

The Ninth Annual  
**WILKINS LEADERSHIP**  
Awards Dinner

Honoring the leadership of Senator Paul Campbell  
and the late Steve Morrison

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

Columbia, South Carolina





## WILKINS Legislative and Civic Leadership Awards Dinner

“America the Beautiful”

Bell Tower Boys  
Furman University

Welcome

Carl F. Kohrt  
*Interim President, Furman University*

National Anthem

Bell Tower Boys

Invocation

Reverend Sean Dogan  
*Pastor, Long Branch Baptist Church*

### Dinner

Introduction of Speaker

David H. Wilkins  
*Former United States Ambassador  
to Canada and Speaker, South Carolina  
House of Representatives*

Remarks

Richard W. Riley  
*Former U.S. Secretary of Education  
and former Governor of South Carolina*

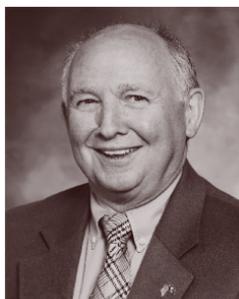
Awards Presentation

David Wilkins  
Paula Harper Bethea  
*Chair, Wilkins Steering Committee*

Closing

Carl Kohrt

## Senator Paul G. Campbell, Jr.



**P**aul Campbell, director of airports for the Charleston Aviation Authority, represents South Carolina Senate District 44: Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester Counties. A state senator since 2008, he serves on several Senate Committees: Finance; Agriculture and Natural Resources; Transportation; Corrections and Penology; and Operations and Management.

Before he retired in 2003 as regional president of Alcoa Primary Metals, Campbell showed extensive experience and leadership throughout his forty-year career in the aluminum industry. He served as president of two international professional associations: the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, with over 100,000 members globally, (1999) and the Materials Society (1995). He also served as chair of the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance (2004).

An active participant in South Carolina's economic development, Campbell has served in numerous business, civic, professional and government positions. He has served as chair of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Regents for Leadership South Carolina. He also was president of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, Trident United Way, the Coastal Council of Boy Scouts and the Summerville Rotary Club. He was recognized by Governor Carroll Campbell as an Economic Development Ambassador for South Carolina, and he received the Order of the Palmetto, as well as many other professional and community awards.

Raised in Chester County, Campbell graduated from Lewisville High School. He received a B.S. in chemical engineering from Clemson University and an M.B.A. from Jacksonville State University. He received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Medical University of South Carolina.

Campbell is a member and elder at Dorchester Presbyterian Church and has been married to Vicki Campbell for 46 years. They have three children and four grandchildren.

## Stephen G. Morrison



A long-time community activist, Steve Morrison provided community service, support for the arts and humanities, and leadership in bringing people together. As chair of the United Way of the Midlands in 2008-2009, he co-chaired a campaign that generated \$11.4 million for more than 80 United Way supported agencies. He was elected president of the Columbia Museum of Art, where he was honored with its prestigious Jack Craft Leadership Award. He served as chair of the Richland County Public Defender Corporation and chair of the board of the Columbia Urban League. He also served on the boards of Benedict College and Allen University.

Morrison passionately represented the youth of our state in *Abbeville et al v. State of South Carolina*, donating countless hours to represent the poorest and most isolated and predominantly African American children in South Carolina. First argued in 2003, the case is still pending.

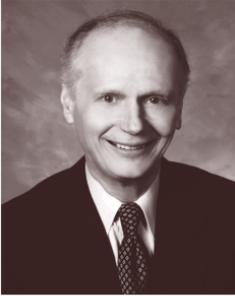
Among the organizations honoring Morrison for championing equal opportunity are the United Black Fund of the Midlands, the National Urban League, and the South Carolina Education Association. He also received the Distinguished Citizen Award (Boy Scouts), the Distinguished Citizen of the Year (Greater Columbia Community Relations Council), the inaugural Peter Perlman Service Award (Litigation Counsel of America), and the Innovative Leadership Award (Historic Columbia Foundation).

