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### Local Workforce Honorees



#### **Debra Lindsay** Quality Coordinator, Catawba

- Ms. Debra Lindsay is a “seasoned workforce development professional with a passion for serving her participants and her community,” with over 12 years of experience as part of the SC Works Catawba team.
- Ms. Lindsay’s technical skills are exemplary, but her ability to guide and mentor customers and partners while eliminating barriers is where she excels.
- Changing lives one person at a time, Ms. Lindsay walked alongside one customer for four years, encouraging, supporting, and sharing her expertise so the customer could achieve her career goal as an Internet Support Specialist.
- The Catawba Workforce Development Board recognizes Ms. Debra Lindsay as an Outstanding SC Works System Employee.



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### **Stacey McKinney**

**Facilitator & Outreach Coordinator, Greenville**

- Ms. McKinney has been employed with the Greenville Workforce Development Area for several years, serving in multiple roles. Her plethora of experience serving SC Works customers is greatly appreciated.
- In PY'22, Ms. McKinney led the new initiative using Virtual Reality headsets for career exploration, coordinating services with many high schools in the Greenville County area.
- Ms. McKinney is consistently rated "Above Expectations" on workshops surveys. "The instructor was helpful and answered my questions. She's a keeper!"
- The comment summarizes why The Greenville Workforce Development Board recognizes Ms. Stacey McKinney as an Outstanding SC Works System Employee.



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### **Charles Meyers**

#### **Business Services Consultant, Lowcountry**

- Mr. Meyers is a dedicated Business Services Consultant in the Lowcountry Workforce Development Area. He has worked with DEW and the Lowcountry Council of Governments.
- He achieved his Certified Business Services Consultant Certification in 2022 via TAD Grants and recently presented on career readiness at a recent Southeastern Employment and Training Association Conference.
- Mr. Myers utilizes his management, human resources, and recruiting background to push the Lowcountry to the forefront of workforce development and recruiting. He is the consummate professional and an invaluable Business Services Team representative.
- The Lowcountry Workforce Development Board recognizes Mr. Charles Meyer as an Outstanding SC Works System Employee.



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### **Stephanie Headrick** **Workforce Specialist, Lower Savannah**

- Ms. Stephanie Headrick is a Lower Savannah SC Works Center Workforce Specialist.
- Ms. Headrick is described as consistently in motion, ready and eager to serve everyone. She strives to be a resource for partners within the Aiken SC Works Center.
- Additionally, she advocates for the SC Works center's clientele and staff.
- The Lower Savannah Workforce Development Board recognizes Ms. Stephanie Headrick as an Outstanding SC Works System Employee.



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### **Mia Jones**

#### **Career Advisor, Midlands**

- Ms. Mia Jones is a Career Advisor in the Midlands Workforce Development Area, consistently going above and beyond to assist participants who are unsure of their career paths and spends significant time discussing their options.
- Ms. Jones mentors new Career Advisors and volunteers to serve on the WIOA outreach team by attending community events and partner visits.
- The Midlands Local Workforce Development Board recognizes Ms. Mia Jones as an Outstanding SC Works System Employee.



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### **Wanda P. Joyner**

#### **Community Service Resource Technician, Pee Dee**

- Ms. Joyner has devoted over 17 years to SC Works Cheraw satellite/connection point, serving as a Community Service Resource Technician in the Pee Dee Workforce Development Area.
- Ms. Joyner is described as “understanding and having a positive attitude” when assisting dislocated workers, the elderly, and customers with disabilities who have little to no computer and/or soft skills. She calms those with anxiety issues when using a computer for the first time.
- Her customer-centric approach, expert guidance, unwavering commitment, collaborative spirit, and lasting impact on customers make her a highly deserving candidate for this prestigious award.
- The Pee Dee Local Workforce Development Board recognizes Ms. Wanda Joyner as an Outstanding SC Works System Employee.



