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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.](#)

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