

The Fourteenth Annual Wilkins Leadership Awards Dinner

Honoring the leadership of
The Honorable John W. Matthews, Jr.
and Charlotte Berry

Hosts

Ambassador David Wilkins

Secretary Dick Riley

Furman President Elizabeth Davis, Ph.D.

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Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center



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Wilkins Legislative and Civic Leadership Awards Dinner

“The Star-Spangled Banner”	Amy Joye <i>Professional vocalist and director, Vocare, First Baptist Greenville</i>
Welcome	Elizabeth Davis <i>President, Furman University</i>
Invocation	Rabbi Eric Mollo <i>Tree of Life Congregation, Columbia</i>
Dinner	
“On Principled Leadership”	Jay Lucas <i>Speaker, S.C. House of Representatives and winner of the 2014 Wilkins Legislative Leadership Award</i>
About the Awards	Paula Harper Bethea <i>Chair, Wilkins Steering Committee</i>
Presentation of Civic Award	Minor Mickel Shaw <i>President of Micco, LLC and inaugural winner of the Wilkins Civic Leadership Award</i>
Presentation of Legislative Award	David H. Wilkins <i>Former U.S. Ambassador to Canada and former Speaker, S.C. House of Representatives</i>
Closing	Elizabeth Davis

Award for Excellence in Civic Leadership

The Award for Excellence in Civic Leadership

is presented to a community leader who demonstrates a long-standing and exemplary commitment to working to improve the lives of South Carolinians. The recipient of this award is a civic leader whose selfless involvement in community is marked by vision, skill and integrity, and whose efforts to improve the quality of life in the state have required a remarkable investment of personal time, energy and responsibility.

Past Civic Award Winners

2017	Charles Bolden
2016	Hayne Hipp
2015	Governor Nikki Haley and Mayor Joe Riley
2014	Bill Barnet
2013	Steve Morrison (<i>posthumous award</i>)
2012	Anita Zucker
2011	Ed Sellers
2010	Minor Mickel Shaw





Charlotte Berry

Community volunteer Charlotte Berry has dedicated her life to philanthropy and community service. When she was just ten years old, she embarked on her first fund-raising campaign, raising \$13 and buying 92 quarts of milk for impoverished children in rural Tennessee. Since then she has given millions of dollars to charity and worked with groups and organizations to collaborate innovatively on programs and initiatives that improve people's lives.

As longtime chair of the American Red Cross, Charlotte Berry supervised and planned for over one million volunteers. Moreover, she has served on both national and regional boards of the United Way, including as board chair of United Way of South Carolina. In South Carolina, Charlotte has also served on the boards of Women in Philanthropy, South Carolina State Museum Foundation, Junior Achievement, Sexual Trauma of the Midlands, Benedict College, Wofford College, Palmetto Conservation Foundation, City Year Columbia, and Columbia College. In addition, she has worked with the Historic Columbia Foundation, YWCA, Palmetto Conservation Foundation, South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, Columbia Museum of Art, Palmetto Health Foundation, Girl Scouts of the Congaree Area, Central Carolina Community Foundation, Meals on Wheels and The Nurturing Center.

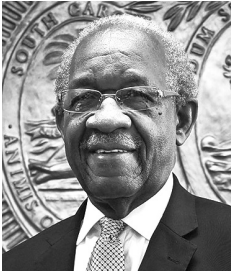
The recipient of numerous prestigious community awards including the Order of the Palmetto from the State of South Carolina, Charlotte feels a lifetime of philanthropy has proven time and again that involvement is a rewarding process.

Award for Excellence in Legislative Leadership

The Award for Excellence in Legislative Leadership is presented to a member of the South Carolina House or Senate who best exemplifies the highest principles of leadership, integrity, compassion, vision and courage. Recipients have demonstrated the ability to collaborate with fellow legislators, regardless of party affiliation, to effect positive change in South Carolina.