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### **Ray Jackson**

#### **SC Works Operator/Center Manager, Santee Lynches**

- Mr. Ray Jackson has taken the SC Works System in the Santee-Lynches area to the next level since coming on board in 2017.
- Mr. Jackson is dedicated and advocates for stellar customer service. He spearheaded procuring and ensuring all staff/partners completed the Dale Carnegie Outstanding Customer Service Training.
- He has shown that he understands and embodies the vision and mission of the Local Workforce Development Board and SC Works System.
- The Santee Lynches Workforce Development Board recognizes Mr. Ray Jackson as an Outstanding SC Works System Employee.



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### **Teresa Hawkins**

**Department of Social Services (DSS) Employee, Trident**

- Ms. Teresa Hawkins has served with the workforce development system in the Trident Workforce area and DSS for over 15 years.
- Ms. Hawkins has excellent work ethic and demonstrates exemplary character in the face of difficulties, maintaining a pleasant disposition and always eager to assist. Sometimes, traveling to the DSS customers to provide assistance.
- Although she is an employer of a DSS, a WIOA partner, she represents SC Works Trident, demonstrating the values of the SC Works System.
- The Trident Workforce Development Board recognizes Ms. Teresa Hawkins as an Outstanding SC Works System Employee.



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### **Patricia Crawford**

#### **Re-Entry Navigator, Upper Savannah**

- Ms. Patricia Crawford is a Retired Re-Entry Navigator for the Upper Savannah Local Workforce Development Area.
- Ms. Crawford assists returning citizens in her role as a Re-entry Navigator. She has created partnerships within the SC Works system and outside agencies and community groups that offer her clients the resources to obtain and maintain the job of their dreams.
- Ms. Crawford sees the potential in everyone, teaching everyone the value of a second chance.
- The Upper Savannah Workforce Development Board recognizes Ms. Patricia Black as an Outstanding SC Works System Employee.



## **Kenneth Taylor** **Operations Manager, Upstate**

- Mr. Kenneth Taylor is the Operations Manager in the Upstate Local Workforce Development Area.
- Mr. Taylor started as a customer in our SC Works Cherokee office in February 2011, joining DEW as a Resource Room Specialist in July 2011. Since then, he has been a Facilitator, creating and facilitating career readiness workshops. He was promoted to Operations Manager in 2022.
- He has brought a fresh outlook to the role and the centers, and greatly assisted the Project Director in enhancing morale and providing continued learning opportunities for all staff and partners.
- Mr. Taylor is greatly appreciated by his coworkers. The future is a lot brighter for the Upstate with his presence and expertise.
- The Upstate Workforce Development Board recognizes Mr. Kenneth Taylor as an Outstanding SC Works System Employee.



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### **Jared Denz**

#### **Regional Manager, Waccamaw**

- Mr. Jared Denz is the Waccamaw Regional Manager/Employment Services with the Waccamaw Workforce Development Area.
- He treats every customer who walks in the door respectfully and assists them in any way he can. He has an excellent attitude and is always ready to help customers and partner staff.
- Mr. Denz knows the SC Works system and is extremely professional in every aspect. He is just an all-around great employee!
- The Waccamaw Workforce Development Board recognizes Mr. Jared Denz as an Outstanding SC Works System Employee.



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### **Stephanie Blake** **Workforce Specialist, WorkLink**

- Ms. Stephanie Blake is a Workforce Specialist in the WorkLink Workforce Development Area. She was nominated by her peers for her excellent customer service, positive attitude, and initiative in community engagement.
- Often the sole point of contact in the Seneca office, she works with individuals with barriers to employment. She recently helped coordinate a fair for Oconee County citizens to learn about services.
- One of her fellow staff members stated, “Stephanie goes out of her way to assist clients each and every day with their employment needs. I have personally seen her go the extra mile for many individuals. She makes referrals to partnering agencies who can assist our Seneca SC Works clients with barriers they are experiencing if she is unable to assist them at SC Works.”
- The WorkLink Workforce Development Board recognizes Ms. Stephanie Blake as an Outstanding SC Works System Employee.