SCAC recently awarded scholarships to five high school students who plan to attend a South Carolina university in the fall.

**SCAC’s 2018 Presidential Scholarship**

Newberry County

SCAC awards one $2,500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior each year who is a resident of the same county as that year’s SCAC president. Applicants must plan to attend a South Carolina college/university or two-year technical college in the fall.

This year, SCAC presented its 2018 Presidential Scholarship to Kaylee E. Busby of Newberry High School in honor of Newberry County Council Chairman and SCAC President Henry H. Livingston III.

Ranked second in her class, Busby plans to study electrical engineering at Clemson University. An advanced placement student, she was an active member of the National Honor Society and the Beta Club. In addition to being named a South Carolina Junior Scholar, she received the Rotary Club of Newberry’s Student of the Month Award. She was a member of Newberry High School’s softball travel league and swim team.

Busby, daughter of James Busby of Newberry, is an active member of First Baptist Church of Newberry. She volunteers at her church and retirement homes in Newberry.

**SCAC’s 2018 Board of Directors Scholarship Winners**

Abbeville County

Nai’ Kiera D. Bell of Calhoun Falls Charter School received a Board of Directors Scholarship for Abbeville County.

Bell captained Calhoun Falls Charter School’s varsity basketball, volleyball and cheer teams, and was a member of the (Continued on next page)
Beta Club. She was honored by the Due West Branch of the American Association of University Women for her accomplishments in science.

Ranked second in her class, Bell plans to study biology at Lander University.

She is the daughter of Natasha Bell of Calhoun Falls. Bell and her family attend Faith Tabernacle Outreach Ministries, where she is a member of the youth choir, praise team and the church’s dance ministry. She also assists the children’s church program.

**Charleston County**

Kira D. Adkins of Academic High School received a Board of Directors Scholarship for Charleston County.

An advanced placement student, Adkins was dually enrolled at Trident Technical College for the past three years. Accepted when she was 16 years old, she will enter the Medical University of South Carolina’s Doctor of Pharmacy program in the fall as one of the program’s youngest students.

In addition to being named a Duke TIP Scholar and a South Carolina Junior Scholar, Adkins served as vice president of the National Spanish Honor Society and a member of the Black Student Alliance. She also captained the varsity and junior varsity basketball teams.

Adkins, the daughter of Randy and Sherlonda Adkins of North Charleston, has participated in numerous leadership programs, and serves on the Civic Youth Engagement Council—a youth mentoring program founded by S.C. Senator Marlon Kimpson. She has served as a volunteer counselor at Camp Invention and Charleston County’s Palmetto Island Park.

She is an active member of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church in North Charleston and serves on the usher board and as a Sunday school teacher.

**Greenwood County**

Kennedi H. Smith of Ware Shoals High School received a Board of Directors Scholarship for Greenwood County.

Smith served as student council vice-president, and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the National Honor Society. She plans to study exercise at Lander University.

Honored by the Due West Branch of the American Association of University Women for her accomplishments in foreign language, she was recognized for only missing one day of school during her 12-year education. She captained the varsity cheerleading team, and is a five-time recipient of the Universal Cheerleaders Association’s All-American Cheerleader award.

As an Imperial Pageantry Spokesmodel Ambassador, Smith serves as a volunteer coach for Greenwood County’s recreational cheerleading program. She serves as a board member of the Ware Shoals Catfish Festival and volunteers for the annual event.

Smith, the granddaughter of Rick and Teresa Holland of Ware Shoals, is an active member of Ware Shoals First Baptist Church youth group and also sings in the church choir.

**Jasper County**

Angel Jackson of Ridgeland-Hardeeville High School, re-
South Carolina’s
2018 Directory of County Officials

South Carolina’s 2018 Directory of County Officials was published and distributed in February. So, order a copy if you want to know “Who’s Who” in South Carolina county government.

The directory identifies all elected and appointed county officials in the state. This popular, award-winning publication also identifies SCAC’s officers, board of directors and corporate supporters; regional councils of government; federal and state officials; and state senators and representatives. Addresses and telephone numbers are included for all county officials, state officials and members of the S.C. General Assembly.

Cost: $25.00 per copy (including tax, postage, shipping and handling).

