

The Riley Institute at Furman presents

The Eighth Annual Wilkins Leadership Awards Dinner

Honoring award recipients
Representative James H. Harrison
and Anita G. Zucker

Keynote speaker
Senator Lindsey O. Graham

Hosted by
Ambassador David H. Wilkins
Secretary Richard W. Riley
Furman President Rodney A. Smolla

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Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
Columbia, South Carolina

South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts & Humanities

Cantus Chamber Choir

The South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities gives artistically talented high school students from across the state the opportunity to concentrate on their skills in a supportive environment of artistic and academic excellence. Students apply and audition for the school to concentrate in one of five art areas: creative writing, dance, drama, music, or visual arts.

The Music Department offers intensive training to young musicians interested in advanced music study and preparation for careers in music. The comprehensive curriculum includes private lessons in orchestral instruments, piano, and voice, large ensembles, chamber music, seminars, master classes, and music theory and music history. Music students at the Governor's School have been recognized at state and national levels for their musical achievements individually and in ensembles.

The Cantus Chamber Choir of the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities serves as the primary ensemble for those students enrolled in the school as vocalists. The choir has been featured throughout South Carolina in a variety of venues including gubernatorial inaugurations, SCETV, local concerts and collaborative performances, state and regional American Choral Directors Association appearances, cathedral concert series, and state-wide middle school and high school performances.

Cantus has appeared on stage with professional vocalists as diverse as the Boston-based *a cappella* group Ball in the House and the Cantus Vocal Ensemble of Minneapolis. On March 3, 2012, the Cantus Chamber Choir performed at the Southern Division of the American Choral Director's Association in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Wilkins Legislative & Civic Leadership Awards Dinner

National Anthem	South Carolina Governor's School Cantus Chamber Choir David Rhyne, <i>Director</i>
Welcome	Rod Smolla <i>President, Furman University</i>
About the Awards	Richard Riley <i>former United States Secretary of Education and Governor of South Carolina</i>
<i>Ecco Mormorar L'onde</i> Claudio Monteverdi	Cantus Chamber Choir
<i>American Anthem</i> Gene Scheer	Cantus Chamber Choir
Invocation	Reverend Michelle McClendon <i>Minister of Christian Education, First Baptist Greenville</i>
Dinner	
Introduction of Speaker	David Wilkins <i>former United States Ambassador to Canada and Speaker, South Carolina House of Representatives</i>
Keynote Address	Lindsey Graham <i>United States Senator</i>
Awards Presentation	Paula Harper Bethea <i>Chair, Wilkins Steering Committee</i>
Closing	Rod Smolla

James H. Harrison



Born in Greenwood, South Carolina, Jim Harrison is a graduate of Greenwood High School, The Citadel, and the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Harrison engaged in the private practice of law in 1977 and in 1978 became the assistant attorney general and general counsel to the South Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

Harrison served in the United States Army from 1976-1977 and in the United States Army Reserve from 1977-2003. He graduated from the United States Army War College in 2000 and served with the XVIII Airborne Corps in Saudi Arabia and Iraq during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Harrison also served with the XVIII Airborne Corps in Haiti in 1994 during Operation Uphold Democracy and with the 1st Infantry Division and 1st Armored Division in Bosnia in 1996 during Operation Joint Endeavor. His decorations include, among others: the Order of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and Joint Meritorious Service Medal.

Harrison was first elected to represent the citizens of House District 75 in the South Carolina House of Representatives in a special election in 1989. He served as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee from 1994-2012 and has served as a member of the Legislative Council, Judicial Council, Legislative Audit Council, and Prosecution Coordination Commission.

Upon retirement from the House of Representatives, Harrison was selected and is currently serving as the code commissioner and director of Legislative Council.

He is married to Susan Harrison and is the father of two daughters, Catherine Harrison and Molly Willis.

