



South Carolina Education Policy Fellowship Program

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

COLUMBIA – Nineteen (19) professional and civic leaders from across South Carolina have been selected to participate in the South Carolina Education Policy Fellowship Program for 2010-11.

SC-EPFP is a 10-month intensive professional development program for established and emerging leaders in education and related fields, and is designed to help equip them in working toward sound education policy and practice in South Carolina.

The SC-EPFP program features a variety of activities designed to promote leadership, develop professional networks, demystify education policy, and foster a greater understanding of the roles of government and the community in creating and implementing sound and policy and practice.

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

The 19 SC-EPFP Fellows for 2010-11 are:

- Curtis Brewer, Assistant Professor
College of Health, Education and Human Development, Clemson University
- William Brown, Professor of Educational Studies
College of Education, University of South Carolina
- Mary H. Bryant, School Psychologist
Florence School District One
- Bryan Coburn, 2010 South Carolina Teacher of the Year
Northwestern High School, Rock Hill School District
- Sallie Cooks, Chair
Edgefield County School Board
- Carolyn Duff, School Nurse
A.C. Moore Elementary School, Richland School District One
- Laurie Slade Funderburk, Attorney, State Representative
District 52, Kershaw County
- Beth Howard, Coordinator, Office of Special Projects
S.C. Department of Education

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- Tondaleya G. Jackson, Director of Service-Learning and Leadership Development
Benedict College
- Moryah Jackson, Director of Recruitment and Community Outreach
Student Development Services/Enrollment Services, Midlands Technical College
- Bonnie King, Director of Public Relations
Williamsburg County School
- David Laird, Director of Policy and Government Affairs
The Children's Trust of South Carolina
- Darnell Byrd McPherson, Executive Director
Darlington County First Steps
- Tracy Meetze, Assistant Professor, School of Education
Francis Marion University
- Helen Meyers, President
S.C. Economics
- Murray Mitchell, Associate Professor
Physical Education and Athletic Training, University of South Carolina
- Kelly Nalley, 2011 South Carolina Teacher of the Year, Teacher in Residence
Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement (CERRA)
- Keith Price, Principal
Blythewood High School, Richland School District Two
- Heidi Vaughn, Director of Programs and Community Initiatives
The Children's Trust of South Carolina

“Today there is no topic more central to the economic health of our state than education,” said Cassie Barber, SC-EPFP Program Coordinator. “We are particularly excited that this year’s Fellows, some of South Carolina’s most talented and committed leaders, will learn new skills, gain deeper understanding and develop networking opportunities so that they can take action to help improve our state’s future through education improvement and reform.”

The SC-EPFP operates under the auspices of the national Education Policy Fellowship Program of the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, D.C., which oversees Fellowship programs in 11 states and the District of Columbia. The program is coordinated in South Carolina by the S.C. School Improvement Council, located in the University of South Carolina’s College of Education, with the assistance of the Division of Educator Quality and Leadership of the S.C. Department of Education.

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