



## THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

### K-12 EDUCATION

#### William Jablon



In 1968, after graduating Cum Laude from Boston College with a degree in English, Bill Jablon headed back to his home state of Florida. Hearing about a teaching opportunity in Tallahassee, he came to Maclay School in 1969 to teach English with the intention of staying three or four years while he pursued his master's degree at Florida State University. But Maclay became home for Mr. Jablon and his wife Ellen. They raised their three children, who were all Maclay graduates, in Tallahassee: Eileen ('88), Michael ('91), and Brianne ('00). All in all, he spent over four decades as Teacher, Headmaster, and President of Maclay School, molding and shaping it into the one of the most reputable independent private schools in the Southeast.

During his years as Headmaster, Mr. Jablon served 23 Board Chairmen and over 100 Trustee Members. He was a Board Member for the Florida Council for Independent Schools (FCIS) for two separate four-year terms, as well as having served as Treasurer and Vice-President. He was on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) and served on the board, and was Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice-President of the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS). Mr. Jablon was the first Private School Chair of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and has chaired over 85 accreditation teams for FCIS and SACS. In October, he received the Distinguished Leadership Award at the SAIS convention.

Under Mr. Jablon's leadership, Maclay grew from 130 students in grades one through nine and a 44-acre campus to 918 students Pre-K through 12 on 100 beautiful acres. He has led numerous capital campaigns to raise funds more than 119,000-square feet of buildings like the Robert C. Webster Athletics and Convocation Center, a state-of-the-art Pre-K school for three and four year olds, the newly renovated \$2.7 million Lower School and Administration Building, and most recently, the Peipers Athletics Field House, which will serve as the training hub for 27 of Maclay's sports teams.