To order your copy of the 2018 Directory of County Officials, please contact:

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Program at a Glance for SCAC’s 51st Annual Conference

Hilton Marriott Hotel, Hilton Head Island
August 5 – 8, 2018

Sunday, August 5, 2018
Worship Service 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
Registration 10:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Exhibit Area Open 10:30 – 5:00 p.m.
J. Mitchell Graham/Barrett Lawrimore Memorial Awards Competition 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Clerks to Council 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Nominating Committee 3:00 p.m.
Constitution, Resolutions and Bylaws Committee 3:30 p.m.
Exhibitors’ Reception 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, August 6, 2018
Exhibit Area Open 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Registration 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
County Council Coalition 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon
County Managers, Administrators & Supervisors Meeting 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Betty T. Roper Elected Women Officials’ Luncheon (Ticket Required) 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
WORKSHOPS
• Preventing and Mitigating Cyberattacks
• HR’s Strategic Role in Emergency Response
• Designing Safer Communities
• Opioid Epidemic Roundtable
• 2018 Legislative Update
President’s Reception 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 7, 2018
Registration 8:30 – 12:00 noon
General Session 9:30 – 12:00 noon
Annual Conference Banquet (Ticket Required) 6:45 – 9:00 p.m.
Dance 9:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Solutions for Funding Counties Post-Employment Benefits

By John K. DeLoache
SCAC Senior Staff Attorney

It has been conservatively estimated that unfunded liabilities for non-pension related post-employment benefits (OPEB) owed by South Carolina counties are as high as $750 million. The General Accounting Standards Board (GASB) requires that counties complete an actuarial report of their individual OPEB liabilities, and periodically update that report.

Counties will have to decide, based on the results of the actuarial report, how they will fund their OPEB liabilities. Many counties have chosen a pay-as-you-go approach. This means that the county pays their OPEB liability as it is incurred out of their general funds. Other counties have chosen to set aside funds to pay both their incurred and future liabilities.

Regardless of the method of funding your liabilities, the failure to adequately address OPEB obligations could negatively impact a county’s bond rating. Unfunded OPEB obligations will be reported as a debt owed by the county on the county’s annual financial statement. Higher reported debt levels can lead to a lower bond rating, and subsequently higher borrowing costs.

One of the solutions to the OPEB funding problem is to put sufficient funds into a qualified irrevocable trust dedicated to funding OPEB obligations. There are significant legal expenses incurred to set up a qualified OPEB trust. In order to avoid individual counties having to shoulder such expenses, SCAC established a qualified trust, called the South Carolina Counties OPEB Trust (SCC OPEB Trust). The SCC OPEB Trust allows counties to pool funds to cover their OPEB obligations.

The benefits of joining the SCC OPEB Trust begin with the fact that there are no upfront administrative fees charged to join the Trust. Secondly, pooling funds allows each member county to reduce the impact of any costs and fees by spreading them across all members. Finally, Trust membership lowers the costs for buying and selling investments. The Trust’s investment advisors are able to buy or sell fewer investment instruments of larger value, thereby reducing commission fees. While the Trust’s funds are managed and invested as a whole, each county receives a detailed report of its individual actuarial valuation for purposes of reporting obligations and liabilities.

If your county is looking for a more effective way to fund its OPEB obligations, there are several ways to learn about the benefits of SCC OPEB Trust membership. First, SCAC has created a new SCC OPEB Trust page on the main SCAC website at www.SCCounties.org/obeb-trust. This page will explain the OPEB reporting requirements as well as Trust membership benefits. You can also contact the SCAC office directly to get information about benefits and how to join the SCC OPEB Trust.

Contact John DeLoache, SCAC Senior Staff Attorney at (803) 252-7255, toll free (800) 922-6081, or via email at jdeloache@scac.sc for details.

Civil Rights Grant Awarded to Charleston County Zoning and Planning Department

The Charleston County Zoning and Planning Department recently received an African American Civil Rights Grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Park Service.

The grant will fund A Journey to Equal Education: Stories from Historic African-American Communities, an oral history project that will share the experiences of students on the cusp of desegregation of public schools in the 1950s and 1960s.

The department will be hiring a cultural resources consultant through a request for proposals process to carry out the project work, which will include interviewing alumni from South Carolina Equalization Schools in Charleston County. The project will focus on conversations with alumni from W. Gresham Meggett High School, an equalization school that was recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

South Carolina lawmakers passed a general sales tax in 1951 to fund a statewide school construction program called the “Equalization School Program.” The intent of the program was to demonstrate schools were “separate but equal” by constructing new African American elementary and high schools across the state.

The county will be partnering with the Heritage Community Development Corporation, a local non-profit organization. The grant work will begin immediately and will conclude in April 2020.

Announcing SCAC’s 2018 Awards Competition

Is your county looking for innovative ideas? Make plans to attend one of the best educational opportunities offered during SCAC’s Annual Conference—The J. Mitchell Graham Memorial Award/Barrett Lawrimore Memorial Regional Cooperation Award Competition.

