



South Carolina Education Policy Fellowship Program

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

COLUMBIA – Eleven (11) professional and civic leaders from across South Carolina have been selected to participate in the SC Education Policy Fellowship Program (SC-EPFP) for 2014-15.

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 11 SC-EPFP Fellows for 2014-15 are:

- Nicky Andrews, Principal
Greenbrier Elementary School, Greenville County Schools, Greenville
- Laura M. Brown, Principal
Pocalla Springs Elementary School, Sumter County School District, Sumter
- Gregg Dixon, SC Public Charter School District Teacher of the Year, 2013
Royal Live Oaks Academy of the Arts and Sciences, Hardeeville
- Gerard Edwards, Principal
Alfred Rush Academy, Florence School District One, Florence
- Daniel Matthews, Principal
Camden High School, Kershaw County School District, Camden
- Mia McLeod, State Legislator
SC House of Representatives, District 79, Richland County
- Angie Rye, Chief Academic Officer
Lexington County School District Three, Batesburg-Leesville
- Gregory Sweet, Principal
Williston Elko Middle School, Williston District 29, Williston
- Catherine Townsend, Grants, Research and National Strategy Manager
Darkness to Light, Charleston
- Cliff Warren, Principal
Colleton County High School, Colleton County School District, Walterboro
- Michele Zee, SC Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year, 2014
Pleasant Hill Middle School, Lexington School District One, Lexington

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“The economic health of South Carolina is profoundly impacted by the strength of our commitment and success in educating the next generation,” said Robert E. Barnett, Associate Vice President for Workforce, Education and Manufacturing Policy with the SC Chamber of Commerce and SC-EPFP Advisory Board Chair.

“In this year’s SC-EPFP class we are fortunate to have some of our state’s most talented and dedicated leaders,” Barnett said. “It is exciting to bring them together to learn new skills, develop added insight and work collaboratively so that they can take positive action to improve our the Palmetto State’s future through meaningful 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 13 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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