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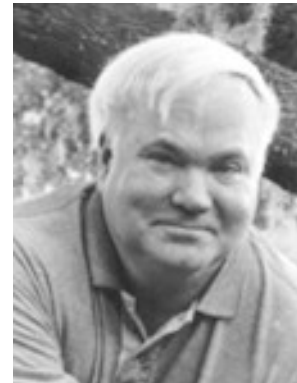
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Phylicia Rashad

Ms. Rashad, born in Harris County, Texas, is an actor, singer and producer. She is the first African-American actress to win the Tony Award for Best Actress for her performance in "A Raisin in the Sun." She is best known for her role as Claire Huxtable in the long-running television hit, the *Cosby Show*.

Ms. Rashad is also an activist and preservationist who has been recognized for her work in preserving the Brainerd Institute, which opened in 1866 for the children of formerly enslaved Africans in Chester County, SC, and is also her mother's alma mater.



Pat Conroy

Award winning novelist, Atlanta-born Pat Conroy is one of the most highly praised, most widely known Southern authors of the last half-century. After graduating from the Citadel, Conroy taught English in Beaufort. He is the famous author of numerous novels, books, and films including *The Boo*, *The Water is Wide*, *The Great Santini*, *The Lords of Discipline*, *The Prince of Tides*, *Beach Music* and the most recent *South of the Broad*. Conroy currently lives on Fripp Island, South Carolina.



Mary Inabinett Mack

Ms. Mack is a native of the small farming community of Islandton, South Carolina. She relocated to St. Helena Island in 1949 at the age of twelve. She entered Penn School two days before her thirteenth birthday and studied there until moving to New York City in 1953. She enjoyed a health care career which spanned fifty years before becoming an entrepreneur in the art world. She is the proprietor of The Red Piano Too Art Gallery on St. Helena Island. Her business has launched the careers of more than twenty emerging artists.

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