received her master of science and undergraduate degrees from Clemson University, where she currently is pursuing her doctoral degree. She was recognized as the S.C. Conservation Teacher of the Year, the Richland County Conservation Teacher of the Year and was a Champions of the Environment grant award recipient - all in 2007.

Last year, as part of their study of the water cycle, Sasnett’s students constructed a rain garden on the Heathwood Hall campus to naturally catch the run-off from a newly paved area. The project, which was recognized by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) for having designed one of the best projects in the Global Challenge 20/20 program, was conducted in collaboration with a Mexican school also seeking ways to minimize environmental degradation and loss of habitat.

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Sasnett's honor continues an unprecedented streak of success. Since Heathwood Hall began nominating teachers for the SCISA award in 2000, at least one of its teachers each year has been named a finalist and a Teacher of the Year in seven out of the past eight years.

Heathwood Hall Episcopal School offers a college preparatory program in Columbia, S.C. for nursery school through grade 12. For more information about Heathwood Hall, visit [www.heathwood.org](http://www.heathwood.org).

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