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SCAC to Host 'Hybrid' Annual Conference, Designed to Maximize Safety, on Aug. 2 & 3

SCAC will host a "hybrid" Annual Conference on a condensed schedule in Hilton Head on August 2 and 3, designed to maximize safety due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Workshops will be designed to help county leaders lead and serve more effectively, and the general session will be streamed live for anyone unable to attend.

New SCAC officers and board members will be elected.

The SCAC staff is working closely with hotel staff to ensure recommended sanitizing procedures are followed and social distancing measures, including one person per six-foot area, are implemented. The hotel is following Hospitality Industry guidelines for reopening.

Annual Awards Program

SCAC's Annual Awards Program will be hosted on August 26 at SC ETV in Columbia. Presenters will present in-person, and the event will be streamed live for all county officials to view. The Association will livestream a "watch party" in September, an event designed to promote the award announcements. The COVID-19 Response and Resiliency Showcase, a new segment added to this year's program, will allow counties to submit entries to describe their efforts while working with communities during the coronavirus pandemic.

The competition's submission deadline was June 26. For more information, please visit www.SCCounties.org/awards/awards-toolkit-2020.

Speaker for General Session

NACo First Vice President, Kentucky Judge/Executive Gary Moore of Boone County, Ky., will speak at the General Session on Monday, August 3.

Active in NACo since 2012, Moore has previously served as Chair of NACo's Transportation Steering Committee and its Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee. He served as Co-Chair of the National City-County Task Force on the Opioid Epidemic and is the executive liaison to NACo's Rural Action Caucus Steering Committee and Audit Committee.

Speaker for General Session



Gary Moore
NACo
First Vice President

Moore was first elected Judge/Executive for Boone County in 1998, the highest elected office in county government in Kentucky. Boone County is the fourth largest and one of the

fastest growing counties in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. His tenure as Judge/Executive parallels a distinguished career in both private business and public service. Moore currently serves as Chairman of the St. Elizabeth Healthcare Board of Trustees and President-elect of the Kentucky Association of Counties.

Moore continues to build strong partnerships with the cities, schools and agencies across the county, state and region. These working relationships have delivered results that have improved the economic development, growth and the overall quality of life for people of Boone County.

Institute of Government

The Institute of Government for County Officials will be held on Saturday, August 1, and Sunday, August 2, and courses will be available on demand after the conference.

The following courses will be offered:

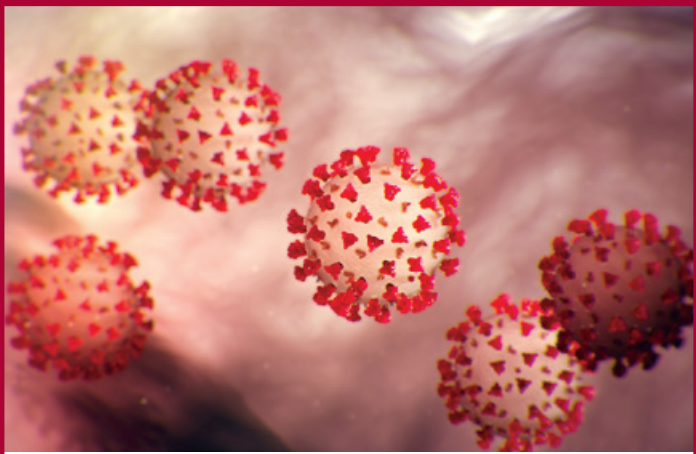
Saturday, August 1

- Public Budgeting
- Developing Good Leadership Skills
- Planning and Land Use
- Current Issues: Moving Forward from the COVID-19 Pandemic

Sunday, August 2

- Building an Effective Team
- Decision-Making in a Political Environment

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COVID-19 Resources for Counties

SCAC has up-to-date federal, state, and county resources available on its website at:

www.SCCounties.org/coronavirus-covid-19-information

From the latest federal grants and loans for counties to summaries of Governor McMaster’s Executive Orders to on-demand COVID-19 related webinars, SCAC is committed to providing timely information and resources to counties regarding the health pandemic.



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Institute of Government and SCAC’s Annual Conference

Hilton Head Marriott Hotel, Hilton Head Island

NOTE: Meeting room locations will be announced once confirmed.

