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#RileyFellows in the News



S.C. Sen. **Kevin Johnson** (*Lowcountry, Fall 2011*) was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by the Municipal Association of South Carolina. [Read more.](#)

Naomi Lett (*Midlands, Spring 2018*) was appointed the president and CEO of the United Way Association of South Carolina. [Read more.](#)

The Honorable **Joel Lourie** (*Midlands, Spring 2017*) was the recipient of the 2018 Rev. Sen. Clementa C. Pinckney Award for Justice for his commitment to the advancement of healthcare, safety, child welfare, and education. [Read more.](#)

Major **James Smith** (*Lowcountry, Fall 2012*), member of the South Carolina House of Representatives and Democratic gubernatorial candidate, was inducted into the Palmetto Military Academy Hall of Fame in honor of his bravery and commitment in military service. [Read more.](#)

Dr. **Leo Twiggs** (*Midlands, Spring 2014*), painter and educator, was awarded the Society 1858 Prize for Contemporary Southern Art for his work with batik, a wax-resist method of dyeing textiles, that has contributed to a new understanding of art in the South. [Read more.](#)

Knox White (*Upstate, Fall 2007*), mayor of Greenville, was honored by *Time* magazine as one of “31 People Changing the South” for his role in revitalizing downtown Greenville. [Read more.](#)

Riley Fellows S.C. Rep. **Neal Collins** (*Upstate, Fall 2015*) and Dr. **Akan Malici** (*Upstate, Fall 2016*) are among speakers discussing the community and local impact of immigration enforcement and policy at the first session of #StraightTalk2018, “Immigration in a Post-9/11 America,” tomorrow, August 30. StraightTalk is an annual series presented by the Riley Institute in partnership with OLLI@Furman. [Read more.](#)