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## ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

### **Former Michelin executive tapped to lead Moore School Business Partnership Foundation**

Michael Ian Fanning, who recently retired as Michelin North America's director of sustainable development, has been elected president of the Business Partnership Foundation for the Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina. [Read More](#)

### **South Carolina's Employment Situation December 2016**

South Carolinians continued to find work in December as employment rose to a new record high and unemployment dropped for the eighth consecutive month. [See More](#)

### **Ridge View HS senior named Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year**

When Jazmine Prince was in elementary school, she was diagnosed with a learning disability after her mother grew concerned about her reading difficulties. [See More](#)

### **How Age & Experience Work Together, Even If They Are Years Apart**

Brian Maynor, Style & Business Coach: When you read about mentoring and coaching there are two main stereotypes that keep appearing. One is that older workers contribute general wisdom, and the other is that younger workers can only offer expertise when it comes to technology. [Read More](#)

### **Aflac provides scholarship funds for the USC School of Medicine Greenville**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 33 percent of American adults are considered obese. [See More](#)

### **Science and Mathematics Governor's School Foundation welcomes new Director of Career Services**

The South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics Foundation is pleased to welcome Renee Williamson, the new Director of its Career Services Center. [See More](#)

### **Home Works of America to hire Joe Huggins as next Executive Director**

The Board of Directors of Home Works of America announced the hire of Joe Huggins to serve as the organization's next Executive Director. [See More](#)

### **Healthy Learners announces new Program Manager**

Healthy Learners welcomes Jennifer Cooke as its new program manager for Healthy Learners Midlands. [See More](#)

### **You Can't Take It With You at the Town Theatre**

January 26 - February 4: Welcome to the Vanderhof's home wherein lives a slightly batty New York City family. Grandpa lives for sheer joy rather than for achievement, ambition or financial gain. [See More](#)

### **USC alumni to head to Statehouse Jan. 25 for Carolina Day**

Support for higher education is a vital to securing a strong economic future for South Carolina and improving the lives of all its residents. [See More](#)

### **LS3P congratulates new architect Rohit Patel**

LS3P is pleased to congratulate Rohitkumar Patel on achieving architectural licensure. In addition to completing required training hours in diverse experience categories, Patel recently passed all seven divisions of the Architect Registration Examination. [See More](#)

### **Hickory Tavern opens second Columbia restaurant on Wednesday, January 25**

The Midlands is about to welcome Hickory Tavern, a neighborhood social gathering spot that is centered around a lively bar, serves great food and has a passion for sports and entertainment. The Tavern will be adding about 90 new jobs to the area. [See More](#)

### **Absolute Total Care makes investment to upgrade United Way's free children's dental clinic waiting room**

Thanks to local health care provider Absolute Total Care, United Way's free children's dental clinic for the uninsured, WellPartners, recently received a much needed facelift to the waiting room at its location inside the Richland County Health Department. [See More](#)

### **Founders Federal Credit Union opens new Columbia office**

Lancaster-based Founders Federal Credit Union opened its second Columbia Office at The Commons at Bullstreet. [See More](#)

### **USC researchers discover new subtype of cervical cancer**

A team of University of South Carolina scientists led by assistant research professor Carolyn Banister and associate professor Phillip Buckhaults has discovered a new subtype of cervical cancer that affects 8 percent of patients. [See More](#)

### **LowcountryBizSC: SC Ports Authority container volume climbs 5 percent**

The South Carolina Ports Authority reported a 5.4 percent increase in twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) volume fiscal year to date, with 1,029,450 TEUs handled since the period began in July. [See More](#)

### **UpstateBizSC: Ascend Performance Materials expanding Greenwood County operations**

Ascend Performance Materials (Ascend), a global provider of high-quality fibers, chemicals and plastics, is expanding its Greenwood County operations. To accommodate its continued growth, the company is projected to invest \$3.8 million and create 20 new jobs. [See More](#)

### **Frampton Construction expands field management team with senior hire**

Frampton Construction Company, LLC, a regional full-service construction firm providing planning and design support, preconstruction, construction services, and sustainability services throughout the Carolinas, has added Tom Sumner as field superintendent, based in the Charlotte office. [See More](#)

### **City Council vision statement's winning hashtag**

We heard your voices and the votes are in. City Council's official hashtag for their vision statement will be #EnvisionColumbia! [See More](#)

