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Twenty-Five COUNTY OFFICIALS GRADUATE FROM THE INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS

Twenty-five county officials graduated on August 2 from Levels I and II of the Institute of Government for County Officials at SCAC's 2021 Annual Conference, held July 30 – Aug. 3.

"It is an honor for me to recognize members of the class of 2021," said 2020-21 SCAC President Johnnie Wright Sr. (Orangeburg County Council Chairman) when recognizing graduates at the conference's opening session on August 2. "Thank you for your dedication to county government, as demonstrated by your graduation today. Congratulations!"

LEVEL I

Graduating from Level I were: AIKEN COUNTY—**Danny Feagin**, County Council; CHARLESTON COUNTY—**Michael Miller**, Register of Deeds; CHESTER COUNTY—**Michael Vaughn**, County Council; CLARENDON COUNTY—**Terry Ridgeway**, Senior Secretary; DARLINGTON COUNTY—**Sherman Dibble**, Finance Director; EDGEFIELD COUNTY—**Albert Talbert**, Council Vice Chairman; LAURENS COUNTY—**Walter Patterson Jr.**, County Council; LEXINGTON COUNTY—**Glen Conwell**, Council Vice Chairman; **Kelly Poole**, Library Director; OCONEE COUNTY—**John Elliott**, Council Chairman; ORANGEBURG COUNTY—**Deloris Frazier**, County Council; **Connie Portee**, Clerk to Council; RICHLAND COUNTY—**Allison Terracio**, County Council; **Leonardo Brown**, County Administrator; and YORK COUNTY—**Karen Brogdon**, Clerk to Council.

LEVEL II

Graduating from Level II were: BAMBERG COUNTY—**Sharon Hammond**, County Council; BEAUFORT COUNTY—**Joseph Passiment**, Council Chairman; CHESTER COUNTY—**Michael Vaughn**, County Council; DARLINGTON COUNTY—**Albert Davis**,

Council Member; DORCHESTER COUNTY—**Daniel Prentice**, Deputy County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer; EDGEFIELD COUNTY—**Tricia Butler**, Registration & Elections Director; FAIRFIELD COUNTY—**Moses Bell**, Council Chairman; GREENWOOD COUNTY—**Theo Lane**, County Council; LEXINGTON COUNTY—**Kelly Poole**, Library Director; ORANGEBURG COUNTY—**Connie Portee**, Clerk to Council; PICKENS COUNTY—**Ralph Guarino**, Finance Director; and YORK COUNTY—**Robert Winkler**, Council Vice Chairman.

The Institute of Government for County Officials provides county officials the opportunity to enhance their skills and abilities to function more effectively. SCAC partners with the Joseph P. Riley Jr. Center for Livable Communities, College of Charleston, to offer the Institute of Government three times per year. Clemson University's Master of Public Administration program sponsors the Institute.

County officials must complete 27 hours of instruction to graduate from Level I, and 18 hours of instruction to graduate from Level II.

SCAC, chartered on June 22, 1967, is a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization whose membership includes all 46 counties in South Carolina. Governed by a 29-member board of directors elected each year by county officials at the Association's annual conference, SCAC is the only organization representing county governments in the state.

The Association provides a number of services, programs and activities to county governments and their officials, including: research and technical assistance; education and training; legal assistance; policy development, advocacy and legislative information; publications, including a magazine and newsletter; meetings and conferences; public information, including an annual directory and website; and financial services, including the S.C. Counties Workers' Compensation Trust and S.C. Counties Property & Liability Trust.

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