Anita G. Zucker



Anita Zucker, philanthropist and civic leader, is chair and chief executive officer for the InterTech Group, Inc., and owner of the Carolina Ice Palace, the Original Ms. Rose's Fine Food and Cocktails, Tristan restaurants on Market Street, and the South Carolina Stingrays.

An elementary school teacher for over ten years, she is a champion of education. She has served as chair of several boards including the Advisory Board of the Charleston Area HUB for Math, Science, and Technology; the Trident Technical College Foundation Board and Executive Board; the South Carolina Network of Business Partners for Education; and the College of Charleston's Board of Governors of the School of Business. She also served as a member of the Trident Public Education Foundation, a member of the South Carolina Business Education Partnership Committee for Excellence in Education, and is currently vice chair of the Charleston Promise Neighborhood Board.

Zucker's strong commitment to her Jewish heritage is demonstrated by her service on the boards of Jewish Studies, Inc., the Jewish Studies Advisory Board, and Addlestone Hebrew Academy. She is past president of the Charleston Jewish Federation and is a member of the Committee for the Holocaust Memorial at Marion Square and past fundraising chair.

She has been a leader in the business and health communities serving as former chair of both Medical University of South Carolina's Foundation and the Citizen's Advisory Committee of the Hollings Cancer Center. She is past president of the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce (CMCC), the Education Foundation of CMCC, and the Coastal Community Foundation Board. She has chaired the Drug-Free Workplace Program, the Business Education Council, and the Business Education Partnership Committee. She also serves as the first female trustee of the Saul Alexander Foundation and the Jewish Endowment Fund.

Zucker has received numerous awards for her work in education and community development, including the "Order of the Palmetto."

Anita received her B.A. in education from the University of Florida, and her master's from the University of North Florida. She is the widow of Jerry Zucker. She has three children and five grandchildren.

Lindsey O. Graham



Currently serving his second term in the United States Senate, Lindsey Graham is widely viewed as one of the strongest proponents of a robust national defense. A frequent visitor to the war zones of Afghanistan and Iraq for on-the-ground assessments, Graham has consistently pushed for outcomes which defend our own long-term national security interests.

In the Senate, he serves on some of the chamber's most important committees: Appropriations, which oversees the expenditures from the Federal Treasury; Armed Services, which is responsible for all areas of our national defense; Budget, which establishes the blueprint for total government revenues and spending; and Judiciary, which has a broad mandate covering multiple issues ranging from the Constitution to criminal justice to intellectual property law.

Graham was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1994 as the first Republican from the Third Congressional District of South Carolina since 1877. Prior to his service in the House, Graham compiled a distinguished record in the United States Air Force as he logged six and a half years of service on active duty as an Air Force lawyer. From 1984-1988, he served at Rhein-Main Air Force Base in Germany.

Upon leaving active duty Air Force in 1989, Graham joined the South Carolina Air National Guard where he served until 1995. During the first Gulf War in the early 90s, Graham was called to active duty and served stateside at McEntire Air National Guard Base as staff judge advocate where he prepared members for deployment to the Gulf region. Graham continues to serve his country in the United States Air Force Reserves and is one of only three United States senators currently serving in the Guard or Reserves. He is a colonel and is assigned as a senior instructor at the Air Force JAG School.

A native South Carolinian, Graham grew up in Central, graduated from D.W. Daniel High School near Clemson, and earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of South Carolina. He lives in Seneca and is a member of Corinth Baptist Church.

Richard W. Riley



Richard W. Riley, for whom the Riley Institute at Furman is named, is the former United States secretary of education (1993–2001) and former governor of South Carolina (1979–1987). Riley currently is a senior partner in the law firm of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough and its affiliate, EducationCounsel. With the full support of the firm, he remains an ambassador for improving education in the United States and abroad, serving in an advisory and collaborative capacity with several entities across the nation and overseas that promote progressive education improvement.

Riley earned his bachelor's degree, cum laude, in political science from Furman in 1954 and received a J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1959.

He is the recipient of numerous education and other public service awards, as well as honorary degrees from universities and colleges in the United States and abroad.

