



The Urban View

"For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people's love and concern for each other." -Millard Fuller

Our Mission

To promote education, equip economically, and transform generations

Our Vision

A thriving community where everyone has the opportunity to live, learn, and work.

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Please join the Urban League of the Upstate at the
Whitney M. Young, Jr. Humanitarian Award

RED, BLACK, & GOLD GALA

to honor

Dr. Judith Prince

November 13, 2014

Reception 6:00 pm | Dinner 6:30 pm

Hyatt Regency Hotel

220 North Main Street | Greenville, SC

Musical Entertainment To Be Provided By NuSound

#ULGala14

Tickets may be purchased online at urbanleagueupstate.org.

For more information, please contact Kenya Mingo
at 864-322-4109 or kmingo@ulus1.org.

Urban Spotlight – Meet the Staff



Steven Mims
Housing Counselor

Steven Mims is a Housing Counselor with the Urban League of the Upstate.

A native of Spartanburg and a graduate of St. Leo University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Resource, Mr. Mims began his employment with the Urban League in 2000. He is also a retired member of the United States Air Force. During his tenure, Steven states that the best thing about at the organization is being able to connect with his clients and provide much needed assistance.

Mr. Mims serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Butterfly Foundation and is a member of the South Side Lions Club. He is also the proud grandfather of one.

Business Spotlight

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Urban League Honors M. Hope Blackley at Whitney M. Young, Jr. Humanitarian Award Gala



The Urban League of the Upstate celebrated its 13th Annual Whitney M. Young, Jr. Humanitarian Award Gala - Spartanburg on September 30, 2014 at the Marriott Hotel. The Honorable M. Hope Blackley, Spartanburg County Clerk of Court, was the recipient of this year's prestigious award; United States Senator Tim Scott was the special guest.

Named after former National Urban League President, Whitney M. Young, Jr., the award serves as a vehicle for recognizing significant community and civic involvement. Ms. Blackley embodies the spirit of the late great Whitney M. Young, Jr. who once said, "It is better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one than to have an opportunity and not be prepared."

This year's event raised more than \$44,000 to support Urban League programs and services.

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Urban League Hosts 2014 Diversity Career Fair

The 2014 Diversity Career Fair was held on October 8, 2014 from 10 am – 3 pm at McAlister Square in Greenville, SC. The event was hosted by the Urban League, along with The Greenville News and 107.3 Jams. There were more than 300 individuals and 25 companies in attendance. Job seekers were able to receive feedback on resumes, assess skills/qualifications, and obtain other job-related hiring techniques.

For a complete list of companies that were present at the Career Fair, please visit www.urbanleagueupstate.org.



21st Century Community Learning Center Program in Operation

By: Ameco Hendrix

Working in partnership with Union County Schools, the Urban League of the Upstate has established a 21st Century Community Learning Center Program at two Title I schools in the county: Lockhart School and Buffalo Elementary School.

The program introduced the Urban League's proven Urban Achievers afterschool academic services and enrichment to students at risk for school failure, while also providing family literacy programming and other support to participating families using a Parent University Model. The program serves 100 students in grades 3-5 (20-25 at Lockhart, 75-80 at Buffalo), including up to 30 special needs students and their families, four days per week, onsite at each school.

If you would like more information on the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program, please visit www.UrbanLeagueUpstate.org or contact Ameco Hendrix, Program Manager, at ahendrix@ulus1.org.

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Urban League Welcomes AmeriCorps Vista

By: Allie Johnston



My name is Allie Johnston and I am the new AmeriCorps* VISTA Representative here at the Urban League of the Upstate! I just graduated from Morehead State University in spring 2014 with a bachelor's degree in Communication Leadership and am working on my Master's in Public Administration-Nonprofit Management from the University of Louisville.

During my year of service with the Urban League of the Upstate I am focusing primarily on building the capacity of the organization through a couple of different projects. I am working on constructing and maintaining a volunteer program with a complete volunteer coordination manual and tracking database that will be able to updated by others after my service year. This has also included volunteer recruitment at local universes and through online platforms to find amazing volunteers who will help take the UL to the next level. I am also expanding our outreach services by providing financial stability classes to homeless and transitional living shelter clients in Spartanburg County and serving as a representative of our programs at community events. Finally, I am a part of the team who is actively creating a stronger and more consistent presence on each of our social media platforms. This plan includes expanding followership, highlighting community partners and outstanding volunteers, as well as marketing Urban League programs to the greater Upstate community.

I hope through my year of service the Urban League will benefit. Particularly by the end of my year, I want to have improved our volunteer program, presence in the community, and to have brought knowledge and opportunities to as many Upstate citizens as possible. To put it simply, I would like to help the Urban League create a thriving community where everyone has the opportunity to live, learn, and work. I know this won't be accomplished in a year, but hopefully I will help to make this vision a reality.

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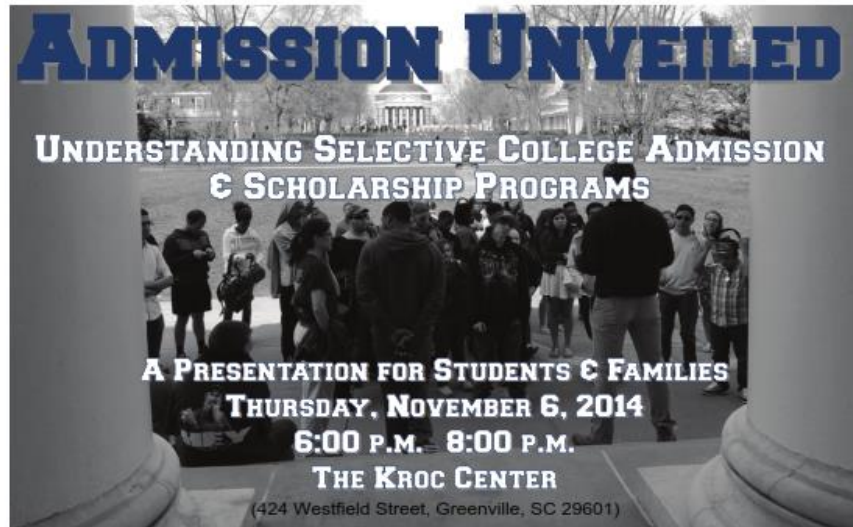
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Dates to Remember

Whitney M. Young, Jr.
Humanitarian Gala
November 13, 2014
Hyatt Regency
Greenville, SC

Annual Meeting
December 9, 2014
Location: TBA



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- Being competitive for selective college admission and scholarships.
- Participating in summer enrichment programs.
- Presenting talents and passions during the application process.
- Understanding the importance of academic performance and extracurricular involvement.

MR. KEVIN HUDSON, Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Education Access Granted will be our guest speaker, along with panelists with expertise on the Gates Millennium Scholarship, summer programs, and school resources.



Questions? Contact Danielle Staggers, danielle.staggers@furman.edu, 864-294-3176

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- Workforce & Employment Director

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