



South Carolina Education Policy Fellowship Program

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

COLUMBIA – Eighteen (18) professional and civic leaders from across South Carolina have been selected to participate in the SC Education Policy Fellowship Program (SC-EPFP) for 2018-19.

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 to promote leadership, develop professional networks, demystify education policy, and foster greater understanding of the roles of government and the community in education.

Members of the SC-EPFP class for 2018-19 are:

- Jessica Adamson, CEO, Aperture Education, Fort Mill
- Jill Callais, Senior Workers' Compensation Claims Analyst, SC School Boards Association, Columbia
- Samantha Carlisle, Principal, South Kilbourne Elementary, Richland One
- Brian Chatman, Director of Student Services, Saluda County Schools
- Sylleste Davis, SC House of Representatives, District 100, Moncks Corner
- Loreta Dylgjeri, Admissions/Community Liaison, SC School for the Deaf and Blind, Spartanburg
- Christi Furrow, Assistant Principal, Goose Creek Elementary, Berkeley County School District
- Johnathan L. Graves, Community Services Coordinator, Greenwood School District 50
- Toneka Green, Chief Academic Officer, East Point Academy Public Charter School, West Columbia
- Joya Gregg, Human Resources Coordinator/Recruiter, Richland One
- Jennifer Hein, Executive Director of Strategic Planning, Clemson University College of Education
- Matthew Irvin, Associate Professor, University of South Carolina College of Education
- Caroline Mauldin, Executive Director, South Carolina Future Minds, Charleston
- Jeffrey Maxey, 2019 South Carolina Teacher of the Year, Starr Elementary, Anderson School District 3
- Angie Slatton, Director of Special Services, District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties
- Sherrie Snipes-Williams, CEO, Charleston Promise Neighborhood, Charleston
- Lorilei Swanson, Mental Health Counselor, School District of Oconee County
- Sandra Williams, Chief Communications Officer, Spartanburg School District One

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“This year, our SC-EPFP class includes some of the most talented and committed leaders we have in our state,” said Scott T. Price, Executive Director for the SC School Boards Association and SC-EPFP Advisory Board Chair. “In their time together, they will gain new insights, acquire additional professional skills, make valuable connections, and work collaboratively to take proactive steps for South Carolina’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 in the spring.

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 16 states and the District of Columbia. In South Carolina the program is coordinated by the SC School Improvement Council, located in the Center for Educational Partnerships of the University of South Carolina College of Education.

Since its inception in South Carolina, SC-EPFP has produced nearly 200 program graduates from a variety of professional backgrounds.

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 <https://sic.sc.gov/Pages/SCEducationPolicyFellowshipProgram.aspx>.

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