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## ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

### USC Moore School announces 2016 distinguished award winners

The University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business will honor the 2016 Distinguished Award Winners at its 32nd annual Business Leadership Dinner and Awards Ceremony on April 19. The honorees include three alumni and one distinguished former dean.

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### Columbia office market begins 2016 with modest slowdown

The Columbia, SC office market experienced a modest slowdown in activity during the first quarter of 2016 but still posted a slight increase in occupancy. [See More](#)

### City Manager's Spotlight

The City Manager's Spotlight provides details about what is happening in the City of Columbia in an effort to keep citizens informed about City operations. The City Manager's Spotlight on April 2016 reflects important initiatives that will highlight major projects in the City of Columbia. Here is a snapshot of the April Spotlight. [See More](#)

### Have You Mentally Checked Out Of Your Career?

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "For a lot of people their work has become so routine they can literally disengage mentally and coast through the day on autopilot, but is that really going to help you be your best?" [Read More](#)

### Schaeffler continues expansion in York County

Governor Nikki Haley requested assistance from United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Thomas Vilsack in expediting crop insurance payments to South Carolina farmers whose crops were damaged by statewide flooding. [See More](#)

### **SCE&G opens Lake Murray Public Parks for 2016**

#### **recreation season**

SCE&G's public parks on the Lexington and Irmo sides of the Lake Murray Dam are open for the 2016 season. The boat-launching park on the Irmo side will be staffed through Sept.

5. [See More](#)

### **Fisher & Phillips bolsters Columbia office with new**

#### **attorney**

Fisher & Phillips LLP announced the addition of attorney Sheila Bias to its Columbia office.

She joined the firm on March 24. [See More](#)

### **South Carolina Angel Network announces two new**

#### **investments**

The South Carolina Angel Network (SCAN) announces investments in two new companies,

Crowdr.tv and Target PharmaSolutions, Inc. [See More](#)

### **NAI Avant announces statewide Top Producers and**

#### **President's Award Recipient for 2015**

NAI Avant recently held its 2015 Awards Banquet to recognize the outstanding

achievements of its top brokerage producers in the Columbia and Charleston markets. [See](#)

[More](#)

### **Five After Five returns for its 18th season**

The Five Points Association is excited to announce the return of the Five After Five spring

concert series. The 2016 season brings both classic elements of the series, as well as new

features that everyone will enjoy. [See More](#)

### **Callison Tighe's Pavlicek earns CIPP/US designation from the International Association of Privacy Professionals**

Callison Tighe attorney Jax Pavlicek has earned the CIPP/US designation from the

International Association of Privacy Professionals. [See More](#)

### **Spirit Communications proves the whole is greater than the sum of its parts**

It's often said you can accomplish more as a team than you can individually. And indeed, "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts," especially when it comes to Spirit Communications. [See More](#)

### **Darlington Raceway names Amanda Bishop as its next "Lady in Black"**

Darlington Raceway announced South Carolina native Amanda Bishop has been selected as the Lady in Black for 2016. [See More](#)

### **Unum announces agreement to acquire Louisiana-based Starmount Life Insurance Company**

Unum announced it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire H&J Capital, LLC, parent of Starmount Life Insurance Company and AlwaysCare Benefits, a leading independent dental and vision benefits company that will expand Unum's growing portfolio of workplace financial protection products. [See More](#)

### **EdVenture presents Ladies' Night Out benefiting Yes, Every Child**

EdVenture Children's Museum presents Ladies' Night Out, an exciting night of fashion, food, music and shopping on Thursday, May 5 at EdVenture. [See More](#)

### **Secrets of advertising – Which sells? Fear or desire?**

Jerry Bellune: One of our advertisers wanted to attract new clients. [See More](#)

### **Allen University and Phoenix One Enterprise Inc., Reading for Excellence Centers**

Allen University, has partnered with Dr. Frankie T. Jones, Sr., President and CEO of Phoenix One Enterprise Inc., and Rooms To Go to create Reading for Excellence Centers campus wide. [See More](#)

