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Date: 2/5/2013 4:08:08 PM
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Keynote Speaker Request

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From: ml.s <ml.s@att.net>
Date: Fri, Jan 18, 2013 at 2:05 PM
Subject: Fw: Keynote Speaker Request
To: Dennis Moss <dennismoss29@gmail.com>
Cc: Brad Wilkins <soldbywilkins@gmail.com>

Thanks Dennis,

Here is the string of emails...not to mention my seven phone calls. Hope you can get us an answer. Time is upon us! Julie is the scheduler for Senator Scott **202-224-6121**.

Best, ML
864-812-5945

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From: ml.s
To: Blackorby, Julie (Scott)
Cc: Cody Sossamon ; Brad Wilkins
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2013 1:49 PM
Subject: Re: Keynote Speaker Request

Julie,

We need to know if he will be available as a Keynote speaker for this event on April 11, 2013. We have marketing and websites being developed now! This is a very high profile event for Cherokee County. Senator Scott is the perfect speaker for the event. I have attached a action plan for Cherokee County 2020 plan and you can see the Know (2) action plan. The purpose of the event is to announce to all, our goals and visions and to seek endorsement and involvement of all in our community to become the number one educated county in the nation by 2025.

Progress Report.pdf - <https://docs.google.com/file/d/1QHmedBFLCtbn7WL75JM0ITCJltjr4l9ZBDuvIHksmQl6-UixnNqvGAMtkfp1/edit>

Best regards, ML

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From: Blackorby, Julie (Scott)
To: M.L. Stankovic
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2013 1:39 PM
Subject: RE: Keynote Speaker Request

Good afternoon and thank you for your email. Right now I am still working on the January calendar, but as soon as I am able, I will begin to review requests for the spring. Thank you again for your kind invitation.

Best,

Julie Blackorby

Scheduler | The Honorable Tim Scott

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julie_blackorby@scott.senate.gov

From: M.L. Stankovic [mailto:ml.s@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2013 5:39 PM
To: Blackorby, Julie (Scott)
Cc: Brad Wilkins; Cody Sossamon
Subject: Fw: Keynote Speaker Request

Hi Julie,

Will the date, April 11, 2013 work for Senator Scott? If you don't know yet, please let me know a date we can expect a response.

Sincerely,

ML

Mary Lillian Stankovic

[864-812-5945](tel:864-812-5945)

----- Original Message -----

From: [M.L. Stankovic](#)

To: [Julie Blackorby](#)

Sent: Monday, January 14, 2013 4:33 PM

Subject: Keynote Speaker Request

Dear Julie,

As one of several hundred volunteers working to change the attitudes about education in **Gaffney, Cherokee County, SC**, we would like to invite Tim Scott to be our Keynote Speaker for our Lift Off event. The date of the event is **April 11, 2013**, starting at 6 PM. This is a major event for our **Cherokee County Know2 project**. We anticipate 1,000 in attendance with more than half being students and parents, the remainder being local and state leaders and hometown heroes. Our vision is to change the mindset toward **education** and the culture in our county so that we might improve the economic legacy of our county.

This activity is spearheaded by our Cherokee County Community Foundation. The purpose of the event is to announce to all, our goals and visions and to seek endorsement and involvement of all in our community to become the number one educated county in the nation by 2025.

Cherokee County Know2 project chief consultant and mentor is Dr. Garry Walters, retired Executive Director of Commission on Higher Education of South Carolina. The Know (2) manifested out of the Cherokee 2020 Education Committee with the goal of making Cherokee residents aware of **two promises**:

- 1. Know that in the world of today, higher education is essential for economic success and a high quality of life.**
- 2. Know that a higher education is possible for you, your family, and the community.**

In order to make this a reality we have organized four task forces preparing goals, metrics and timelines to become the #1 educated community in the nation by 2025.

1. The first of four task forces is Early Childhood which embraces the age group from birth to 3rd grade and seeks to have all children prepared to learn when they enroll in Kindergarten and will be reading and comprehending at the 3rd grade level as they enter the fourth grade.
2. Our second task force is Just Do The Math which starts with teaching math in Kindergarten and goes through algebra.
3. Our third task force is Transition and it involves creating career awareness from the 4th grade through high school and then making a good transition into college so that we may create a skilled workforce to meet the needs of current and future employers.
4. Our fourth task force is Adult Education which focuses on converting the unemployable people who don't have a GED into educated adults with a GED and possibly two years of college so that they may become productive citizens.

Thirty three "at risk" children were able to attend Spartanburg Community College free this year, beginning August, 2012 as a result of our beginning efforts, and we began that program in May, 2012.

To our knowledge we are the first in the nation to undertake changing the culture and mindset toward education in order to change the economic legacy of our county. We are a pilot project for South Carolina and the nation. This is a cutting edge initiative to change our county, state and possibly the nation. Would you please consider being the Keynote speaker for our Lift Off event for the Cherokee County Know2 project?

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

ML

Mary Lillian Stankovic

Mobile 864-812-5945

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Dennis Moss