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Stephanie Kripa Cooper-Lewter (*Midlands, Spring 2015*) has been appointed executive director of Leading on Opportunity. [Read more.](#)

Blair Knobel (*Upstate, Spring 2015*), editor in chief of *Town Magazine*, and **Jason Richards** (*Upstate, Fall 2010*), COO and shareholder at NAI Earle Furman, were among the Jefferson Awards Foundation's 2018 class of ChangeMakers. [Read more.](#)

Patricia Ravenhorst (*Upstate, Fall 2012*) has been named general counsel for the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. [Read more.](#)

Robert D. "Robby" Robbins (*Lowcountry, Fall 2017*), commissioner of the 1st Congressional District, has been elected vice chairman of the SCDOT Commission. [Read more.](#)

Eleven Riley Fellows were among *Columbia Business Monthly's* 50 Most Influential people for 2017:

Holt Chetwood (*Midlands, Fall 2007*), Midlands market president, Wells Fargo

Tim Hardee (*Lowcountry, Fall 2012*), president, South Carolina Technical College System

Melanie Huggins (*Midlands, Spring 2018*), executive director, Richland County Library

Leighton Lord (*Midlands, Spring 2009*), chairman, Santee Cooper

David Pankau (*Midlands, Spring 2013*), president and CEO, BlueCross BlueShield South Carolina

Elise Partin (*Midlands, Spring 2012*), mayor, Cayce

Brandolyn Thomas Pinkston (*Midlands, Spring 2014*), commissioner, South Carolina Ethics Commission

Ronald Rhames (*Midlands, Spring 2017*), president, Midlands Technical College

Susie Shannon (*Midlands, Spring 2012*), president and CEO, South Carolina Council on Competitiveness

JoAnn Turnquist (*Midlands, Spring 2013*), CEO, Central Carolina Community Foundation

Teresa Wilson (*Midlands, Spring 2016*), city manager, Columbia

[Read more.](#)

Upstate Diversity Leadership Award nominations are open

Hosted by the Greenville Chamber and the Riley Institute at Furman in partnership with Upstate Chambers, the fourteenth annual Upstate Diversity Leadership Awards Dinner honors individuals, schools, and organizations who exhibit leadership in promoting diversity in the Upstate. [Learn more and submit a nomination.](#)