This year’s competition will take place on Sunday, August 5, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Hilton Head Marriott Hotel. The competition is the first event of SCAC’s 51st Annual Conference, and all conference participants are encouraged to attend. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn new ideas and solutions from your peers.

The J. Mitchell Graham Memorial Award recognizes counties that address community challenges, implement operational improvements, or enhance their citizens’ quality of life in a unique way. The Barrett Lawrimore Memorial Regional Cooperation Award honors those counties that work collaboratively with other jurisdictions to solve community problems.
Beaufort County Council Member Mike Covert Attends NACo’s Cambridge Leadership Institute

Beaufort Council Member Mike Covert participated in the National Association of Counties’ Cambridge Leadership Institute (CLI) June 3–7 in Washington, D.C. So far, he is the fourth elected official to be chosen to represent South Carolina at the Institute, now in its 15th year.

Covert serves on NACo’s Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee.

At the CLI, he met fellow elected officials from across the nation to discuss personal and county challenges elected officials face. Covert discussed his county challenge—stormwater runoff and how best to collaborate with neighboring counties on the possibility of a regional stormwater management agency.

The CLI is designed for elected or appointed officials at the policy-making level with a demonstrated interest in innovative approaches to governance. The program is designed to help participants identify and implement innovative solutions to the complex challenges facing county government in the 21st century.

S.C. Local Heroes Program Offers Special Home Buying and Refinancing Program

The South Carolina Local Heroes Program recently offered a special home buying and refinancing program to those who serve our nation and state.

The SC Local Heroes Program is a home buying or refinancing program that is only available to:

- Teachers, School Administrators and Support Staff
- University & College Faculty and Staff
- Firefighters
- Law Enforcement & Public Safety Officers
- Medical Personnel (EMS & Paramedics, Doctors, Nurses, Dentists, Chiropractors & Administrators and Support Staff in the Medical Field)
- Military (Active duty, Reservists, National Guard members & Coast Guard Personnel)
- Military Veterans
- Government employees (City, County, State and Federal)
- Non-Profit Organization Employees that serve our communities

The SC Local Heroes Program offers significant savings that includes:

- ZERO lender fees
- Fast & free pre-approval
- Competitive interest rates
- Realtor commission rebate

To learn more about the SC Local Heroes Program, visit www.sclocalheroes.com or call 864-642-6161.

Georgetown County Administrator Sel Hemingway Completes Term as SCCCMA President

Georgetown County Administrator Henry E. “Sel” Hemingway Jr. recently completed his 2017–18 term as president of the S.C. City and County Management Association (SCCCMA), the professional association for South Carolina local government managers.

First established in 1948, SCCCMA’s goal is to improve the quality of public administration in South Carolina local government, and enhance the proficiency of local government managers, administrators, and other staff. An affiliate of the International City/County Management Association, SCCCMA’s membership consists of approximately 180 county and city managers, administrators, assistants, and other staff members.

Other South Carolina county administrators who have served as president of SCCCMA include: Chris Eldridge, Horry County Administrator (2013–14); J. Milton Pope, Richland County Administrator (2010–11); L. Jason Ward, Dorchester County Administrator (2009–10); Roland H. Windham (Continued on next page)
Richland County’s Fleet Program Recognized as One of the Best in the Americas

Richland County’s fleet program was recently recognized as one of the best in the Americas—a lofty achievement considering there are 38,000 fleets in North America alone. The county’s Fleet Management Division, which oversees more than 1,500 county vehicles and pieces of equipment, is ranked number 15 in this year’s “100 Best Fleets in the Americas.” Richland County has received numerous “100 Best Fleets” accolades in recent years, though the number 15 ranking is the highest the county has ever achieved.

Several factors are evaluated in the annual ranking process, including use of technology, quick repair turnaround, competitive pricing, safety and efficiency. Tom C. Johnson, head of the 100 Best Fleets in the Americas program, said Richland County was recognized because of its “fresh thinking with new ideas.”

Development of a long-term plan to improve services and a recent departmental reorganization that moved Fleet Management under the Office of Risk Management have helped generate improvements and minimize costs.

Fleet Management is comprised of just two county employees—Fleet Manager Bill Peters and Administrative Coordinator Jaci Ricks—who work closely with maintenance provider First Vehicle Services, which has 24 technicians and staff members. County vehicles range from older model sedans and hybrid SUVs to ambulances and heavy equipment, and they are used daily by building inspectors, code enforcement officers, animal care staff, roads and drainage crews and emergency responders.

Fleet Management recently assumed the responsibility of maintaining 125 fire apparatuses that provide fire protection in Richland County and the City of Columbia.

