

## Emerging Public Leaders

Furman's [Emerging Public Leaders](#) program gives rising high school seniors experiences, mentoring and skills to help them become leaders in their schools and communities. The program is offered free of charge to a select group of students who want to make a difference in their world. Students attend sessions with a variety of government and community leaders and design their own service project.

2010-2011 EPL participant Keenan Sakarcan is making a difference with his service project, which is providing sleeping bags to homeless members of his community. [Read about his project.](#)



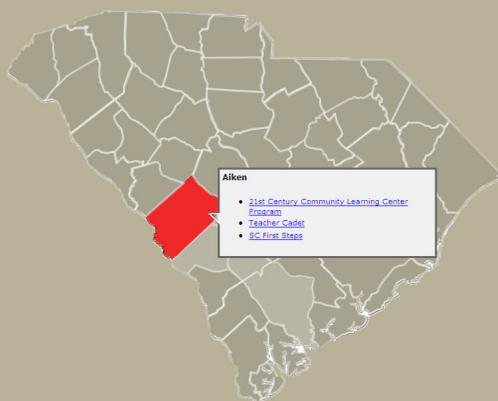
Applications for EPL are online and due Monday, April 4

## Friends at Work: CERRA



The Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention & Advancement's (CERRA) nationally-recognized [Teacher Cadet Program](#) unveiled a new website with the launch of the 10th edition of "Experiencing Education," the program's curriculum. The new online community connects students and teachers across the US. The curriculum, infused with hands-on lessons to help attract the state's brightest students into the education profession has been lauded by the international organization Phi Delta Kappa, who has adopted its standards to help guide its Future Educators Association.

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“If our children love to learn, they will learn to live and in doing so will become engaged, active citizens. Yes, all graduates need to learn 21st century skills to prosper and thrive in this knowledge-based economy. But we also need to give them the capacity to work in teams and communicate effectively, and a sense of wonder about the world and a commitment to serve others.”

**Richard W. Riley**  
in his address to the SC National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Summit, 2009

## WhatWorksSC

School leadership can make or break the performance of teachers and students. What is South Carolina doing to build leadership? What more should we do? Read "Building Strong School Leadership," co-authored by Dr. Connie McDowell, Furman University and Mark Bounds, Deputy Supt. at the SC Dept. of Education. See also a case study on the SC Leadership Executive Institute and an evolving clearinghouse of other promising school leadership initiatives in the state.

[WhatWorksSC](#) also includes in-depth looks into community learning centers, dropout prevention, effective teaching, and soon, individualization.



Click [here](#) to nominate an outstanding initiative for inclusion in the WhatWorksSC clearinghouse.

## SC Coalition for Community Schools

Decision-makers from such diverse disciplines as education, architecture, historic preservation, health and wellness and transportation have come together in the [SC Coalition for Community Learning Centers](#).

Led by the Riley Institute, the Coalition's goal is to help put community schools on the ground in South Carolina by providing hands-on technical assistance to districts and schools and educating stakeholders throughout the state about community schools.

The Coalition is partnering with [Nevitt Forest Community School of Innovation](#) in Anderson School District Five to support the school's vision of becoming a community school model for the state. Principal Kelly Elrod and Superintendent Betty Bagley are deeply committed to improving the school and the community through shared use of space, partnerships and collaboration.



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