August 1 – 3, 2020

Saturday, August 1, 2020

Registration	9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Institute of Government Classes (Levels I and II)*	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 2, 2020

Worship Service	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Registration	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Institute of Government Classes (Levels I and II)*	9:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Nominating Committee	9:00 a.m.
Constitution, Resolutions and Bylaws Committee	9:30 a.m.
Workshops**	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, August 3, 2020

Registration	8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
General Session**	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

* Institute of Government classes will also be offered on demand after the conference. The registration fee will be \$40 per course for courses offered at the conference and for on-demand courses after the conference.

** Workshops and General Session will be streamed live.



South Carolina’s 2020 Directory of County Officials

Order your copy of South Carolina’s 2020 Directory of County Officials, published in March, and find out “Who’s Who” in South Carolina county government.

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SCAC Awards Scholarships to Five High School Seniors

SCAC's 2020 Presidential Scholarship Winner



Alyssa A. Gottheiner
Laurence Manning Academy
CLARENDON COUNTY

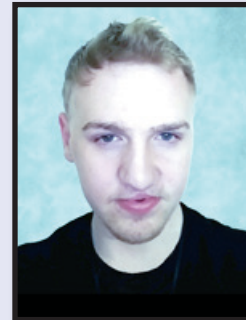
SCAC's 2020 Board of Directors Scholarship Winners



Savannah D. Shealy
Palmetto High School
ANDERSON COUNTY



Fred B. Chambers
Colleton County High School
COLLETON COUNTY



Jacob C. Anderson
Darlington High School
DARLINGTON COUNTY



K'sheauna T. Singleton
Ridgeland-Hardeeville High School
JASPER COUNTY

SCAC recently awarded scholarships to five high school seniors planning to attend a South Carolina college or university, or two-year technical college in the fall.

Each year, SCAC awards a \$2,500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of the same county as that year's SCAC president. The SCAC 2020 Presidential Scholarship was awarded to a student in Clarendon County in honor of Clarendon County Council Chairman and SCAC President Dwight L. Stewart Jr.

The SCAC also awards four \$2,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are residents of counties chosen by lot. Counties selected in the 2020 draw were Anderson, Colleton, Darlington and Jasper.

SCAC'S 2020 Presidential Scholarship Winner

Clarendon County

SCAC awarded its 2020 Presidential Scholarship to Alyssa A. Gottheiner of Laurence Manning Academy. Gottheiner, ranked first in her class, plans to pursue pre-professional studies in health at Clemson University.

She served as vice president of the Red Cross Club, treasurer of the 4-H Club, and as captain of her school's varsity soccer team and Florence Soccer Association. Gottheiner's honors include the President's Gold Volunteer Service Award and the Prudential Spirit of Community Service Award.

Her volunteer service includes spearheading the Clarendon County Hometown Heroes project as well as working with Bethlehem Stables and serving as a lay leadership youth advisor and vacation bible school counselor at Manning United Methodist

Church.

She is the daughter of Kevin and Kelly Gottheiner of Manning.

SCAC'S 2020 Board of Directors Scholarship Winners

Anderson County

SCAC awarded a Board of Directors Scholarship to Savannah D. Shealy of Palmetto High School in Anderson County. She plans to study secondary education, concentrating in English, at Clemson University.

Shealy ranked first in her class and served as the student body president.

She graduated from Palmetto Girls State and Junior Leadership of Anderson, was a member of the Palmetto Concert and served as Captain of the Marching Band. A Lander Junior Fellow, Shealy received the Louie Green Award for Academic Excellence and Sports Participation, WoodmenLife's American History Award, and Bausch and Lomb's Honorary Science Award.

She is the daughter of Chuck and Christie Shealy of Pelzer. Shealy and her family attend High Praises Church where she serves as the Lead Youth Pianist.

Colleton County

SCAC awarded a Board of Directors Scholarship to Fred B. Chambers of Colleton County High School. He plans to study computer engineering at Benedict College.

Chambers was a member of the Cougar Men of Distinction at Colleton County High School. He attends Bethlehem Mis-



sionary Baptist Church where he participates in the male choir. He is the son of Alina Jones and Brian Williams of Walterboro.

Darlington County

SCAC awarded a Board of Directors Scholarship to Jacob C. Anderson of Darlington High School in Darlington County. He plans to study finance at Francis Marion University.

Anderson ranked in the top 10 percent of his graduating class. In addition to being recognized for his academic achievement in physics, he was a member of his school's honor club and JROTC.

The son of John Anderson of Darlington, he and his family attend Central Baptist Church.

