



Midlands Education and Business Alliance

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*Connects students, parents and educators to career opportunities through business partnerships, training and resources.*

## **MEBA Reflects on Its Second Successful Year as a Nonprofit!**

For 13 years, the Midlands Education and Business Alliance (MEBA) was fully funded by Federal Tech Prep and School-to-Work Grants. Now MEBA is celebrating 15 years of service by reflecting on its second successful year as a nonprofit. Since evolving into a nonprofit, MEBA has been constantly seeking contributions from business and industry partners, foundations, local city and county and federal governments and individuals who benefit from MEBA's programs and services such as educators, alliance members and parents. This year MEBA incorporated its very first Annual Fund Campaign. It got off to a great start by receiving favorable responses from business partners. The 2005 - 2006 Annual Fund Campaign, which began in December 2005, will conclude June 30, 2006.

The Midlands Education and Business Alliance (MEBA) believes in programs that improve the quality of life in the Midlands community. Like any other nonprofit, MEBA needs private financial support to continue its much needed programs and initiatives. Our thanks go to the City of Columbia and its Department of Economic Development for support in the amount of \$100,000.00! The City of Columbia holds MEBA up as an organization that remains steadfast in providing the framework and infrastructure necessary for businesses and families to improve and develop economically. In-kind contributions totaled \$234,000 this year through MEBA business and agency representatives who were involved in alliances, committees, programs and services. (See pages 10 and 11 for full listing.)

Contributions to MEBA allow for the continuance of providing community services to youth at risk of dropping out of school, to teachers needing to bring relevance and resources to their classrooms, to parents striving to support their child's learning experience and to industry leaders and businesses who address workforce shortages and boost economic development in the Midlands. MEBA has reached thousands of educators, students, and parents in all eight schools districts of Richland, Lexington and Fairfield counties and the Department of Juvenile Justice. With continued contributions, MEBA will increase these numbers!

### **\*\* 2005 - 2006 CONTRIBUTIONS \*\***

#### **TOP CONTRIBUTORS**

Contributions designated solely to Midlands Middle College

U.S. Department of Education \$780,000  
The Nord Family Foundation \$100,000  
SC State Department of Education \$25,000

#### **MEBA Contributions**

City of Columbia \$100,000  
Palmetto Health Alliance \$50,000  
Lexington Medical Center Foundation \$25,000

#### **SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Contributions Totaled: \$97,512.00  
Each pledging \$1.00 per student per year.

Department of Juvenile Justice  
Fairfield County School District  
Lexington School District One  
Lexington School District Two  
Lexington School District Three  
Lexington School District Four  
Lexington/Richland School District Five  
Richland School District One  
Richland School District Two

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## Quick Bytes

- ◀ On April 4, 2006, MEBA's **Kay Barlow** attended a "Food for Thought" luncheon sponsored by **Columbia College's Alliance for Women**, an organization focused on improving the status of women in South Carolina, and **Women in Philanthropy**, a group of women dedicated to transforming the Midlands community through active and collective philanthropic investment. **Mr. A. V. Strong** of **Project G.O.** (Gang Out) was the featured speaker.
- ◀ On April 5, 2006, the **Business Management and Information Systems Alliance** met to discuss a possible student/parent activity for the month of June. School-to-Work consultants were invited to the May meeting, held on May 3, 2006, to provide their input.
- ◀ On April 18, 2006, the **Engineering and Industrial Technologies Alliance** met to discuss plans for a fall 2006 Student Career Day to be held at Midlands Technical College on October 9, 2006.
- ◀ On April 19, 2006, members of the **Healthcare Alliance** met to discuss activities for next year including a fall Student Healthcare Day currently scheduled for October 10, 2006, at Midlands Technical College Airport Campus.
- ◀ **Dr. Kaye Shaw** and **Lisa Call** attended the statewide meeting of the **SC Education and Business Alliance** in Hilton Head, April 20 and 21, 2006. Highlights of the meeting were a presentation on the Regional Education Centers by **Ann Marie Stieritz**, newly hired **consultant of the Education and Economic Development Council**, and finalization of plans for involvement in the Education and Business Summit to be held in Greenville the week of June 25-29, 2006.
- ◀ On April 21, 2006, members of the **School-to-Work Committee** held their end-of-the-year meeting and luncheon. The group discussed Technology Champion candidates and the award was given to **Paraskevi Koutrakos** of **Brookland-Cayce High School** in **Lexington School District Two**. Koutrakos was nominated by teacher **Debbie Manos**. The group also discussed plans for next year's meeting locations, meeting structure and committee direction. **Lana Hefner** of **Richland School District One** was selected as the committee's chairperson for the 2006-2007 school year.

