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### **Mevers School of Excellence celebrates the life of Sonny Mevers**

**GOOSE CREEK** – Hundreds gathered in the Mevers School of Excellence gymnasium on February 22 as the charter school in Goose Creek remembered a special member of its family. Mevers is one of 13 charter schools authorized by the Charter Institute at Erskine.

Sonny Mevers always had a vision to open a school that would prepare students for college and careers. The school he envisioned would also provide them with the knowledge and skills needed to be leaders and professionals capable of utilizing advanced technologies, across all types of businesses and industries for future generations.

Before his passing, the lifelong resident of Charleston donated three million dollars towards the building of Mevers School of Excellence. The K-7 school broke ground in March 2017 and is in its second year of operation.

“Mr. Mevers was an exceptional man and successful business person who truly believed in giving back to the community,” said Mevers principal Dr. John Spagnolia.

Mevers board chair Dr. Stewart Weinberg added, “Mr. Mevers inspired us by his commitment to provide better education for children in Berkeley County, and we are trying our best to make his vision a reality.”

180-year-old Erskine College established the Charter Institute at Erskine in 2017 to improve public education across the state of South Carolina. The Institute currently sponsors 13 charter schools with nearly 10,000 students. Four additional schools are scheduled to open in the fall of 2019. For more information, please visit [www.erskinecharters.org](http://www.erskinecharters.org).

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