### **Five Points Foundation donates \$54,500 to local non-profits and charities**

Yesterday, the Five Points Foundation awarded \$54,500 to over 30 charities and non-profit organizations in the Midlands from revenue generated from the 34th Annual St. Pat's in Five Points. [See More](#)

### **Study shows how far money goes in Richland County**

Balancing a budget can be tough: you have to know how far each dollar can be stretched. However, that may be easier in some places than others. [See More](#)

## **District accepting nominations for Richland One Hall of**

### **Fame**

Richland One is accepting nominations for its 2016 Hall of Fame induction class. Persons, living or deceased, who have made significant contributions to the school district, their communities, their professions and/or society as a whole, are eligible for induction into the Richland One Hall of Fame. [See More](#)

## **Arik Bjorn announces candidacy for 2nd Congressional District of South Carolina**

At the Lexington County Democratic Party Executive Committee meeting, Arik Bjorn publicly announced his candidacy for South Carolina's 2nd Congressional seat. [See More](#)

## **Candice Lively announces candidacy for Solicitor**

Lexington County attorney Candice Lively formally announced her candidacy for 11th Circuit Solicitor this week, saying a "fresh face" is needed to implement critical improvements in the Solicitor's Office. [See More](#)

## **Fireflies seek national anthem performers for 2016 season**

The inaugural 2016 Columbia Fireflies season is fast approaching and the team is looking for singers, musical artists or instrumentalists to perform the national anthem prior to each home game. [See More](#)

## **eighth blackbird to Kick Off Indie Grits 2016 - April 14-17th**

Indie Grits, hosted by the Nickelodeon Theatre, the Southeast's premier film and culture festival for DIY media-makers, will take place April 14-17, 2016 in Columbia, SC. [See More](#)

## **Business Bootcamp planned for Chapin area entrepreneurs and start-ups - April 26th**

The South Carolina Small Business Development Center is hosting a Business Bootcamp for Chapin area entrepreneurs and small business owners on Tuesday, April 26 in the Community Room at Chapin Town Hall. [See More](#)

## **Columbia Housing Authority to host 29th Annual Wall of Fame Ceremony - April 6th**

Columbia Housing Authority (CHA) will host the 29th Annual Wall of Fame Ceremony Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 11 a.m. in the Drew Wellness Center gym, 2101 Walker Solomon Way. [See More](#)

## **Carla Harris to Keynote Columbia College Commencement - April 30th**

Columbia College announces Carla Harris, senior executive with Morgan Stanley and chair of the National Women's Business Council, will be keynote speaker for the April 30th undergraduate commencement ceremony. [See More](#)

### [Minority Business Opportunity Conference - April 6th](#)

The City of Columbia has consistently shown its commitment to the economic growth of all of its communities by providing opportunities for small and minority businesses to succeed.

[See More](#)

### [Time Warner Cable Open House Interview Event - April 6th](#)

Join Time Warner Cable's growing Sales team at an open house interview event.

Candidates will meet with recruiters and hiring leaders, while learning about Inside Sales and Retention Representative positions. [See More](#)

### [Author Anthony Doerr at USC's Open Book Series - April](#)

[6th](#)

The University of South Carolina's Open Book, a popular annual series that makes top writers available to the community, continues through April 20. [See More](#)

### [City of Columbia Speaker Luncheon - April 7th](#)

Join us for our next speaker program with Ryan Coleman, director of the City of Columbia's Office of Economic Development. [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: We're not a poor country, Donald](#)

"We are a very wealthy society, and we shouldn't forget it. Donald Trump apparently has — along with many other people." [Read More](#)

### [Kathleen Parker: What now?](#)

"So what are we to do? This is a familiar question to opinion writers. Translation: You've told us what's wrong with everything — and we agree." [Read More](#)

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