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RILEY INSTITUTE AT FURMAN'S DIVERSITY LEADERS INITIATIVE SELECTS 19TH CLASS OF FELLOWS

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GREENVILLE, S.C.—Riley Institute's Diversity Leaders Initiative Selects 19th Class of Fellows

Poised to join more than 1400 Riley Fellows from across the state, 45 leaders from the Upstate have been selected to participate in the Riley Institute at Furman's Diversity Leaders Initiative (DLI). "DLI and the Riley Fellows have matured into a potent force to help move South Carolina forward," said Dr. Don Gordon, executive director of the Riley Institute. "The members of this class will add considerably to the conversations and lasting partnerships that form among Riley Fellows and it is the strength of these bonds that truly produces progress across the state."

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 19:

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General Counsel
Johnson Development Associates, Inc.
Spartanburg

Carl Anderson

Deputy Chief - Investigations
Anderson County Sheriff's Office
Anderson

Pam Barkett

Assistant Vice President for Human Resources
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Mary Capers Bledsoe

Executive Director, Youth in Government and Teen Services Branch
YMCA of Greenville
Simpsonville

Ann Bryan

Financial Advisor (ret.)
Trustee
Furman University
Greenville

Lisa Colby

Director of Operations & Initiatives
United Way of Greenville County
Greenville

Charles Davis

Professor and First Gentleman
Furman University
Greenville

John Eldridge

Assistant Sheriff
Greenville County Sheriff's Office
Greenville

Teri Ficicchy

EVP/Chief Nursing Officer
Bon Secours St. Francis Health System
Greenville

Jessica Fisher

Senior Corporate Counsel
Michelin North America
Greenville

Leslie Gonzales

Assistant Professor of Higher Education/Educational Leadership
Clemson University
Clemson

Jennifer Gutierrez

Director of Diversity & Inclusion
Wofford College
Spartanburg

Jane Hall

Member
Spartanburg County Council
Spartanburg

Cauiss Holmes

Activity Manager
Michelin North America
Sandy Springs

Roy Janse

Managing Partner
Dehollander & Janse Financial Group
Greenville

Taylor Jones

Deputy Chief - Emergency Services
Anderson County Sheriff's Office
Anderson

John Kimbrell

Executive Vice President
Greenville Chamber of Commerce
Greenville

Blair Knobel

Editor in Chief
TOWN Magazine/Community Journals
Greenville

Sonny Ledda

Chief of Police
City of Laurens
Laurens

George Lesmes

Chief Administrative Officer
GHS Medical Group
Greenville

Angie Littlejohn

Legal Advisor
Furman University
Greenville

Brad Love

Attorney
Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A.
Greenville

Heather Love

State Director
Jefferson Awards Foundation
Greenville

Heather Lyndon

Department Manager
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Spartanburg

Carmen Mays

Minority Business Development Coordinator
City of Spartanburg
Spartanburg

James McAdams

Disaster Preparedness Specialist
Anderson County Sheriff's Office
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Dana McConnell

Executive Director
Center for Developmental Services
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Deidre McEntyre

Program Manager
Urban League of the Upstate
Greenville

Scott Mercer

Superintendent
Spartanburg School District Two
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Stacey Mills

Director of Student Services
USC Upstate Greenville Campus
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Kenya Mingo

Director of Marketing & Development
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Chanell Moore

Deputy Director
Greenville County Parks, recreation & Tourism
Taylors

Tom O'Hanlan

CEO
Sealevel Systems Inc
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Greenville Memorial Hospital
Greenville

Monty Rigsby

VP Manufacturing - Industrial Director
Michelin Tire Co.
Greenville

Chuck Saylor

Vice President; School Board Trustee
M.B. Kahn Construction; Greenville County Schools
Greenville

John Skipper

Sheriff
Anderson County Sheriff's Office
Anderson

James Speed

Pastor
Allen Temple AMEC
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Jim Stewart

Chief of Police
City of Anderson
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David Sudduth

Executive Director, Community & Government Affairs
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Leslie Trant

Dean of Corporate & Career Development Division
Greenville Technical College
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