Jasper County

SCAC awarded a Board of Directors Scholarship to K'sheauna T. Singleton of Ridgeland-Hardeeville High School

in Jasper County. She plans to study early childhood education at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

A member of the National Honor Society, Singleton ranked second in her class. She participated in the Reverend Pinckney College Readiness Program, and AVID program for college/career readiness. A trained AVID tutor, Singleton volunteered as such by working with elementary school students.

She is the daughter of Showanna Hugue and Lovie Singleton Jr. of Ridgeland.

SCAC's Scholarship Selection Committees met in the spring to evaluate applicants for the Presidential Scholarship and the four Board of Directors scholarships. Applicants were required to complete and submit an application, and to write an essay on their aspirations and goals. Scholarships were awarded based on essays, grades, school activities and community involvement.



SC RIA Approves \$14.5 Million in Grant Assistance for 34 Projects

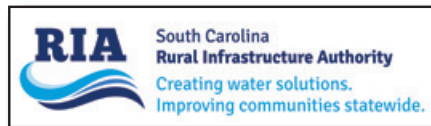
In May, the S.C. Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) approved grant assistance for 34 projects, totaling more than \$14.5 million, to strengthen water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure. This brings the total funds awarded this fiscal year to \$25.7 million.

Most of the funding will be used to improve aging sewer collection and treatment facilities, upgrade water supply, storage and distribution systems as well as mitigate neighborhood flooding by improving drainage structures. Additional grant assistance will increase infrastructure capacity to support existing businesses and new economic opportunities. All of these projects will have a significant impact on the 44,000 residents and businesses that they serve.

These grant funds can help ensure compliance with state and federal drinking water requirements. Two counties are making improvements designed to address water quality standards

established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for source water protection.

Projects in McCormick County and Cherokee County will include construction of tank mixers and aerators as well as extension of water lines to serve new customers, all in an effort to lower the presence of chemical compounds such as Total Trihalomethanes.



Cherokee County is working with Draytonville Water Company, a not-for-profit utility that serves about 1,900 customers south of Gaffney, to make improvements to treatment and storage facilities in a multi-pronged approach aimed at reducing any disinfection by-products. McCormick County is also addressing water quality by adding an aeration system to an elevated storage tank as well as extending water lines to serve new customers.

"Being able to receive RIA grant funding is helping us address our current water infrastructure needs", according to Columbus Stephens, administrator for McCormick County. "We are committed to meeting water quality standards for our residents, and the start of this project will be part of that effort."

RIA grants are awarded twice a year through a competitive process that considers the need for improved public health, environmental protection, community sustainability and economic development. Counties may apply directly to the RIA – whether they own and operate their own utility or if they are applying on behalf of a not-for-profit water or sewer company that serves their residents.

This funding is designed to promote projects that protect public health and water quality or build infrastructure capacity to

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SC RIA to Provide \$25 Million in Competitive Grants for FY 2021

For fiscal year 2021, RIA will make available \$25 million in competitive grants for water, wastewater and storm water projects. To learn more about the program, please join us for a virtual grant workshop on Wednesday, July 8, 2020. Call 1-803-737-0390 or email pgantt@ria.sc.gov to register for this event.



support economic development and employment opportunities. The RIA offers statewide assistance to counties, cities and other

eligible entities. Learn more at ria.sc.gov.



Charleston County's Partnership with NASA Recognized in NACo's County News

The National Association of Counties (NACo) posted an article on May 26 in the Bright Ideas section of its online newsletter, *County News*, explaining how Charleston County partnered with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in 2018 to boost the economy. Charleston County received a NACo Achievement Award in the Community and Economic Development category of NACo's 2019 Achievement Award Program.

Charleston County staff connected with NASA to discuss technology transfer opportunities after county staff learned about NASA's interest in connecting with local businesses at NACo's 2017 Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio. NASA recommended partnering with the Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama, which wanted to promote its space launch system and establish contracts with local vendors.

This led to Charleston County creating its Launch with NASA program, which promotes economic development and educational outreach partnerships to attract businesses to provide better wages, promote STEM careers and help connect government organizations. The county launched the program's two inaugural events, Launch with NASA Small Business Form on March 29, 2018, and Launch Your School Year with NASA STEM Exposition on Aug. 29, 2018. Visit: www.naco.org/articles/nasa-partners-county-boost-economy

Charleston County won SCAC's 2019 Barrett Lawrimore Memorial Regional Cooperation Award for its partnership

with NASA called "Launch with NASA." (See County Focus Magazine, Vol. 30, No. 3).