Past Legislative Award Winners

2017	Representative Weston Newton
2016	Representative Rita Allison
2015	Senator Clementa Pinckney (<i>posthumous award</i>)
2014	Speaker Jay Lucas
2013	Senator Paul Campbell
2012	Representative James Harrison
2011	Representative James Smith
2010	Senator Wes Hayes
2009	Representative Dan Cooper
2008	Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter
2007	Senator Hugh Leatherman
2006	Speaker Bobby Harrell
2005	Senator John Drummond



Senator John W. Matthews, Jr.

Senate Assistant Democratic Leader John W. Matthews, Jr. represents Senate District 39, which includes parts of Orangeburg, Calhoun, Berkeley, Colleton and Dorchester Counties. First elected to the State House in 1974, he is the longest serving African American state legislator in South Carolina, serving in the House from 1975-84 and in the Senate since 1985. Currently, he is a member of these Senate committees: Agriculture & Natural Resources; Banking & Insurance; Education; Ethics; Finance; Fish, Game, & Forestry; and Interstate Cooperation.

Senator Matthews has served under eight governors during his 44 years as a South Carolina legislator. Over the years, he has worked tirelessly to bring jobs and economic development to his constituents, improve education in his district, and expand access to health care. As someone focused on providing servant leadership, he is motivated by his desire to bring better outcomes to the lives of the people he represents.

A graduate of South Carolina State University, Senator Matthews is a retired elementary school principal, businessman and farmer. The recipient of numerous awards, he is the father of five grown children and was married to his late wife Geraldine for nearly 55 years.

Event Hosts and Speaker



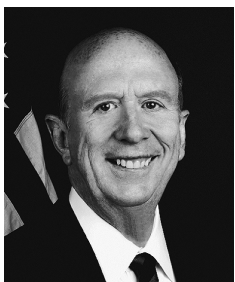
Elizabeth Davis

Elizabeth Davis became Furman University's 12th President on July 1, 2014. Under her leadership, the university has instituted The Furman Advantage, a distinctive vision for higher education that combines learning with immersive experiences outside the classroom, creating a personalized pathway that prepares students for lives of purpose, successful careers and community benefit. Dr. Davis received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Baylor in 1984 and earned her Ph.D. from Duke University in 1992.



Dick Riley

Richard W. Riley, for whom the Riley Institute at Furman is named, is the former U.S. Secretary of Education (1993–2001) and former Governor of South Carolina (1979–1987). Secretary Riley is currently a senior partner in the law firm of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough and its affiliate, EducationCounsel. Riley is the recipient of numerous education and other public service awards. In 2009, *TIME* magazine named Riley one of the Top 10 Best Cabinet Members in our nation's history.



David Wilkins

Ambassador David Wilkins is a partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough. He chairs the firm's Public Policy and International Law practice group, which focuses primarily on representing businesses on both sides of the U.S.-Canadian border. Wilkins served as the United States Ambassador to Canada from June 2005 until January 2009. Prior to his appointment as ambassador to Canada, Wilkins served 25 years in the South Carolina House of Representatives, 11 of those as speaker.



Jay Lucas

James H. "Jay" Lucas was first elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1999 to serve District 65, which represents portions of Darlington, Kershaw, Lancaster, and Chesterfield Counties, and he has served as House Speaker since 2014. Currently a partner at the law firm of Lucas, Warr, & White, Lucas has worked in local government as financial director, county administrator, county attorney, and city judge.

Lucas graduated *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of South Carolina and received his J.D. from University of South Carolina School of Law, where he was managing editor of the South Carolina Law Review. He is a recipient of the 2014 David H. Wilkins Award for Excellence in Legislative Leadership.

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Launched in 1999, the Institute is named for former South Carolina Governor and former United States Secretary of Education Richard W. (Dick) Riley. It is committed to nonpartisanship in all it does and to a rhetoric-free, facts-based approach to change.

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