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#RileyFellows in the News

Jill Davis Blake (*Midlands, Fall 2007*) received the 2019 Women of Distinction Award from Girl Scouts of South Carolina-Mountains to Midlands, recognizing businesswomen’s extraordinary achievements and positive impacts on girls and women in the community. [Read more.](#)

Shaniece Criss (*Upstate, Spring 2017*), assistant professor of health sciences at Furman University, has been named to the 2019 Class of ChangeMakers by the Jefferson Awards Foundation. [Read more.](#)

Baron Davis (*Midlands, Spring 2017*), Richland School District Two superintendent, was awarded the 2019 Cathy Novinger Trailblazer Award for exemplary leadership. [Read more.](#)

Debra Gammons (*Lowcountry, Fall 2009*), who directs diversity efforts at the Charleston School of Law, became Charleston County’s first black president of the Charleston County Bar Association. [Read more.](#)

Beaufort Mayor Billy Keyserling (*Lowcountry, Fall 2010*) is the central champion of efforts to establish South Carolina’s second national park, the Reconstruction Era National Park. [Read more.](#)

Julie Smithwick (*Midlands, Spring 2016*) is transitioning from her role as executive director of PASOs to become the director of the Arnold School of Public Health Community Health Worker Institute at the University of South Carolina. [Read more.](#)

Jeff Tibbals (*Lowcountry, Fall 2016*) has been appointed chair of the pro bono board of the South Carolina Bar. [Read more.](#)

Dr. Leo Twiggs (*Midlands, Spring 2014*) is the 2019 recipient of the Georgia Museum of Art’s Larry D. and Brenda A. Thompson Award, which honors living African American artists with a connection to Georgia. [Read more.](#)
Greenville Mayor Knox White (Upstate, Fall 2007) received the Fred Brinkman Award, given periodically to South Carolinians who have made an outstanding, long-term contribution to the tourism industry. Read more.

Join us March 26 for Crisis and Response: Stories of Leadership. A U.S. Ambassador, a CEO, a CIO, and a former FDIC Director will talk about defeating Ebola, dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline, helping Detroit out of bankruptcy, and pulling the financial system back from the brink in 2008. Learn more.