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MEBA looks forward to gaining even more financial support this coming year and has plans to cultivate more gifts including larger gifts from new prospective donors as well as current contributors! MEBA's 2006 - 2007 Annual Fund Campaign is tentatively scheduled to begin in August 2006 and will continue through June 30, 2007. If you have any questions regarding the Annual Fund Campaign or contributions to MEBA, please contact Holly Cummings, Community Development Director at 733-2511, hcummings@mebasc.com or send correspondence to 930 Richland Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Financial contributions made to MEBA are tax deductible.

### CORPORATE CONTRIBUTORS

(\*) - Annual Fund Campaign Contributions

- \* Benjamin Law Firm
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina
- \*CMC Steel South Carolina (formerly SMI Steel SC)
- Colonial Supplemental Insurance (Unumprovident Corp.)
- Central Carolina Community Foundation (Women In Philanthropy)
- \*Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce
- \*International Paper
- \*Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative
- \*Midlands Human Resource Association
- Midlands Technical College
- \*Music & More To Go
- NAI Avant, Inc.
- \*National Bank of SC
- \*PBR Columbia, LLC
- South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
- \*Sankofa Development Services
- \*Spirax Sarco
- \*Square D Foundation
- \*Stratagem, LLC
- Time Warner Cable (designated for Midlands Middle College)
- Total Comfort Services

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## MEBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET

Educators and business partners who serve on the **Board of Directors of MEBA** met on April 25, 2006, at **Palmetto Health Baptist**. MEBA Board members **Dr. Ron Carroll** and **Val Richardson** hosted the meeting and Palmetto Health provided breakfast. The meeting was devoted to updates from the subcommittees of the Education and Economic Development Act Council – Communications and Marketing presented by **Dr. Kaye Shaw** of **MEBA**; Curriculum Framework presented by **Dr. Karen Woodward** of **Lexington School District One**; At-Risk, presented by **Val Richardson** of **Palmetto Health**; Regional Education Centers presented by **Robbie Barnett** of the **SC Chamber of Commerce**; and Higher Education and Articulation presented by **Dr. Gail Morrison** of the **SC Commission on Higher Education**.

Keynote speaker was **Mr. Don Hilber**, Education Associate with the **SC Department of Education**, who shared his job market research highlighting the job market in the Midlands explaining how this affects majors selected by students. A highlight of the meeting was the student testimony of **Sarah Beth Padgett**, a student at **White Knoll High School** who interned and shadowed in the birth and delivery department at Palmetto Health.

## Regional EEDA Workshops Held Throughout the State

The **Curriculum Frameworks Sub-committee of the Education and Economic Development Act Council**, along with the **SC Department of Education**, developed and presented five regional workshops across the state to assist educators in the implementation of the EEDA legislation. Workshops were held in Orangeburg, Columbia, Spartanburg, Florence and Charleston beginning April 18 and ending April 28, 2006. The goal of the sub-committee led by **Dr. Karen Woodward, Lexington School District One**, and **Dr. Anne Crook, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College**, was to provide updates and answer specific questions on the EEDA legislation, acquaint attendees with the High School Redesign Report, and showcase examples of schools that have implemented clusters of study, majors and Individual Graduation Plans (IGPs) for students. Participating from MEBA were **Nancy Verburg, Lexington School District One**, and **Dr. Kaye Shaw, MEBA's Executive Director**.

