

## Capstone Project Updates

More than 100 DLI capstone projects have touched thousands of South Carolinians' lives over the past nine years. A sampling of projects from the most recent classes:

**Upstate** *Aurora* members are introducing Spartanburg's elderly community to the art of creative writing in a program known as Living Words. [Read more](#)

**Midlands** Team members of *Con-Necton* capture personal interviews to tell the story of ex-convicts in the community with hopes of assisting them in reintegration into the community. [Read more](#)

**Lowcountry** *Frogmore Stew* group members are continuing to spread the message of diversity and inclusion through the use of public service announcements. [Read more](#)

Please visit our website to read about [capstone projects](#) around the state.

## Calendar

**June 6** Midlands Class V Capstone Presentation Day  
Columbia Conference Center  
9:00 am-2:00pm

**June 13** Upstate Class XIII Capstone Presentation Day  
Younts Conference Center,  
Furman University  
9:00 am-2:00pm

**March 1-3, 2013 (Date Change!)**  
[OneSouthCarolina](#): The DLI Graduate Experience  
Hilton Head

## Important Links

[OneSouthCarolina homepage](#)

[DLI homepage](#)

[Riley Institute homepage](#)

## OneSouthCarolina<sup>SM</sup>: The weekend was a hit!

Over a fast-paced, inspiring, stimulating and enjoyable three days in late February, over 300 DLI graduates and their spouses from across South Carolina came together on Hilton Head Island. Click on the OneSouthCarolina logo for highlights from the weekend.

During the weekend, four initiatives were launched to begin addressing issues of poverty and healthcare and poverty and education across the state. Known as SuperCapstones, each initiative is championed by DLI graduates and gives DLI graduates the opportunity to work together as one state. Please see the descriptions of each SuperCapstone below and visit our website to learn more and [get involved](#).

- [Text4BabySC](#)  
Overarching Goal: Improve the health of babies and decrease the infant mortality rate by increasing health literacy and encouraging women to access pre-natal and well-baby care.
- [Healthy Schools](#)  
Overarching Goal: Reduce obesity among children and adolescents, particularly in high poverty areas, and give them a greater opportunity for a healthy adult life.
- [Livi's Library](#)  
Overarching Goal: Children in poverty will develop a love of reading, reducing summer reading loss and preparing them for success in life.
- [Putting Teen Pregnancy on Pause](#)  
Overarching Goal: To improve health outcomes of babies and the educational outcomes of young women by lowering the rate of teen births in South Carolina.

## Eighth Annual Upstate Diversity Leadership Awards Dinner

Join the Riley Institute for the eighth annual Upstate Diversity Leadership Awards Dinner, to be held on Tuesday May 1st at the TD Convention Center in Greenville. Awards will be presented to students, individuals, and organizations who are improving the diversity landscape of the Upstate. [Learn more and register](#).

## Save the Date for DLI Graduation Day

Join the Riley Institute as we celebrate another great season of DLI! Capstone Presentation Day for Midlands Class V will be June 6th at the Columbia Conference Center. Upstate Class XIII Capstone Presentation Day will be held at the Younts Conference Center at Furman University on June 13th. All graduates are invited to attend! Please RSVP to Cindy: [cindy.youssef@furman.edu](mailto:cindy.youssef@furman.edu) or 864.294.3253.

## In the News...

### Riley Institute's education work expands

The Riley Institute's Center for Education Policy and Leadership (CEPL) continues to grow its programming and has been awarded grants to study [Montessori education](#), establish the [White-Riley-Peterson Policy Fellowship](#), and implement two [New Tech High Schools](#) in South Carolina.

### Talented Tenth Greenville

City Councilwoman and DLI graduate Jil Littlejohn will host the first annual *Talented Tenth Conference* from May 10th-12th. Greenville's Talented Tenth Conference connects the next generation of diverse leaders with established business and civic leaders from across the Southeast. [Learn more and register](#).

Read more DLI news on our [website](#).  
Got news to share? Send us an email at [diversity@furman.edu](mailto:diversity@furman.edu).