NACo's 2019 Achievement Awards Program Also Recognized Bamberg, Horry and Pickens Entries

In NACo's 2019 Achievement Awards Program, NACo recognized 616 county and state association entries from 32 states. Three other South Carolina counties, in addition to Charleston County, won NACo Achievement Awards that year: Bamberg County for its Regional Solution to a Healthcare Desert: Freestanding Emergency Center; Horry County for its HCCoconnect Open Government; and Pickens County's for its 501c3 Initiative for Preservation.

NACo's 2020 Achievement Awards Program Recognized Beaufort County

Most recently, NACo's 2020 Achievement Awards Program recognized 522 entries from counties and state associations in 30 states. Beaufort County's Investment Management Program received a NACo Achievement Award.

To find out who won NACo Achievement Awards as far back as 2009, and abstracts for award-winning entries, visit NACo's searchable awards database online at: explorer.naco.org/cf_naco/cfiles_web/awards/award-srch.cfm



Horry County Museum and Coastal Carolina University Receive National Awards

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) presented a History in Progress (HIP) Award and Award of Excellence in May to Horry County Museum and Coastal Carolina University (CCU) for *Printing the Past: SC in 3D*, a sensory-friendly, hands-on exhibit.

The museum's tactile exhibit encourages participants to touch, examine, feel and explore artifacts from Horry County that have been digitally scanned and 3-D printed. The exhibit specifically benefits those with visual or sensory differences but also engages all museum visitors. Carolyn Dillian, Professor and Chair of Anthropology and Geography, and Katie Stringer Clary, Assistant Professor of Public History, CCU, co-directed the exhibit project.

The AASLH Leadership in History Awards, now in its 75th year, is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history.

The HIP Award, given at the discretion of the committee, is an additional award presented to only 5 percent or fewer of all Award of Excellence winners.



NAGC Names Dorchester County PIO Communicator of the Year

The National Association of Government Communicators (NAGC) named Tiffany Norton, Dorchester County Public Information Officer, the 2020 Communicator of the Year on May 20.

Each year, NAGC honors a federal, state or local government communicator who has fostered public trust and personifies the role of government communicators by delivering timely, accurate and meaningful information to the public.




NAGC, recognizing Norton's integrated and synchronized approach to communication, said her efforts to ensure that the right message gets to the right people at the right time via the right channel explains why the 2020 Edelman Trust Barometer

found that local/state government is more trusted than the federal government.

Norton was credited for playing a key role in Dorchester County winning SCAC's 2019 J. Mitchell Graham Memorial Award for the county's Online Newsroom. (See County Focus Magazine, Vol. 30, No. 3)

A U.S. Coast Guard Veteran, she received her B.A. degree in Political Science from the College of Charleston and certification as Public Communicator from Texas Christian University. Norton serves as the Vice President of Communications for the S.C. Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.



Webcasts & Webinars

Webcasts and webinars will be published here when scheduled.
So, please check this schedule whenever you receive *Carolina Counties Newsletter*.

For more information, please contact Susan Turkopuls, SCAC, at (803) 252-7255 or sturkopuls@scac.sc. Or visit SCAC's website at: www.SCCounties.org/webcasts-and-webinars



SCAC's 2020 Conference Calendar

Aug. 1 – 2 Aug. 2 – 3	Institute of Government Annual Conference <i>Hilton Head Marriott</i>
Sept. 29	Continuing Education, Update for Risk Managers, Etc. <i>DoubleTree by Hilton, Columbia</i>
Oct. 21 Oct. 22	Institute of Government County Council Coalition <i>Embassy Suites, Columbia</i>
Nov. 20	S.C. Local Government Attorneys' Institute <i>DoubleTree by Hilton, Columbia</i>
Dec. 3 – 4	Legislative Conference <i>Renaissance, Charleston</i>
Dec. 15	Orientation for Newly-Elected County Council Members <i>DoubleTree, by Hilton, Columbia</i>




NACo's 2020 Conference Calendar

July 13	Membership Town Hall (Virtual)
July 20	Annual Business Meeting (Virtual)

South Carolina State Ethics Commission:

Did You Know?



Did you know that the State Ethics Commission cannot receive complaints concerning a candidate for elective office in the 55-day period before an election for which he or she is a candidate? Section 8-13-320(9)(b)(1) of the Ethics Reform Act mandates that any violation of the Act which would result in irreparable harm be taken before the Court of Common Pleas. The Ethics Commission resumes accepting these complaints on the day after the election in question. For more information, please contact:

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