Morrison served on the Board of the Spoleto Festival USA, the Board of 701 Center for Contemporary Art, the Board of Sustainable Midlands, and the Board of OneColumbia. Steve's nonprofit work also included service on the boards of Central Carolina Community Foundation, Foundation for Columbia's Future, Homeworks, the South Carolina Humanities Council, the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Research Foundation, the Richland-Lexington Cultural Council, EdVenture Children's Museum, and the Palmetto Health Foundation.

Steve Morrison was partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough and served on its executive committee. Morrison tried more than 200 cases to jury verdict and argued more than 60 appeals before state and federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, and served as lead trial counsel in more than 20 states and four foreign countries. He was also adjunct professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law for thirty years, where he taught courses in legal writing and trial advocacy.

Morrison passed away on October 27, 2013.

## Richard W. Riley



**R**ichard W. Riley, for whom the Riley Institute at Furman is named, is the former U.S. Secretary of Education (1993–2001) and former Governor of South Carolina (1979–1987). Secretary Riley is currently a senior partner in the law firm of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough and its affiliate, EducationCounsel, with offices in South and North Carolina, Atlanta, Boston, Huntington (West Virginia), Tallahassee, and Washington, D.C. He works on complex business, governance, financial, legal, education, government process and advocacy matters for local, state, national, and international clients.

With the full support of the firm, Riley remains an ambassador for improving education in the United States and abroad. A former chair, he currently serves on the Board of Trustees at Furman and as Advisory Board chair of the Richard W. Riley Institute of Government, Politics and Public Leadership. Riley has been named distinguished professor at the University of South Carolina, and the College of Education at Winthrop University bears his name, as does the College of Education and Leadership at Walden University. In addition, Riley serves in an advisory and collaborative capacity with several other entities across the nation and overseas that promote progressive education improvement.

He is the recipient of numerous education and other public service awards, as well as honorary degrees from universities and colleges in the United States and abroad. In 2009, *Time* magazine named Riley one of the Top 10 Best Cabinet Members in our nation's history. Early in 2010, he was inducted into the South Carolina Hall of Fame. Later that year, he received Leadership South Carolina's inaugural Dick and Tunky Riley Legacy of Leadership Award.

Riley earned his bachelor's degree, *cum laude*, in political science from Furman in 1954 and received a J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1959.

Riley and his late wife, Ann "Tunky" Yarborough Riley, have four children and 14 grandchildren.

## David H. Wilkins



David H. Wilkins is a partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough and chairs the Public Policy and International Law practice group, which focuses primarily on representing businesses on both sides of the U.S.-Canadian border and offers experience on a wide range of strategic bilateral issues.

From 2002–2009, Wilkins served as the United States Ambassador to Canada. During his tenure, Ambassador Wilkins helped to resolve some of the highest profile issues between Canada and the United States, including the decades-old softwood lumber dispute. He is known on both

sides of the border as an honest broker who worked for solutions on the toughest issues —energy, national security, the environment, trade and travel—impacting millions of citizens in both countries.

In 2010, Governor Nikki Haley tapped Ambassador Wilkins to chair her transition team as she formed her new administration.

Wilkins was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1980 and served there for 25 years. He quickly rose through the ranks in the House, serving six years as chair of the House Judiciary Committee and two years as speaker pro tem before being elected speaker, a position he held for 11 years.

Wilkins served as state chairman of the Bush-Cheney '04 campaign and as co-chair of the campaign in 2000. He was appointed by the president to the United States Military Academy Board of Visitors in 2002, where he served for three years. He is currently chair of the Clemson University Board of Trustees and also serves on the boards of Porter Airlines Inc., and the Greenville Area Development Corporation.

A native of Greenville, Ambassador Wilkins received his A.B. degree from Clemson University and his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He also served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserves.

Wilkins resides in Greenville with his wife Susan. They have two grown sons and two grandchildren.

