



South Carolina Education Policy Fellowship Program

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13 South Carolina professional and civic leaders named to prestigious education policy program

COLUMBIA – Thirteen (13) professional and civic leaders from across South Carolina have been selected to participate in the SC Education Policy Fellowship Program (SC-EPFP) for 2013-14.

SC-EPFP is a 10-month intensive professional development program for established and emerging leaders in education and related fields to help equip them in working toward sound education policy and practice in South Carolina. SC-EPFP Fellows participate in a variety of activities that promote leadership, develop professional networks, demystify education policy, and foster a greater understanding of the roles of government and the community.

The 13 SC-EPFP Fellows for 2013-14 are:

- Nichole B. Boseman, Principal
Wren High School, Anderson School District One, Piedmont
- Dr. Shawn Clark, Board Member, SC Assoc. for Supervision & Curriculum Development
Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Saluda County Schools
- Tammy Garrett-Greer, Principal
Boiling Springs Intermediate School, Spartanburg School District 2, Boiling Springs
- Susan R. Hargrove, Lead Teacher
York Preparatory Academy, SC Public Charter School District, Rock Hill
- Kelvin Lemon, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
Middle/Secondary Education, Marlboro County School District, Bennettsville
- Amelia Butler McKie, Principal/President
Nfusion, LLC, Columbia
- Dr. Jerry T. Mitchell, Research Associate Professor/Coordinator
SC Geographic Alliance, University of South Carolina, Columbia
- James M. Morris IV, Chief Executive Officer
SC Economics, Columbia
- Sherry Y. Prioleau, Assistant Director of Business Relations-SC GEAR UP
SC Chamber of Commerce, Columbia
- Katrina Frye Shealy, State Senator
SC Senate, District 23, Lexington County

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- David M. Smalls, State Director
Communities In Schools of SC, Charleston
- Dr. Theresa Riley Stephens, Public Information Officer
Richland School District Two, Columbia
- Bunnie L. Ward, Director of Early Education & Policy
United Way of the Midlands, Columbia

“Our commitment and success in educating our children has a profound impact on the economic health of South Carolina” said Robert E. Barnett, Associate VP for Workforce, Education and Manufacturing Policy with the SC Chamber of Commerce and SC-EPFP Advisory Board Chair.

“Some of our state’s most talented and dedicated leaders are represented in this year’s Fellows,” Barnett said. “We are very pleased to bring them together to learn new skills, develop added insight and work collaboratively to take action in improving our state’s future through education improvement and reform.”

Fellows will meet monthly throughout the academic year for full-day dialogues, exercises and group projects, in addition to an overnight in-state Fall Leadership Forum and a four-day Washington Policy Seminar hosted by the Institute for Educational Leadership.

The SC-EPFP operates under the auspices of the national Education Policy Fellowship Program of the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, DC, which oversees Fellowship programs in 12 states and the District of Columbia. In South Carolina the program is coordinated by the SC School Improvement Council, located in the University of South Carolina College of Education, with the assistance of the SC Department of Education’s Office of School Leadership.

SC-EPFP is supported by an advisory board providing cross-disciplinary leadership representing the state’s K-12 education, higher education and business communities.

For additional information on the SC Education Policy Fellowship Program, visit the SC-EPFP page online at <http://sic.sc.gov/sceducationpolicyfellowshipprogram/Pages/index.aspx>.

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