Riley and his late wife, Ann “Tunky” Yarborough Riley, have four children and fourteen grandchildren.

David H. Wilkins



David H. Wilkins is a partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough and chairs the Public Policy and International Law practice group.

From 2002–2009, Wilkins served as the United States ambassador to Canada. In 2010, Governor Nikki Haley tapped Ambassador Wilkins to chair her transition team as she formed her new administration.

Wilkins was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1980 and served there for twenty-five years. He quickly rose through the ranks in the House, serving six years as chair of the House Judiciary Committee and two years as speaker pro tem before being elected speaker, a position he held for eleven years.

A native of Greenville, Ambassador Wilkins received his A.B. degree from Clemson University and his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He also served in the United States Army and United States Army Reserves.

Wilkins resides in Greenville with his wife Susan. They have two grown sons and two grandchildren.

Rodney A. Smolla



Rod Smolla, president of Furman University, is nationally recognized as a scholar, teacher, advocate, and writer and is one of America's foremost experts on issues relating to freedom of speech, academic freedom, and freedom of the press. A native of the Chicago area, he is a 1975 graduate of Yale University and graduated first in his class from Duke University Law School in 1978. Prior to coming to Furman, Smolla served three years as dean and Roy L. Steinheimer Professor of Law at Washington and Lee University School of Law. He has also been dean and Allen Professor at the University of Richmond School of Law as well as director of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law at the College of William & Mary. In 2011, he was nominated by Governor Nikki Haley and confirmed by the South Carolina Senate to serve on the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

David H. Wilkins Awards

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. Winners are chosen by a bipartisan/nonpartisan panel of distinguished scholars, former legislators, and leaders from the public and private sectors.

Past Legislative Award Winners

2011	James Smith, South Carolina Representative
2010	Wes Hayes, South Carolina Senator
2009	Dan Cooper, South Carolina Representative
2008	Gilda Cobb-Hunter, South Carolina Representative
2007	Hugh Leatherman, South Carolina Senator
2006	Bobby Harrell, Speaker, South Carolina House of Representatives
2005	John Drummond, South Carolina Senator and President Pro-Tem Emeritus

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.

Winners are chosen by a confidential committee of community, non-profit, business, and governmental leaders representing all geographical areas of South Carolina.

Past Civic Award Winners

2011	Ed Sellers
2010	Minor Mickel Shaw

The Wilkins Fellowships in South Carolina Legislative Affairs

Every other year, twelve to fifteen Furman students have the opportunity to work side-by-side with legislators and interest groups in Columbia, gaining a sophisticated and nuanced understanding of the legislative process. In this immersion experience, Wilkins Fellows meet and work with South Carolina elected officials, listen to presentations made by lobbyists, legislative staff, and agency personnel, and attend receptions. The program is led by Glen Halva-Neubauer, a state politics specialist and professor of political science at Furman University.

The Riley Institute

Since its founding in 1999, the Richard W. Riley Institute has made substantial progress in broadening student and community perspectives on critical issues and in helping break down barriers to economic and social well-being for all South Carolinians to make the state a better place to live.

Aimed toward outcomes that empower students, community members, the University, the state and the region, the non-partisan institute has three primary focus areas: education policy, diversity, and critical issues. Initiatives in these areas include the groundbreaking Hewlett study on public education in South Carolina and partnering to bring New Tech High Schools to the I-95 corridor; its statewide Diversity Leaders Initiative (DLI); high quality symposia featuring an outstanding roster of distinguished speakers; and student-centered programming that engages students in politics, public policy and leadership through collaborative research, study abroad opportunities, and internships.

The Institute is now focusing on strategies that leverage its well-developed work in education policy, diversity, and critical issues to drive creative and pragmatic initiatives in the state, region, and nation. This strategic work will include collecting, creating, and sharing knowledge about the best diversity and education practices and models, fostering collaborations among public and private partners to help put them on the ground, and building leadership and capacity for positive change. For more about the work of the Riley Institute, please go to riley.furman.edu.

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