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## A Message from the Executive Director

This is often the time of year for reflection and gratitude. I want to take this moment to let you know that I am excited to join the SC AHEC Program and I consider myself very fortunate to be a part of such an impressive organization. The dedication of our statewide team to meet the needs of the current and future healthcare workforce is palpable and I am looking forward to jumping right in along with you to meet the needs of students and health professionals across South Carolina. In my short time here, I have already crossed paths with health professionals in our state with stories of how our program influenced or supported their decisions while they were in high school or young in their studies in a health profession.

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Mid-Carolina AHEC  
Certified Nurse Aide  
Training Program  
Graduates First  
Cohort

Currently, there is a shortage of certified nurse aides (CNAs) locally, regionally and statewide. In an effort to address a healthcare workforce need in Lancaster County, Springs Memorial Hospital and Mid-Carolina AHEC partnered to provide a local certified nursing assistant training program (CNATP). The first cohort of eight students was recruited from Springs Memorial Hospital and Lancaster County's Adult Education program and graduated in August 2018. All eight students passed the certification exam and are working as certified nursing assistants.

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## Dr. Carmen Piccolo Receives VCOM- Carolinias Preceptor of the Year Award

Carmen Piccolo, DO, was awarded a Preceptor of the Year Award for 2017-2018 from the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine Carolinas campus in Spartanburg. The Preceptor of the Year award is given each academic year to one provider per medical facility, as nominated by both third- and fourth-year medical students.

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## Lowcountry AHEC Partners to Support Research Programs

Since 2006, Lowcountry AHEC has collaborated with the South Carolina Clinical & Translational Research (SCTR) Institute at MUSC to provide essential trainings to researchers: "Basic EKG" and "Phlebotomy Skills for the Healthcare Professional."

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## South Carolina Family Medicine Residency Programs Complete Busy Summer of Recruitment Activities

Read highlights of the 2018 American Academy of Family Physicians' National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students as well as Rebecca S. Seignious Family Medicine Interest Day.

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## Welcome New Staff!

Ann Lefebvre began as Executive Director on November 19. The Program Office welcomes CeCe Heyward and the SC Office for Healthcare Workforce welcomes Kathie Greenberg.

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## In the News

The Post & Courier: SC Office for Healthcare Workforce's Linda Lacey comments on RN shortage potential in South Carolina

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## Upcoming Education Programs

Find all upcoming events and education programs in one place! Check out the South Carolina AHEC Statewide calendar.

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