### **Spring Valley teacher recognized for supporting high school women in technology**

Tammy Vaught has been named the South Carolina Aspirations in Computing Educator of the Year. [See More](#)

### **Center for Law and Global Policy Development begins new series**

With the goal of informing and engaging the public about important issues, students who study in the Lexington County School District One's Center for Law and Global Policy Development created a new series of educational events. [See More](#)

### **The Salvation Army thanks the community for a successful Christmas season**

Thanks to generous community efforts, The Salvation Army of the Midlands raised over \$391,000 with our red kettle campaign this Christmas season. [See More](#)

### **Richland County releases results of internal audit on H-tax program**

A comprehensive internal review of Richland County's hospitality tax program shows an initiative that has greatly benefitted the community and requires no operational changes, but notes staff must improve its oversight of organizations that receive funding. [See More](#)

### **SCDOT Unveils Road Safety Program**

Secretary of Transportation Christy Hall presented a plan to begin a reduction in the high death toll on South Carolina's roads should new funds become available. [See More](#)

### **NAI Avant closes ±10,000 square foot retail sale in Rock Hill, SC**

The property currently operates as an auto dealership containing approximately ±10,000 SF of improvements sitting on 4.30 acres. [See More](#)

### **Applications now available for 2017 SC Commissioner's School for Agriculture**

Rising high school juniors and seniors can now apply for this year's South Carolina Commissioner's School for Agriculture (SCCSA), held at Clemson University, July 22-28, 2017. [See More](#)

### **Entrepreneur Secrets: How Dabo Swinney did it**

Jerry Bellune: Do you think you can learn anything from a football coach? This one's a national championship winning Clemson Tigers coach. [See More](#)

### **EQUUS Film Festival returns to Camden Feb. 17-18**

The City of Camden and The Marley Project, Inc. announce that, for the second time, the internationally acclaimed EQUUS Film Festival has chosen Camden as its first tour stop featuring the festival's top, award-winning films. [See More](#)

### **Avenues for Action: Tobacco Control in South Carolina**

January 26: Annual meeting of the South Carolina Tobacco-Free Collaborative, whose mission is to eliminate the toll of tobacco use in the Palmetto State [See More](#)

### **Columbia Chamber 2017 Public Policy Reception**

The Columbia Chamber strives to promote issues that are important to the business community, regional growth and economic development. [See More](#)

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### **701 Center for Contemporary Art presents: Making It Work: Artists in Conversation**

January 29: In conjunction with the exhibition 25 Artists, a film project by Columbia native, filmmaker and three-time Emmy nominee Wade Sellers, 701 Center for Contemporary Art in Columbia, S.C., presents the Making It Work: Artists in Conversation. [See More](#)

### **Richland Library to host free ACA Event**

January 31: As Open Enrollment for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) comes to a close, Richland Library is teaming with local navigators to host the fourth annual Deadline Event from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Tuesday, January 31 at the Assembly Street location. [See More](#)

### **Military Affairs Group**

January 31: During this quarterly forum, Columbia Chamber partners gather to discuss and address military related issues and events occurring throughout the community. [See More](#)

### **2017 State of the City Address**

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin will give the 2017 State of the City address at 6 p.m. on Jan. 31 at the Darla Moore School of Business at 1014 Greene St. [See More](#)

### **St. Pat's in Five Points Line-Up Announcement Party**

January 31: Join us on Tuesday, January 31st at Delaney's as we release the musical line-up for the 35th Annual St. Pat's in Five Points festival! [See More](#)

### **Top Grossing Movies**

Top grossing movies this week. [See More](#)

### **Events around Columbia and the Midlands**

See business and after hours events here. [Read More](#)

### Political cartoons from Robert Ariail

Published on MidlandsBiz.com almost daily. [See More](#)

### Robert Samuelson: Why tax reform will be a slog

"It is far too early to render final judgment on the Obama presidency. All the chatter about his "legacy" overlooks two obvious realities." [Read More](#)

### Kathleen Parker: Heavyweight match: Lewis vs. Trump

"A recent tweet from @realDonaldTrump: John Lewis is an American hero. I look forward to working with him in the years to come." That, my friends, is what's known as "fake news." It didn't happen. I made it up." [Read More](#)

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