Richland County Wins Fourth National Award for Showcasing Federal Funding Resources for Residents

Richland County Community Development recently won its fourth John A. Sasso Award, a national award for showcasing the many resources the county provides residents through federal funding.

The award, named after the founder of the National Community Development Association, was presented to Richland County in June at a conference in Long Beach, Calif. The award recognizes organizations that make great efforts to promote and celebrate the opportunities afforded to individuals through Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). CDBG grants are issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and primarily support projects that serve local low- to moderate-income families.

Some of Richland County’s Community Development’s initiatives this year include: a free conference that provided
fair housing information and legal resources to the local Latino community; presenting the Modjeska Monteith Simkins Award for Human Rights & Social Justice to local civil rights activists; an interactive work session about fair housing challenges; homeowner assistance and Homeowners Rehabilitation programs; and ongoing support of Richland County’s flood recovery program.

Through CDBG-DR funding, more than 300 residents whose homes were severely damaged by the October 2015 flood are receiving new or repaired homes.

Richland County Council recognized Community Development staff in April (National Fair Housing Month) by presenting a resolution commending their efforts to provide neighborhood enhancement projects and equal housing opportunities for residents.

**Richland County EMS Recognized Nationally for Life-Saving Care Provided Heart Attack Patients**

The American Heart Association (AHA) recently presented Richland County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) with a Mission: Lifeline EMS Gold Award for the outstanding care of patients who suffer an ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction, or STEMI—a type of heart attack caused by a complete blockage of blood flow to the heart. This is the fourth time Richland County EMS has won the award, which it first won in 2015 and each of the past two years.

Receiving a Mission: Lifeline award indicates an organization’s efforts to provide the best pre-hospital care possible to patients. Richland County EMS staff receive specific training and use specialized tools to determine if a patient is suffering from a STEMI. By quickly identifying a STEMI, EMS crews can restore blood flow as immediately as possible and provide appropriate care during transport to a treatment facility.

The County’s EMS division is one of the busiest, if not the busiest, EMS units in the state, responding to more than 74,000 calls each year.

**Richland County Wins Six Awards in NACIO’s 2018 Awards of Excellence Competition**

Richland County recently won six awards in the National Association of County Information Officers’ (NACIO’s) 2018 Awards of Excellence Competition.

The county’s Public Information Office won:
- Excellence in Public Education for Richland Renaissance, the capital projects and revitalization project
- Excellence in Video Series for “The Recap,” a monthly news video
- Excellence in Logos for Engage Richland, the newly launched year-round series of public events
- Excellence in Electronic Communications for *The Richland Weekly Review*, a weekly e-newsletter
- Meritorious (two awards—one for Logos, and one for Public Education) for Returning Home, the County’s flood recovery program.

NACIO, an affiliate of the National Association of Counties (NACo), holds the contest each year to recognize the best works of county public information officers and state association of counties communications staffs. NACIO presented this year’s awards at NACO’s 2018 Annual Conference.

**S.C. Jail Administrators Association’s Training Committee Meets at SCAC Office on June 7**

S.C. Jail Administrators Association’s Training Committee met at the SCAC Office on June 7, 2018, to finalize the training agenda for their upcoming 2018 Annual Conference, which will be held at the Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort & Spa from September 16 – 19, 2018. The following topics will be covered during the conference: Diversity Training for Administrators, Race Relations Within Corrections, Suicide Prevention, Staff Training.

Members of the S.C. Jail Administrators Association Training Committee who met at the SCAC Office on June 7 were: (Front row, left to right) Lt. Kerrilyn Greathouse, Charleston County; Lt. Demetric Coleman, Saluda County; Director Janice Ergle, Saluda County; Director Tonia Capers-Jones, Allendale County; Rebecca Murphy, Jasper County; (back row, left to right) Maj. Cavin Harley, Horry County; Sgt. Walter Todd, Lexington County; Capt. Harry Orr, Jasper County; Lt. Stacy Hatfield, Lancaster County; and Lt. Greg Richardson, Horry County.
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**Statements of Economic Interests**

According to a 2017 amendment to the Ethics Act, individuals filing Statements of Economic Interests after January 1, 2017, must disclose the source (but not the actual amount) of private income received by the filer or a member of his immediate family.

This does not include income received pursuant to: court orders, interest received on a savings, checking, or brokerage account with a licensed financial institution, or most mutual funds. Don’t forget—immediate family includes a child residing in the household, a spouse, or an individual claimed as a dependent for tax purposes. For more information, please refer to Section 8-13-1120 of the Ethics Reform Act.