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### INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS

Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. "Ike" McLeese,  
designated to Midlands Middle College  
Mrs. Henri Etta Baskins  
Mr. & Mrs. William Barlow  
Mr. Steven Benjamin - In memory of Mr.  
S. Hunter Howard, Sr.  
Ms. Holly Cummings  
Ms. Anita Garrett - In honor of Cedric  
Brown  
Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Hefner  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Reynolds  
Dr. & Mrs. Jasper Salmond  
Mr. and Mrs. Will Thomas  
Mr. Michael Shaw & Dr. Kaye Shaw  
Mr. & Mrs. Rick Wheeler  
Mrs. Linda Whitaker

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**For updates on questions and  
programs related to the  
Education and Economic  
Development Act (EEDA) visit  
[www.carolinacareers.org/EEDA](http://www.carolinacareers.org/EEDA).**

### **Congratulations to the following individuals for successful completion of the Career Development Facilitator (CDF) course offered by MEBA.**

Marion Alexander	Shana Garrick	Christine Lawer	David Symonds
Winona Belton	Marilyn Hatcher-Franquiz	Dale McLendon	Maxine Tyler
Janet Campbell	Donna Huger	Sonya Prince	
Marie Helene Cargile	Michael Keitt	Laura Shaleuly	
Phyllis Cowden	Debra Kinder	Dr. Ransom Smith	

## Fairfield County Students Learn About Careers in Healthcare

On April 6, 2006, **Fairfield Memorial Hospital** opened its doors to the entire junior class of **Richard Winn Academy** for an exciting and informative career event. The event, “Your Prescription for the Future,” was organized by **Lisa Call**, MEBA’s Workforce Development Director and Career Specialist, and **Mary Lynn Kinley**, Public Relations Director for Fairfield Memorial Hospital, and included presentations and exhibits designed to expose students to careers in healthcare as well as to prepare them for a successful entry into the workforce.

The day began with welcoming remarks by **J. L. Dozier**, CEO of Fairfield Memorial Hospital, and continued with remarks by Lisa Call on workplace opportunities available. **Val Richardson**, Workforce Development Manager for **Palmetto Health**, spoke with the students about appropriate dress for working in a hospital or healthcare facility. **Shawna Martin-Lyde**, Human Resources Director for Fairfield Memorial Hospital, concluded the group session with a presentation on how to successfully complete a job application. The students then attended various breakout sessions on topics ranging from ER, EMT, Radiology, Lab, Nuclear Medicine and Rehabilitation. **Theresa Baker** with **Midlands Technical College** was also present to speak with students and distribute helpful career information. The day concluded with a lunch provided by Fairfield Memorial Hospital.



**Shawna Martin-Lyde**, Human Resources Director for Fairfield Memorial Hospital, tells students how to successfully complete a job application.



**Theresa Baker**, Business and Community Outreach Coordinator for Midlands Technical College, distributes career information to Fairfield County students.



Fairfield County EMS staff discuss career opportunities with Richard Winn Academy students.



**Val Richardson**, Workforce Development Manager for Palmetto Health, speaks with Fairfield County Students about what not to wear in a healthcare setting.

## MEBA Staff Continues to Connect with Midlands Students

During the months of April and May, MEBA staff members helped connect hundreds of Midlands students to important career information by visiting several local schools and participating in career events.

On April 6, 2006, MEBA's **Stacey Westberry** participated in **White Knoll Middle School's Career Fair** for sixth and seventh graders. Westberry was able to share career information and resources with approximately 250 students. Westberry, along with MEBA's **Kay Barlow**, also participated in **Brookland-Cayce High School's Career Fair** on April 18, 2006.

On April 24, 2006, Westberry attend a **Youth Corps** meeting. Youth Corps is a leadership training experience for forty 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students in **Richland** and **Lexington** Counties. Participants experience nine different areas or modules in which they will gain exposure and opportunity. The April meeting focused on the areas of Careers and Higher Education. Westberry enlisted six business leaders to share their career advice and guidance with the students. Presenters included **Val Richardson** of **Palmetto Health**; **Donna Plunkett** of **Sisters of Charity Providence Hospitals**; **Buddy Smith** of **Total Comfort**; **Jennifer Suber** of **EdVenture**; **Theresa Baker** of **Midlands Technical College**; and **Kaye Shaw** of **MEBA**.

