

## About Secretary Riley

Richard W. Riley, for whom the Riley Institute at Furman is named, is the former United States Secretary of Education (1993–2001) and former governor of South Carolina (1979–1987). Riley currently is a senior partner in the law firm of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough and its affiliate, EducationCounsel. With the full support of the firm, he remains an ambassador for improving education in the United States and abroad, serving in an advisory and collaborative capacity with several entities across the nation and overseas that promote progressive education improvement. 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. 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. Riley and his late wife, Ann "Tunky" Yarborough Riley, have four children and fourteen grandchildren.

## About the Dick and Tunky Riley WhatWorksSC Award for Excellence

The Dick and Tunky Riley WhatWorksSC Award for Excellence is dedicated to the memory of Ann "Tunky" Riley, a devoted teacher and passionate advocate for quality public education for all children.

In South Carolina, Tunky Riley worked tirelessly alongside then-governor Dick Riley to increase funding and support for public education, playing an instrumental role in the passage of South Carolina's Education Improvement Act, as she garnered grassroots support throughout the state. While first lady, she also created a South Carolina Partnership for Parent Involvement in Education. During Dick Riley's eight years as U.S. Secretary of Education, she traveled extensively in support of his initiatives to improve academic standards, to make high-quality education more accessible for lower-income families, and to expand college grant and loan programs. Tunky died in 2008 from breast cancer at the age of 72.

## About WhatWorksSC<sup>SM</sup>

**WhatWorksSC** is a web-based resource that includes an expert series of policy papers, a clearinghouse of statewide initiatives, and a compilation of case studies. This resource connects strategies for creating world-class schools, detailed in the Riley Institute's 2006 Hewlett-funded study "In Their Own Words: A Public Vision for Educational Excellence in South Carolina," to a number of promising in-state initiatives that are working to improve public education. The resource includes an **expert series** that further explores the findings of the study, written by education leaders from across the state; **case studies** that provide useful examples of innovative initiatives; and a **clearinghouse** that houses outstanding details of programs with evidence that shows they really work. Today's finalists were selected from the over 80 entries in the WhatWorksSC clearinghouse.

WhatWorksSC is continually seeking information about exemplary education initiatives and welcomes ongoing nominations for consideration for future awards at [riley.furman.edu/education/clearinghouse-nominations](http://riley.furman.edu/education/clearinghouse-nominations).

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# Dick and Tunky Riley WhatWorksSC<sup>SM</sup> Award for Excellence

Honoring highly effective education  
initiatives in South Carolina

October 2, 2014

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Presented by the Riley Institute at Furman  
and South Carolina Future Minds

## Welcome

Linda O'Bryon

*President and CEO, South Carolina ETV*

## Lunch

### About the Dick and Tunky Riley WhatWorksSC Award for Excellence

Jacki Martin

*Associate Director, Riley Institute at Furman*

### Introducing the 2014 Finalists

Trip DuBard

*Executive Director, South Carolina Future Minds*

Communities in Schools of Greenville County

Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty, Francis Marion University

Reach Out and Read South Carolina

### A Conversation with Linda O'Bryon and Dick Riley

*former two-term Governor of South Carolina and U.S. Secretary of Education*

### Presentation of Awards

Don Gordon

*Executive Director, Riley Institute at Furman*

## Closing

Linda O'Bryon

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## 2014 Award Finalists

### Communities in Schools of Greenville County

The mission of Communities in Schools (CIS) is to surround students with a community of support empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. CIS provides targeted case management, holistic after-school programs, parenting support, behavioral interventions and community referrals – all offered in a school-based setting.

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### Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty, Francis Marion University

The mission of the Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty is to increase the success of under-resourced students through its support of pre- and in-service teachers, school leaders, and stakeholders. Guided by an aggressive research agenda, more than a decade of work led to the development of standards and strategies, an acclaimed action research model for sustained professional learning, and South Carolina's Add-On Certification for teachers of children of poverty, all of which are infused in the Center's institutes, workshops, coursework, and district- and school-level outreach programming.

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### Reach Out and Read South Carolina, Statewide Initiative

Reach Out and Read prepares our youngest children living in low-income communities to succeed in school by partnering with doctors to prescribe books and encourage families to read together. Providers are able to impact children with literacy education and materials from the earliest possible ages, and Reach Out and Read supports physicians and their practices to make reading a "doctor-recommended" activity, and encourages parents to continuously administer healthy doses of reading aloud at home.

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## 2014 Award Semi-finalists

South Carolina Center for Children's Books and Literacy/COCKY'S Reading Express  
Horry County Schools Early College High School  
Parents as Teachers South Carolina  
PITSCO Math  
Summer Learning Academies  
Strengthening Families Program

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