## Carl F. Kohrt



Carl F. Kohrt became Furman University's interim president on July 1, 2013. A native of Tuscola, Illinois, Kohrt is a successful business executive and an accomplished academic with deep Furman ties. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Furman in 1965 with a B.S. degree in chemistry, and earned a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Chicago. He also holds a master's degree in management science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Kohrt has been a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow, a National Science Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellow at the James Frank Institute, a Woodrow Wilson Fellow (honorary), a Sloan Fellow, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He is the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Science degree from both Furman and Ohio Dominican University.

Kohrt enjoyed a 29-year career at Eastman Kodak Company, joining the company as a scientist and retiring as executive vice president and chief technical officer, where he was responsible for research laboratories on four continents. From 2001 until his retirement in 2008, he served as president and chief executive officer of Battelle Memorial Institute, one of the world's largest non-profit research and development corporations.

The son of two teachers, Kohrt has been devoted to improving math and science education in public schools. Under his leadership and consistent with its founding mission, Battelle began a significant investment in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education, co-founding with The Ohio State University a multi-state network of public math and science college preparatory high schools. He also served as founding chair of Battelle for Kids, a nationally recognized teacher education assessment company.

He is the past lead director of Scotts MiracleGro Company and currently serves as a director of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. He also has been a longstanding member of Furman's Board of Trustees, serving as its chair from 2006 to 2008.

He and his wife, Lynne, are the parents of three sons, one a Furman graduate (Kris '84), and they have 10 grandchildren.

## David H. Wilkins Awards

### The Award for Excellence in Legislative Leadership

is presented to a member of the South Carolina House or Senate who best exemplifies the highest principles of leadership, integrity, compassion, vision, and courage. Recipients have demonstrated the ability to collaborate with fellow legislators, regardless of party affiliation, to effect positive change in South Carolina.

#### Past Legislative Award Winners

- 2012 James Harrison, South Carolina Representative
- 2011 James Smith, South Carolina Representative
- 2010 Wes Hayes, South Carolina Senator
- 2009 Dan Cooper, South Carolina Representative
- 2008 Gilda Cobb-Hunter, South Carolina Representative
- 2007 Hugh Leatherman, South Carolina Senator
- 2006 Bobby Harrell, Speaker, South Carolina House of Representatives
- 2005 John Drummond, South Carolina Senator and President Pro-Tem Emeritus

### The Award for Excellence in Civic Leadership

is presented to a community leader who demonstrates a long-standing and exemplary commitment to working to improve the lives of South Carolinians. The recipient of this award is a civic leader whose selfless involvement in community is marked by vision, skill, and integrity, and whose efforts to improve the quality of life in the state have required a remarkable investment of personal time, energy, and responsibility.

#### Past Civic Award Winners

- 2012 Anita Zucker
- 2011 Ed Sellers
- 2010 Minor Mickel Shaw

## The Riley Institute

Since its founding in 1999, the Richard W. Riley Institute has made substantial progress in broadening student and community perspectives on critical issues and in helping break down barriers to economic and social well-being for all South Carolinians to make the state a better place to live.

Aimed toward outcomes that empower students, community members, the University, the state and the region, the non-partisan institute has three primary focus areas: education policy, diversity, and critical issues. Initiatives in these areas include the groundbreaking Hewlett study on public education in South Carolina and partnering to bring New Tech High Schools to the I-95 corridor; its statewide Diversity Leaders Initiative (DLI); high quality symposia featuring an outstanding roster of distinguished speakers; and student-centered programming that engages students in politics, public policy and leadership through collaborative research, study abroad opportunities, and internships.

The Institute is now focusing on strategies that leverage its well-developed work in education policy, diversity, and critical issues to drive creative and pragmatic initiatives in the state, region, and nation. This strategic work will include collecting, creating, and sharing knowledge about the best diversity and education practices and models, fostering collaborations among public and private partners to help put them on the ground, and building leadership and capacity for positive change. For more about the work of the Riley Institute, please visit [riley.furman.edu](http://riley.furman.edu).

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