## Upcoming Events

### Manufacturing and Industrial Maintenance Alliance Meeting

May 25, 2006, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce, Palmetto Room

### Maintenance Construction Technology Alliance Meeting

May 30, 2006, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Midlands Technical College Airport Campus, Academic Center, Room 139

### Teachers in the Workplace Course

June 5-9, 2006

Teachers will be working at their assigned sites

## Quick Bytes

- ◀ On April 24, 2006, MEBA's **Lisa Call** attended a meeting of the **South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium (AHEC)**. The group discussed strategies for recruiting minority students for careers in healthcare.
- ◀ On April 27, 2006, the **Manufacturing and Industrial Maintenance Alliance** met to discuss plans and activities for the 2006-2007 school year.
- ◀ MEBA's **Kay Barlow**, Education and Community Director, served on the committee to select this year's **Richland School District One Teacher of the Year**. The committee had the difficult task of choosing among several highly qualified, creative and gifted educators. The winner, **Iona Sunday**, a science teacher at **Crayton Middle School**, was announced at a special awards dinner, Celebration 2006, on May 10, 2006. The annual event recognizes Classified Employees of the Year, Teachers of the Year and Substitute Teachers of the Year from each Richland One school. **Dr. Jasper Salmond**, a member of MEBA's Executive Board and the Richland One School Board, was present at the awards ceremony to help recognize the honored educators.



## Faces of MEBA – Roger Harris



**Roger Harris** fell into his job as Encoding Operations Manager for **Wachovia** by accident. And he couldn't be more pleased with his stroke of good luck.

Harris spent 21 years serving his country in the United States Air Force. He then attended Fayetteville State University where he graduated with a bachelor of art's degree in English

Literature. Following graduation, Harris took a job as an administrative craftsman at Dobbins Air Force Base in Atlanta, Georgia.

Although his ultimate career goal was to teach literary criticism at the college level, as a single parent of two children, Harris needed to focus on pursuing a career that he could begin immediately.

While at Dobbins Air Force Base, Harris received a call from Fayetteville State University stating that Wachovia had reviewed his resume and records and wanted to interview him for an open position. Harris' first thought was what could a bank want with an English Literature major like him, but he was intrigued. He was interviewed and hired, placed into Wachovia's Operations Management Training Program and, upon completion in October 1999, was transferred to Columbia, South Carolina, to begin his career as an Encoding Operations Manager at the Wachovia Operations Services Center. "It was the best move I've ever made in my entire adult life," says Harris. "It is such an exciting job, and the benefits and company values are outstanding."

As an Encoding Operations Manager, Harris' team works to encode and process the various transactions generated by all of Wachovia's South Carolina financial centers. "Most people think their transactions are processed by their local financial center but they're not" explains Harris. "The financial centers send them to our Operations Center where we ensure everything is accurately encoded and processed in a timely fashion."

As a Wachovia employee, Harris has had the opportunity to become involved with various workforce development initiatives. "My team leadership is very committed to working in the community," emphasizes Harris. One example is Wachovia's involvement with the **South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department (SCVRD)**.

Wachovia provides SCVRD with the machines needed to teach its

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Check out the MEBA Website at

[www.mebasc.com](http://www.mebasc.com)

## Acclaimed Contemporary Artist Julie Heffernan Shows Recent Work at the Columbia Museum of Art

The **Columbia Museum of Art** will present the first museum exhibition in South Carolina of contemporary artist Julie Heffernan's work. The exhibition, *Julie Heffernan: Everything That Rises*, opens at the Columbia Museum of Art on Friday, May 26 and will run through Sunday, July 30, 2006. Heffernan's allegorical paintings overflow with lavish surfaces, meticulous compositions, and complex narratives.

The Columbia Museum of Art serves as one of MEBA's business partners and is South Carolina's premier international art museums with extraordinary collections of European and American fine and decorative art that spans centuries. It is located at Main and Hampton Streets in the heart of downtown Columbia. For more information and hours of operation, please visit the museum's website at [www.columbiamuseum.org](http://www.columbiamuseum.org) or call 803.799.2810.



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## Upward Bound Students to Participate in Summer Work-Study Program

The University of South Carolina's Upward Bound Program is working to help graduating high school seniors gain first-hand work experience before beginning college in the fall. Upward Bound provides various academic, cultural and enrichment activities for low income, first generation students in Richland County. Its goal is to help participants successfully enroll in and complete their education at a postsecondary institution. MEBA's Lisa Call is working closely with Jennifer Nelson-Criss, an Upward Bound Counselor, to identify local businesses willing to provide job shadowing opportunities for the program's students. For more information or to see how your business can get involved, please contact Jennifer Nelson-Criss at 777-3122 or by E-mail at [nelsoncj@gwm.sc.edu](mailto:nelsoncj@gwm.sc.edu). For more information about Upward Bound, its programs and services, please visit <http://sc.edu.trio>.

