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FCEDP Assistant Director Accepts New Position



Lauren Stanton has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Education Foundation at Francis Marion University. Her last day with Florence County Economic Development Partnership will be June 21, and she will begin with Francis Marion University on July 1.

As a valued member of the team she will be incredibly missed, but we at FCEDP are so happy for this exciting opportunity and wish her nothing but the best.

Member News

McLeod Chief Innovation Officer Named to Exclusive National Council

Dr. Michael R. Rose, Senior Vice President and Chief Innovation Officer for McLeod Health, has been named a member of the Healthcare Innovators Professional Society's (HIPS) Council of 33. Members of the council have innovative impact on one of every five U.S. hospitals and one in three hospital admissions.

HIPS, the first-of-its-kind national nonprofit professional society for chief innovation and chief strategy executives, achieved its goal of forming a council of 33 members in 2018. The invitation-only society has innovation leaders from some of the nation's largest and best known non-profit healthcare systems, including the Mayo Clinic, Cleveland Clinic and Kaiser Permanente.

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Hope Health Dietitian Named Top in the State

Anita Longan was named Certified Diabetes Educator of the Year at the 17th Annual Chronic Disease Prevention Symposium in Myrtle Beach on March 8. Longan is a registered dietitian nutritionist and diabetes educator at the Diabetes & Nutrition Institute at the HopeHealth Medical Plaza, Florence.



Longan has more than 25 years of experience in nutrition counseling and diabetes education. She helps individuals and groups learn how to balance physical activity and diet, to manage their overall health. She teaches all aspects of diabetes education and specializes in teaching advanced carbohydrate counting to those managing diabetes with insulin pumps or multiple daily insulin injections.

Longan, along with HopeHealth's Mandy Floyd, quality manager, was part of a panel presentation on telehealth best practices and was surprised to receive the award, especially for a second time. She was also recognized as Certified Diabetes Educator of the Year in 2011.

New Members

Locked Inn, Florence

Locked Inn, voted best of the Pee Dee for family fun, offers a unique experience in which players are "locked in" a room and have to use elements of the room to solve a series of puzzles to escape. With four rooms to choose from Locked Inn has something for families, friends and even corporate events. Located at 214-A Dozier Blvd, Florence, SC.

For more information or to book an escape room, call 843-621-8942, email lockedinnsc@gmail.com or visit <https://lockedinnsc.com>.



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Upcoming Events

Leadership Florence: Popping Shells for a Good Cause Oyster Roast

Thursday, April 18

Florence Center

6 - 9 PM

Proceeds from this event will be donated to three local nonprofit organizations: Empowered to Heal, Mercy Medicine and Harvest Hope. The event will include a cash bar, silent auction and live music by Sideswiped. Individual tickets are \$30 or you can buy two for \$50. To purchase tickets search '2019 Leadership Florence Oyster Roast' on eventbrite.com.



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. Contact jajohnston@thecarehouse.com if you have any questions.