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RileyFellows in the News



Jerry Blasingame (*Upstate, Spring 2018*), founder and CEO of Soteria Community Development Corporation, has been named one of the six Aetna-Aspen Healthy Communities Fellows for 2019. [Read more](#). He was also featured on WYFF 4 for Soteria's work assisting newly-released prisoners transition to life outside of prison. [Read more](#).

Gail DePriest (*Upstate, Fall 2004*) is the recipient of the Ralph D. Elliott Endowed Award for Outstanding Service to Off-Campus, Distance and Continuing Education at Clemson University. [Read more](#).

Jo Hackl's (*Upstate, Spring 2014*) debut novel, *Smack Dab in the Middle of Maybe*, has won the 2019 Southern Book Prize for children's literature. [Read more](#).

Senator Kevin Johnson (*Lowcountry, Fall 2011*) was recognized as the Legislator of the Year for the South Carolina Senate by the Behavioral Health Services Association (BHSA). [Read more](#).

Ed Madden (*Midlands, Fall 2007*) has been reappointed as the city of Columbia's poet laureate for a second four-year term. [Read more](#).

Charleston Mayor **John Tecklenburg** (*Lowcountry, Fall 2014*) was named South Carolina's Conservationist of the Year by the Sierra Club. [Read more](#).

Barbara Melvin (*Lowcountry, Fall 2015*) was recently named chief operating officer at the South Carolina Ports Authority. She is the only woman to hold this position at any of the top ten ports in the country. [Read more](#).

Brenda J. Thames (*Upstate, Fall 2009*), executive vice president and provost of Prisma Health-Upstate Health Sciences Center, was appointed to the Hollingsworth Funds' Board of Directors. [Read more](#).

Thirteen Riley Fellows were among Charleston Business Magazine's 50 Most Influential People of 2018. [Read more.](#)

Patrick Bryant (*Lowcountry, Fall 2016*)

Joe Darby (*Lowcountry, Spring 2006*)

Bryan Derreberry (*Lowcountry, Fall 2012*)

David Ginn (*Lowcountry, Fall 2013*)

Lorraine Lutton (*Lowcountry, Fall 2018*)

Michael Moore (*Lowcountry, Fall 2016*)

Bob Quinn (*Lowcountry, Fall 2017*)

Dot Scott (*Lowcountry, Spring 2006*)

Tim Scott (*Lowcountry, Spring 2007*)

Thomasena Stokes-Marshall (*Lowcountry, Spring 2007*)

John Tecklenburg (*Lowcountry, Fall 2014*)

Mary Thornley (*Lowcountry, Fall 2015*)

Anita Zucker (*Lowcountry, Fall 2008*)

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.](#)