## MEBA's *Your Child Is Job #1* Continues to Impact Midlands Community

Each month, MEBA staff members take the *Your Child Is Job #1* program into the community to share valuable education lessons and information with Midlands parents. During the months of April and May, *Your Child Is Job #1* connected with more than 3,000 parents on topics ranging from literacy to financial aid to healthy test taking habits. Highlights from the April and May activities are provided below.

On May 1, 2006, Kay Barlow, MEBA's Education and Community Director, presented via television to more than 2,000 Fairfield County parents on how to help their children "Test Their Best." The end of the school year is a time when students must take a variety of important subject and standardized tests. This is also the time of year when school officials and parents see an increase in stomach aches, headaches, loss of appetite, inability to sleep and general irritability. The two events are not unrelated. Parents can help their children learn how to manage the stress of testing by such simple steps as ensuring their child has a good breakfast, gets enough sleep, and has supplies ready and organized ahead of time. Barlow encouraged parents to help their child visualize success and to have a positive and calm attitude while taking a test.

Barlow also shared this important message of "Test Success" with 108 employees and parents of Spirax Sarco on May 8, 2006. Thank you to Sharon Sherbourne of Spirax Sarco for her support of MEBA and the *Your Child Is Job #1* program, and a special welcome to Colleen Heinz, the new Safety and Training Director for Spirax Sarco.

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clients how to perform and develop specific encoding skill sets. SCVRD then selects clients who have a special interest and aptitude in the skill set to participate in a six to eight week training program at Wachovia. Following the training process, Wachovia evaluates each client's production metrics and can extend a job offer based on positive performance.

Harris is proud of the relationship Wachovia has with the SCVRD because he believes it creates a win-win for both the company and the students. "These jobs are not for everyone. They are very detail-oriented and demanding but very rewarding at the same time," says Harris. "Our relationship with SCVRD helps us find quality employees while giving the clients the opportunity to find stable employment and a meaningful and satisfying career."

Harris is also proud of Wachovia's work with MEBA. He was first introduced to MEBA while partnering on a joint project with administrators and staff from Irmo High School several years ago. There, he met Lisa Call, MEBA's Workforce Development Director and Career Specialist, who helped get Harris and Wachovia involved in the program. Harris is now an active member of MEBA's Business Management and Information Systems Alliance. "Being a part of MEBA is invaluable to Wachovia and to me," stresses Harris. "It provides a unique opportunity for schools and businesses to partner very directly and to determine how to prepare and train students to become successful members of the workforce. It is a brilliant thing and something that needs to be replicated all over the state and country."

*Faces of MEBA is a monthly feature designed to highlight those individuals who exemplify MEBA's mission. If you know of someone you think we should profile, please contact us at [connect@mebasc.com](mailto:connect@mebasc.com).*

## Businesses Honored at Palmetto Workforce Partnership Awards

Three businesses from around the state were named winners at the **South Carolina Employment Security Commission's** annual **Palmetto Workforce Partnership Awards**, on April 5, 2006, at the **Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center**.

**G&G Metal Fabrication, Inc.** (Fire Equipment Services Division) of Sumter won in the Small Business (1-50 employees) category; **Pella Corporation** of Columbia was named in the Medium Business (51-500) category, and **McLeod Health** of Florence won in the Large Business (501 and over) category. Over a hundred businesses were nominated for the awards.

Among the criteria used in selecting the winner are quality of the work environment, impact on the community's quality of life, and support for human growth and development in the workplace.

G&G Metal Fabrication was cited for its attention to "lifelong learning" among employees, which among other things includes coaching, in-house training and paid continuing education. Pella, which makes premium-quality windows and doors, offers several wellness programs, annual free health physicals for team members and spouses, a First Steps program for expectant mothers and a Short-Term Disability program for all Columbia team members. McLeod Health, which is celebrating its centenary anniversary in Florence, is extensively involved in supporting community health initiatives and in offering a variety of programs for employee training and health.

