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RILEY INSTITUTE AT FURMAN'S DIVERSITY LEADERS INITIATIVE SELECTS 18TH CLASS OF FELLOWS

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GREENVILLE, S.C.—Riley Institute's Diversity Leaders Initiative Selects 18th Class of Fellows

Poised to join more than 1300 Riley Fellows from across the state, 42 leaders from the Upstate have been selected to participate in the Riley Institute at Furman's Diversity Leaders Initiative (DLI). "In its tenth year, DLI and the Riley Fellows have matured into a potent force to help move the state forward," said Don Gordon, executive director of the Riley Institute. "The members of this class, with their extremely varied professional and community interests, will be a strong addition to the body of Fellows."

Class members meet over the course of five months in a format driven by timely, relevant case studies and other experiential learning tools designed to maximize interactions and productive relationships among program participants. DLI is expertly facilitated by Juan Johnson, an independent consultant and former Coca-Cola Vice President. "DLI is unique among South Carolina's leadership programs. In addition to the opportunity to develop new relationships and take part in positive action in their communities, participants gain deep knowledge of how to effectively manage and lead increasingly diverse workers, clients and constituents," said Johnson. As part of the program, leaders also work in cross-sector groups to respond to real issues and opportunities in their communities through capstone service projects.

Participants reflecting South Carolina's demographics and representing the corporate, nonprofit, education, faith-based and government sectors are chosen by nomination and application. "The frames of reference and skills that DLI graduates share provide a remarkable platform for working together to help South Carolina compete in the 21st century," Gordon said.

These are the Riley Fellows for Upstate Class 18:

Dave Andrews
Chief Learning Officer
Michelin North America
Greenville

Scot Baddley
President/CEO
YMCA of Greenville
Greenville

Darian Blue

Senior Pastor/ Executive Director
Nicholtown Missionary Baptist Church
Greenville

Thomas Bonn

Vice President, Information Management Americas
BMW Manufacturing
Greenville

Karen Burgess

College Campus President
Brown Mackie College
Greenville

Linda Butler

Section Manager, Recruiting
BMW Manufacturing
Greer

Frederick Cartwright

Executive Director
Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR)
Greenville

Scott Clark

Chief Financial Officer
Peace Center Foundation
Greenville

Charles Crite

Campus Director
Webster University Metro Campus
Greenville

Brooke Culclasure

Research Director
The Riley Institute
Greenville

Lee Davis

Graduate Coordinator
Clemson University
Greenville

Eric Englehardt

Managing Shareholder, Greenville Office

Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, PA
Greenville

Delisa English
President/CEO
The Blood Connection
Piedmont

Frankie Felder
Senior Associate Dean of the Graduate School
Clemson University
Clemson

Brett Gaffney
Dean of Students
Greenville Technical College
Greenville

Troy Hanna
President and CEO
The Spartanburg County Foundation
Spartanburg

Charles Harris
Chairman; Owner
Greenville Human Relations Commission; First Domain Properties, LLC
Simpsonville

Michael Hildebrand
Special Assistant to the President and CEO
Greenville Health System
Greenville

Kate Kaup
James B. Duke Professor of Asian Studies and Political Science
Furman University
Greenville

Victoria Kirby
Director - Corporate and Professional Development
Furman University
Greenville

Victor Koelsch
COO
Michelin Americas Truck Tires
Greenville

Stephen Kovalcik

Fire Chief
City of Greenville
Greenville

Tracy Lamb

Executive Assistant to the Chairman and CEO
American Services, Inc.
Greenville

Reid Lehman

President/CEO
Miracle Hill Ministries
Greenville

Beverly McAdams

Vice President for Presidential Affairs
Anderson University
Anderson

Erica McCleskey

BOOST Director
United Way
Greenville

Asha McMillian

Staffing Supervisor
MAU Workforce Solutions
Greenville

Frank O'Brien

Wealth Market Leader
TD Bank
Greenville

Johnna Reed

Vice President, Population Health Management
Bon Secours St. Francis Health System
Greenville

Bobbie Rhodes

Organization Development Consultant-RN
Greenville Health System
Greenville

Tracy Richardson

Community Services Manager
Anderson Oconee Pickens Mental Health Center

Anderson

Kathy Rivers

Director of Community Development
Spartanburg County
Spartanburg

Matt Rollins

Associate Minister
First Baptist Greenville
Greenville

Carey Rothschild

Director, AccessHealth Spartanburg
Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System
Spartanburg

Ame Sanders

Director Consumer Experience
Michelin North America
Greenville

Christy Thompson

Vice President of Worldwide Marketing
ScanSource, Inc.
Greenville

Alonzo Thompson

Chief of Police
City of Spartanburg
Spartanburg

Neal Urch

Director of Jail Operations
Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office
Spartanburg

Elizabeth Varga

Director of Research & Grants
Greenville Technical College
Greenville

Alicia White

Human Resources Manager
Cabela's Inc.
Greenville

James White

Pastor
New Life of Excellence Church
Duncan

Dean Woods
Vice President for Institutional Advancement
Anderson University
Anderson