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Boeing executive speaks on diversity at awards dinner

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Joyce E. Tucker, a diversity officer for The [Boeing Co.](#), told attendees at the Seventh Annual Diversity Awards Dinner Tuesday night that each person and group can agitate positively for change.

“People who look different and come from different backgrounds are good problem solvers,” Tucker said at Greenville’s Carolina First Center. “They can tackle the problem from different ways.”

She said that at Boeing diversity is encouraged so each person can “feel respected and valued.”

Tucker said that she gave high marks to Furman University’s Riley Institute that conducts diversity workshops for leaders in Greenville, Columbia and Charleston. “Diversity is something that’s beneficial for the company.”

The banquet was co-hosted by Furman’s Riley Institute, the Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System and the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce and the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce.

Diversity awards included:

- Fairforest Elementary School of Spartanburg, the William “Bill” T. Wylie Valued Lives Award;
- Erwin-Penland, the Business Award;
- Chirinjev Peterson of Greenville Tech, the award for Contribution to International Diversity;
- Judith Prince, USC Upstate’s vice chancellor, the Calder Ehrmann Outstanding Individual Award;
- MLK Dream Weekend, the Outstanding Nonprofit Organization;
- Jackeline Galvez, a student at Clemson University, and Carla Littlejohn, a senior at Greenville Tech’s Charter High School, the Outstanding Student awards.

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