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## Florence County Progress Newsletter

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### **Hannah-Pamplico student, teacher win awards**

*Article obtained from the Florence Morning News/SCnow.com.*

Christian Gage Godwin, a junior at Hannah-Pamplico High School, won a first-place award at the S.C. State Leadership and Skill Competition held March 14-16 in Greenville.

The school's automotive teacher received the state's top honor for advising.

Godwin placed first in Mobile Electronics Installation, and Durwin Bass was named S.C. SkillsUSA Adviser of the Year.

The SkillsUSA Conference is an annual competition that features hundreds of outstanding career and technical education students who compete in various trade, technical and leadership fields. In addition to the trade and technical competitions, a leadership competition tested contestants' skills, such as prepared and extemporaneous speaking.

Godwin will move on to compete in the national SkillsUSA competition held this summer in Louisville, Kentucky.

The SkillsUSA State Directors Association created the Adviser of the Year award to recognize and honor dedicated career and technical education instructors who serve as SkillsUSA advisers.

Bass will now move to a regional selection for adviser of the year.

"We are very proud of Gage's accomplishments and the hard work of Coach Bass," Hannah-Pamplico High School Principal Sterling Mosby said. "By showing their dedication to excellence in career and leadership skills, all of our students who participated in the SkillsUSA competitions are true champions at work."

## Member News

### Darlington Raceway

Darlington Raceway will kick off the NASCAR Playoffs in 2020 with the NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500 scheduled for Sunday, September 6. It will be Darlington Raceway's first-ever appearance in NASCAR's current postseason format.



The track will host its throwback festivities on Labor Day weekend for the sixth consecutive year after returning to its traditional race date in 2015.

“To be able to host our Labor Day throwback weekend as the first race of the NASCAR Playoffs will create tremendous excitement and enthusiasm for our fans,” said track President Kerry Tharp. “Darlington Raceway, considered one of the toughest tracks on the circuit, will definitely challenge the drivers right from the start of the postseason. To combine our throwback weekend, which celebrates the sport’s past, present and future, with the initial start to the championship run, should provide plenty of additional excitement, and energy to the entire weekend.”



To see the full 2020 NASCAR Cup Series schedule, visit [www.NASCAR.com](http://www.NASCAR.com).

### Caliber Home Loans

The Correspondent Lending Channel of Caliber Home Loans, Inc. is celebrating their sixth year in Florence. Caliber employs approximately 80 employees at the Florence site and recently moved from its original location on Enterprise Drive to Alex Lee Boulevard; the previous site of Monster.com.

The Correspondent Channel purchases closed loans from mortgage companies and provides the servicing on those loans. Our staff provides sales support to our Correspondent lenders in addition to a review of the closed loan file to ensure they meet agency guidelines for sale on the secondary market.

The Caliber team, in addition; supports Retail and Correspondent renovation draws and follows the renovation project phases through completion by obtaining proper inspections and ensuring clear titles are obtained to disburse funds to both contractors and borrowers.

On-site too is our government insuring team that supports all Caliber sales channels – Retail, Wholesale and Correspondent – to ensure loans are insured by VA, FHA and USDA in a timely manner.

Caliber Home Loans is licensed in all 50 states and originates loans across four sales channels: Retail, Wholesale, Correspondent and Consumer Direct. Caliber has over 6,000 employees. Caliber Correspondent was ranked the #5 non-bank Correspondent channel by Inside Mortgage Finance based on its 2018 volume. Caliber's headquarters is in Coppell, TX.



## McLeod Health

### McLeod Cancer Center First in the State of South Carolina to Achieve International Radiosurgery Certification

The McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research has been named a Novalis Certified Cancer Center following a rigorous and voluntary audit conducted by an independent, third-party panel of experts in radiation oncology, patient safety and treatment quality.

One of only eight Novalis Certified Centers in the United States, McLeod is the only such cancer center in South Carolina. The hospital also represents one of only 46 certified centers worldwide.



*Members of the McLeod Stereotactic Radiosurgery Team include, from left to right, Dr. T. Rhett Spencer, Radiation Oncologist; Dr. William Naso, Neurosurgeon; Dr. Larry Grubb, Radiation Oncologist; Tobin Hyman, Chief Medical Physicist; Dr. Virginia Clyburn-Ipock, Radiation Oncologist; and Lisa Esco, Medical Physicist.*

*McLeod Health Foundation Receives Grant from the Duke Endowment to Establish Home-Based Palliative Care Program*

The McLeod Health Foundation has received a grant from The Duke Endowment for \$300,000 to establish a home-based palliative care program in the Pee Dee region. The program is designed to provide medical support to adult patients affected by progressive, chronic conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, cancer and dementia.

