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Sixty-Six COUNTY OFFICIALS GRADUATE FROM THE INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS

Sixty-six county officials graduated on August 3 from Levels I and II of the Institute of Government for County Officials at the Annual Conference of the South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC), held Aug. 1 – 4.

“It is an honor for me to recognize members of the class of 2022,” said 2021-22 SCAC President Paul A. Cain (Oconee County Council Vice Chairman) when recognizing graduates at the conference’s opening session on August 3. “Thank you for your dedication to county government, as demonstrated by your graduation today. Congratulations!”

LEVEL I

Graduating from Level I were: AIKEN COUNTY—**Lee Andrew Siders**, Council Vice Chairman; ALLENDALE COUNTY—**Joe Mole III**, Building/Zoning Administrator; BEAUFORT COUNTY—**Sarah Brock**, Clerk to Council; BERKELEY COUNTY—**Johnny P. Cribb**, Supervisor/Chairman; **Amanda D. Turner**, Clerk to Council; CHEROKEE COUNTY—**Lyman Dawkins III**, Council Member; CHESTER COUNTY—**Dr. Wylie G. Frederick**, Supervisor/Chairman; **Angela T. Strother**, Executive Assistant; CLARENDON COUNTY—**Jacqueline Blackwell**, Coroner; COLLETON COUNTY—**Arthur L. “Art” Williams**, Council Member; DARLINGTON COUNTY—**Angie S. Godbold**, Council Member; DORCHESTER COUNTY—**Edward Crosby**, **Harriet A. Holman** and **S. Todd Friddle**, Council Members; **Tracey L. Langley**, Clerk to Council; FAIRFIELD COUNTY—**Shirley Greene**, Council Vice Chairwoman; **Timothy Roseborough**, Council Member; FLORENCE COUNTY—**Jerry W. Yarborough Jr.**, Council Member; HAMPTON COUNTY—**Darin L. Williams**, Council Vice Chairman; **Chanel Lewis**, Finance Director/Human Resources; JASPER COUNTY—**Alvin Adkins** and **John Kemp**, Council Members; **Danny O. Lucas**, Development Services/Airport Manager; KERSHAW COUNTY—**Danny Templar**, County Administrator; LEXINGTON COUNTY—**Charlene Wessinger**, Council Member; **Lynn Sturkie**, County Administrator; McCORMICK COUNTY—**Charles Cook**, Council Member; NEWBERRY COUNTY—**John M. Scurry**, Council

Member; OCONEE COUNTY—**Julian Davis III**, Council Member; **Amanda F. Brock**, County Administrator; ORANGEBURG COUNTY—**Kenneth McCaster**, Council Member; PICKENS COUNTY—**Allison Fowler**, Community and Tourism Development Director; **Jessica Varney**, Collaboration Manager; **Ken Roper**, County Administrator; **Lisa Bryant**, Human Resources/Administrative Director; **Meagan Nations**, Clerk to Council; **Tommy Webster**, Director of Operations and Facilities; RICHLAND COUNTY—**Chakisse Newton**, Council Member; SALUDA COUNTY—**Justin Anderson**, Council Vice Chairman; **J. Carey Bedenbaugh**, Council Member; WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY—**Torrance Wilson**, Council Member; YORK COUNTY—**Christi Cox**, Council Chairwoman; **Allison Love**, Council Member; **Kevin Madden**, Assistant County Manager/CFO; **Michael Moore**, Assistant County Manager.

LEVEL II

Graduating from Level II were: AIKEN COUNTY—**Cynthia Holland**, Voter Registration/Elections Executive Director; ANDERSON COUNTY—**Jon Caime**, Special Projects Coordinator; BARNWELL COUNTY—**Elaine S. Ferguson**, Clerk to Council (retired); CALHOUN COUNTY—**Richard Hall**, Building and Planning Official; CHARLESTON COUNTY—**Kristen H. Wurster**, Deputy Clerk to Council; **Kristen L. Salisbury**, Clerk to Council; CHEROKEE COUNTY—**J. Quay Little**, Council Vice Chairman; CLARENDON COUNTY—**Terri H. Ridgeway**, Senior Secretary; DARLINGTON COUNTY—**Sherman Dibble III**, Finance Director; DORCHESTER COUNTY—**James Byars**, Council Vice Chairman; **William R. Hearn Jr.**, Council Chairman; EDGEFIELD COUNTY—**Albert Talbert**, Council Vice Chairman; FAIRFIELD COUNTY—**Clarence Gilbert**, Council Member; GREENVILLE COUNTY—**Ennis Fant**, Council Member; GREENWOOD COUNTY—**Melissa Spencer**, Council Member; **Susan L. McIntyre**, Clerk to Council; KERSHAW COUNTY—**Danny Templar**, County Administrator; LANCASTER COUNTY—**Sherrie Simpson**, Clerk to Council; LEXINGTON COUNTY—**Scotty R. Whetstone**, Council Chairman; OCONEE COUNTY—**Julian Davis III**, Council Member; ORANGEBURG COUNTY—**Deloris Frazier**, Council Member; RICHLAND COUNTY—**Chakisse Newton**, Council Member; **Leonardo Brown**, County Administrator.

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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