Formerly known as the Job Creator Awards, this marks the 22<sup>nd</sup> ceremony to honor state businesses. **The Honorable Bobby Harrell**, Speaker of the House for the **South Carolina House of Representatives**, was keynote speaker for the awards ceremonies. The ceremony also included a special tribute to those South Carolina businesses that contributed so much to our neighbors who suffered from the many natural disasters of 2005.

The general session kicked off with remarks by **Dr. Barry Russell**, President of the **South Carolina Technical College System**, addressing this year's theme: *"Embracing the Dynamics of Global Change... Educating South Carolina's Workers."* Attendees could also See **Palmetto Workforce Partnership** Page 11



**G&G Metal Fabrication, Inc.** receives Palmetto Workforce Partnership Award, Small Business. Pictured left to right are Mr. Roosevelt T. Haley, Executive Director of SCESC; Mr. Town Garrity, owner of G&G Metal Fabrication; The Honorable Bobby Harrell; and Mr. J. William McLeod, Chairman, SCESC.



**McLeod Health of Florence** wins Palmetto Workforce Partnership Award, Large Business. Pictured left to right are Mr. Roosevelt T. Haley, Executive Director of SCESC; Ms. Eowyn George, Healthcare Recruiter for McLeod Health; Ms. Jeannette Glenn, McLeod Vice President of Human Resources; The Honorable Bobby Harrell; and Mr. J. William McLeod, Chairman, SCESC.

### Midlands Education and Business Alliance Speakers Guide!!

We need your involvement! Our school children want to hear from you, the people involved in business and industry, about careers of today and the future. Help us give them vital, real-world information through involvement in the Midlands Education and Business Alliance Speakers Guide. If you are willing to participate in this important project, you may register by visiting our website [www.mebasc.com](http://www.mebasc.com).

On May 2, 2006, **Barlow**, and **Stacey Westberry**, MEBA's Professional Development Director, shared educational and career information with employees at **Lexington Medical Center**. Almost 250 employees attended the event and received information on topics such as "Teaching Your Child to Read," "Goal Setting," and "How to Find Financial Aid for College." Participating employees received a copy of MEBA's *Career Guide* which is designed specifically for South Carolina parents. Special thanks to **Kama Staton**, Workforce Development Coordinator for Lexington Medical Center, for helping to coordinate a successful event.

On May 17, 2006, Barlow spoke with 17 new **City of Columbia police cadets** on the importance of education and the need for mentors and positive role models for today's students. Her presentation, "Dropouts – Everyone's Problem," encouraged the cadets to become involved in faith-based, school and community activities that value education and the importance of graduation. Thank you to **Lt. David Hellman** for allowing MEBA to speak with his cadets. Welcome to **Sgt. Christopher Butzer** to the Police Training Center.

On May 18, 2006, Barlow presented to the **City of Columbia Utilities and Engineering Department** on the topic of "Learning Fun in the Summer Sun." Barlow also presented a plaque for department participation in Session 1 of the *Your Child Is Job #1* program to **Mr. John Beard**.

Youth Entrepreneurship South Carolina (YEScarolina), a partner with the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NTEFE), with support and local funding from the Columbia-based Corporation for Economic Opportunity (CEO), has added the Midlands to their summer 2006 training schedule. The free three-day training in the Midlands will be June 26-28, 2006, at Midlands Technical College, Northeast Campus. CEO is pleased that Midlands Education and Business Alliance (MEBA) and Midlands Technical College are playing a major coordinating role in helping public school educators in the Midlands have an opportunity to become NFTE Certified Entrepreneurship Teachers, while earning 3 hours of continuing education graduate credit. For more information and to complete an application, visit MEBA's website at [www.mebasc.com](http://www.mebasc.com). Please click on Links and look under General, for YEScarolina. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact MEBA's Professional Development Director, **Stacey Westberry**, at 803-739-8833.



City employee John Beard receives program completion certificate



City employee Kirbie Ishmal receives program completion certificate



City employee John Moore receives program completion certificate

**2005 - 2006 MEBA Business and Agency Involvement  
In-Kind Contributions - \$234,000\*  
(\*based on 45 hours per year at \$50.00 per partner)**

The following is a list of business partners and agencies that are actively involved with the Midlands Education and Business Alliance. Business and agency partners on an average spend 5 hours a month, 9 months a year, actively participating in Workforce Development.