The Pee Dee region's high rate of chronic illnesses and few options to manage them results in overutilization of area hospitals. Thirty percent of patients who present to a McLeod Health Emergency Department (ED) with a chronic illness as their primary diagnosis return to the ED within one year. These patients account for 56 percent of total ED visits related to chronic illness.

## **MUSC Health**

*MUSC Health Florence Medical Center Nurses Receive Palmetto Gold Award*

A coalition of South Carolina nursing organizations has named six Carolinas Hospital System nurses among the state's top 100. The announcement from the South Carolina Nurses Federation distinguishes them as Palmetto Gold winners.

The six nurses recognized are Michelle Thompson, MSN-Ed., RN, Education; Cheryl Dorriety, BSN, RN, Nurse Manager Day Hospital/Endoscopy; Michelle McCray, BSN, RN, 7th floor; Jenny Johnson, BSN, RN, Women's Pavilion; Victoria Conyers, BSN, RN, 8th floor; Michelle Isgett, BSN, RNC-OB, Women's Pavilion.



*MUSC Health Florence Medical Center nurses, from left, Michelle Thompson, RN, MSN, Clinical Nurse Educator, Cheryl Dorriety RN, Director Day Hospital and Endoscopy, Michelle McCray, RN, BSN, Nursing Services, Jenny Johnson, RN, BSN, The Women's Center, Victoria Conyers, RN, BSN, 6th Floor, and Michelle Isgett, RNC, BSN, The Women's Center, have been recognized as among the top 100 nurses in South Carolina.*

### *Extraordinary Nurses Recognized at MUSC Health Florence Medical Center*

MUSC Health Florence Medical Center kicked off The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses® program on Tuesday, April 23. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation's mission to recognize and honor nurses who provide extraordinary, compassionate care to patients and families every day.

Nurses may be nominated by patients, families, and colleagues. Recipients of the DAISY award are chosen by the DAISY committee at MUSC Health Florence Medical Center. Awards are presented quarterly throughout the year at celebrations attended by the Honoree's colleagues, patients, and visitors. DAISY recipients will receive national recognition and a Spotlight page on the DAISY Foundation website. Each Honoree receives a certificate commending her or him as an "Extraordinary Nurse."

## **New Members**

### *American Heart Association, Florence*

The American Heart Association's mission is to create a world free of heart disease and stroke - a world where everyone can achieve the best possible health. The American Heart Association depends on the time and talent of volunteers to help create a healthier world, free of heart disease and stroke. Whatever your capabilities, interests or schedule may be, they can find a volunteer opportunity that's right for you.

For more information or to volunteer, call 843-665-0985, email [sheryl.love@heart.org](mailto:sheryl.love@heart.org) or visit [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org).



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## Upcoming Events

**The CARE House: Capes for Kids**  
**Saturday, May 4**  
**1012 Congaree Drive, Florence, SC**  
**5K/10K: 8 AM**  
**Fun Run: 9:30 AM**

Be a hero against child abuse and come dressed as your favorite superhero. All proceeds will be donated to the CARE House of the Pee Dee, in memory of a Carver student who lost her life due to child abuse, and will directly benefit abused children in our community.

To find out more information or register, please visit [CapesForKidsRun.itsyourrace.com](http://CapesForKidsRun.itsyourrace.com). Contact [jajohnston@thecarehouse.com](mailto:jajohnston@thecarehouse.com) if you have any questions.

**FCP Quarterly Networking Event**  
**Thursday, May 23**  
**FMU Performing Arts Center**  
**5:30 - 7:30 PM**



Florence County Progress  
Invites you to the

# QUARTERLY NETWORKING EVENT

**FMU Performing Arts Center • 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
201 South Dargan Street  
Florence, SC 29506

**Thursday, May 23, 2019 • 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
RSVP to Cameron Packett at 843.676.8796 or [cpackett@florenceco.org](mailto:cpackett@florenceco.org)

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

**FCP Pacesetter Cocktails**  
**Thursday, June 6**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Green Indoor Golf Center**  
**5:30 – 7:30 PM**

This event is for pacesetter level members.

