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### Upstate diversity leaders recognized

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John Miller, president and chief executive officer of AnMed Health, is one of six winners of Upstate Diversity Leadership Awards for this year.

Mr. Miller received the Calder D. Ehrmann Award Tuesday evening in a ceremony at the Civic Center of Anderson. The honor, sponsored by Wachovia, recognizes an individual for outstanding achievement in promoting diversity.

"Mr. Miller has already made diversity training and implementation a priority in both his personal and professional lives," said award presenter Sandra Hayes of BMW Manufacturing.

At Mr. Miller's direction, the AnMed Health Office of Diversity was established in 2000, Ms. Hayes said. The development and implementation of diversity classes took place. Mr. Miller in fact teaches one of the classes, Ms. Hayes said.

In addition, officials of the organization established councils to review AnMed Health diversity activities and to aid the development and implementation of such activities.

During Mr. Miller's tenure, a language-assistance program began at AnMed Health. The initiative now includes both full- and part-time interpreters, in addition to around-the-clock access to telephone interpretation services.

Mr. Miller also was elected chairman of the governing board of MedVerse, a collaborative project developed by four Upstate health systems to meet the need for accurate, standardized communication between healthcare providers and the area's Latino population.

The award is a result of the work of AnMed Health employees, Mr. Miller said shortly after the end of the awards dinner.  
"It's really not about me," he said.

The man for whom the award presented to Mr. Miller is named spoke at the awards ceremony about eliminating racial injustice and promoting inclusion.

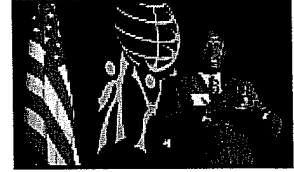
"I strongly believe that South Carolina will overcome the legacies of the past and take its rightful place among the states," Mr. Ehrmann said.

The Richard W. Riley Institute of Government, Politics and Public Leadership at Furman University presented the event Tuesday in cooperation with the chambers of commerce of Anderson, Spartanburg and Greenville. The Anderson Independent-Mail and multiple other organizations helped sponsor the event.

Officials presented the first Upstate Diversity Leadership Awards in 2005.

Joe Anderson, chairman and chief executive officer of TAG Holdings LLC, said in the keynote address for the event Tuesday that managing diversity is no longer the challenge in today's global society. Leadership is the issue, Mr. Anderson said.

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Guest speaker Joe Anderson, chairman and CEO of TAG Holdings LLC, talks Tuesday of ways he incorporates diversity in leadership, during the Upstate Diversity Leadership Awards at the Civic Center of Anderson.

"The real opportunity is to create sustainable, irreversible change," he said.

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