

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Mrs. Evelyn M. Strauch '60

Evelyn M. Strauch has taught foreign languages and literature over a 30-year period. After completing undergraduate work at Queens College, CUNY, and the University of Paris, Sorbonne, she earned graduate degrees at Columbia University in linguistics and education. She has taught Advanced Placement French Literature, Spanish, elementary Russian, and English as a Foreign Language on the secondary school level and in adult education programs in New York, New Haven, Baltimore, and Northern Virginia.

In both public and private schools she has developed system-wide curricula and materials, created foreign language departments, directed foreign student exchange programs, and served as a judge in regional foreign language tournaments. She has researched comparative approaches to the study of foreign languages and has written a textbook on Black Francophone Literature which was accepted for publication.

For 20 years, Evelyn served as chair of Community Relations for the Community Development Support Collaborative, a consortium of corporations, financial institutions, and private foundations that provided capacity building grants, training, and technical assistance to nonprofits dedicated to revitalizing distressed neighborhoods in the District of Columbia. She was one of the original members of its steering committee, which monitored and governed the complete range of revitalization projects. Currently, she serves on the board of the Local Initiatives



Support Corporation, which supports revitalization initiatives in urban centers and rural areas in the United States.

For 12 years, Evelyn served on the board of Washington Grantmakers, a member organization representing nearly half a billion dollars annually in charitable investments in the Washington, DC, region. For four of those 12 years, she served as treasurer of the board.

Evelyn chaired two galas for Inova Fairfax Hospital, an 850-bed teaching hospital in Northern Virginia. Presently, she serves on the board of the Inova Health System Foundation and chairs the Committee on Engagement and Education. She is a member of the Cosmos Club of Washington, D.C., the Women's Foreign Policy Group, and The American Association of Teachers of French.