Businessess	Agencies
American Engineering Consultants, Inc.	Central SC Alliance
American Express Financial Advisors	City of Columbia
American Technical	Columbia City Ballet
A-Atherm Remodelers, Inc.	Columbia Film Society - Nickelodeon Theatre
BellSouth	Columbia Fire Department
Benjamin Law Firm	Columbia Museum of Art
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Columbia Police Department
Bose Corporation	Columbia Urban League
Bunzl Extrusion	Cultural Council of Richland and Lexington Counties
Capital City Lake Murray Country	Governor's School for the Arts & Humanities
Carolinas AGC	Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce
Clarion Hotel	Hospitality Association of South Carolina
Colonial Supplemental Insurance	Lexington Fire and Safety
Columbia Metropolitan Airport	Lexington Police Department
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center	Maintenance & Construction Technology Alliance
Columbia Rehabilitation Clinic, Inc.	Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports & Tourism
Columbiana Hotel and Conference Center	Richland County Coroner's Office
Comfort Services / Total Comfort	Sarah Nance Cultural Arts Center
Cox and Dinkins, Inc.	SC Automobile Dealers Association
Davis-Garvin Agency, Inc.	SC National Guard
Design Concepts, Inc.	SC Department of Mental Health
Dick Dyer Toyota	SC Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Tourism
Fairfield Memorial Hospital	SC Department of Transportation
FN Manufacturing	SC Hospital Association
Food Service, Inc.	SC Governor's Office
GKN Automotive	SC National Safety Council
Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce	SC Philharmonic
Hampton Inn - Downtown Historic District	SC State Department of Education
Home Builders Institute	SC Tourism & Hospitality Education Foundation
Honeywell Nylon, Inc.	SC Training & Technology Parks and Recreation
Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of SC	South Carolina State Museum
InfoNotes	South University - Paralegal Services
International Paper	United Way of the Midlands
Johnson Controls, Inc.	USC School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management
Lexington Medical Center	
Marketing Performance Group	
Mashburn Construction	
McCutchin House of USC	
Mid-Carolina AHEC	
Midlands Technical College	

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Palmetto Health
PHB Group Medical & Technology Consultants
Primerica Financial Services
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Ramada Plaza Hotel
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SCE&G
SCE&G Fossil/Hydro Training
SCETV
Siemens Diesel Systems Technology
Sisters of Charity Providence Heart Institute
Sisters of Charity Providence Hospitals
SMI Steel (CMC Steel of SC)
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Spherion Staffing Group
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Still Hopes Assisted Living Facility
Stratagem, LLC.
The Loxcreen Company
The Whitney Hotel
Time Warner Cable
TRC Staffing Services, Inc.
UPS
Van Lott, Inc.
W.O. Blackstone
Wachovia Corporation
West Metro Chamber of Commerce
Westinghouse Electric Company
Wilbur Smith Associates

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attend two morning workshops focused on the event’s theme. **Anthony V. Russo**, President and CEO of **TradeHub International**, led a workshop on “Meeting Global Demands and Why It Works.” **David R. Sweaney, Ph.D.**, a Senior WorkKeys Consultant, presented “WorkKeys 101” which provided an overview of WorkKeys and its impact on education and business.

Sponsors for the event included the **SC Departments of Social Services, SC Department of Commerce, SC Department of Commerce (Workforce Development), SC Department of Education, SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, SC Department of Social Services, SC Technical College System, the State Workforce Investment Administrative Department, SCESC, SCESC Veterans’ Services, SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department, and the Catawba, Greenville, Lowcountry, Lower Savannah, Midlands, Pee Dee, Pendleton, Santee-Lynches, Trident, Upper Savannah, Upstate and Waccamaw Workforce Investment Areas.** The State newspaper served as the events corporate sponsor.



**Cameron McGinley**, Plant Manager for Pella Corporation, receives Palmetto Workforce Partnership Award, Medium Business. Pictured left to right are **Mr. Roosevelt T. Haley**, Executive Director of SCESC; **Mr. Cameron McGinley** of Pella Corporation; **The Honorable Bobby Harrell**; and **Mr. J. William McLeod**, Chairman, SCESC.