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Program

Sunday, March 2

3:30 р.м. Exhibit areas open for setup	Atlantic 1–3
5–6:30 р.м. Registration	Group Check-in Alcove
6:30–7 р.м. Business Meeting Welcome: Jennie Thomas, SCVRA President	Oleander A–B
7–9 р.м. Reception Featuring Drink Small, The Blues Doctor	Atlantic 4–8

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Monday, March 3

8:30 а.м.–Noon RegistrationGroup Check-in Alcove
8:30
9–10:15 л.м. General SessionAtlantic 4–8 Presiding: George Pullie, SCVRA President Presentation of Colors Myrtle Beach Navy Junior ROTC, Master Chief John Armstrong
National Anthem Levon Stack
Welcome George Pullie
Introduction of Speaker Mark Wade
Guest Speaker Lt. Col. Paul F. Pasquina, M.D.
Song Levon Stack, "Ordinary People"
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10:15–10:30 _{А.М} . Break / Visit Exhibit Area	Atlantic 1–3
10:30–11:30 а.м. Concurrent Sessions (choose one)	
The Case Management System in Your Future Linda Lieser, Ali Cato and Mia Howard present an update on w Facilitator: Ali Cato	hat's happening in the electronic Case Management System.
E-Learning, The Mobile Office and Teleworks Belinda Langton talks about the new e-learning capability; Chri Jim Williams explains the new Teleworks program. Facilitator:	
From Trash to Treasure Evelyn Evans and Janet Jendron from the S.C. Assistive Techr Facilitator: Tom Jackman	nology Program offer a presentation on assistive technology.
Accelerate Your Learning Trainer and consultant Anne Howard will provide tips on how to tech world. She'll also explore ways to deal with absent-minder your recall. Facilitator: Teri Norris	
	s identify theft, how to prevent it and what to do if it happens to
11:30 а.м.–Noon Break / Visit Exhibit Area	Atlantic 1–3
Noon–1:45 р.м. Partners Award Luncheon Presiding: Mark Wade, Public Information Director	Atlantic 4–8
Welcome Derle A. Lowder Sr., Chairman, S.C. State Agency of Voc	ational Rehabilitation
Invocation Rev. Robert Guffey, First Baptist Church, Conway	
Legislative Award Presented to: Rep. Michael A. Pitts, R-Laurens Presented by: Larry C. Bryant, SCVRD Commissioner	
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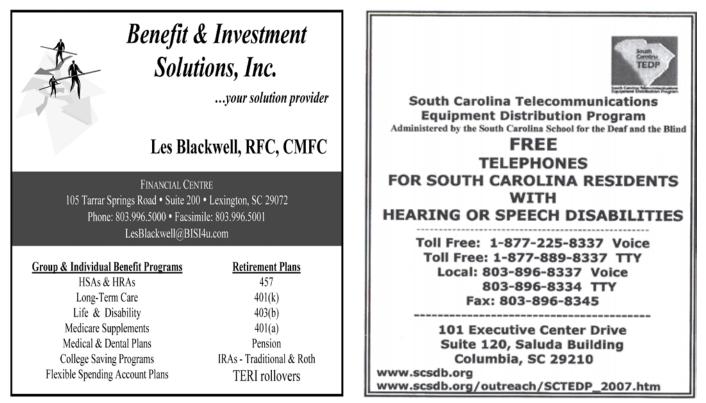
Presented by: Mark Wade

VR Business Partners Recognition

	ADP Tax Credit Services
Presented by:	Carol Anderson, Florence Area Office Supervisor
	Susan Urquhart, Florence Work Training Center Manager
Assisted by:	Rhonda Presha, Member, S.C. State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation
Presented to:	CCS of South Carolina Inc.
Presented by:	George Pullie, Marlboro Area Office Supervisor
	Terry Boyles, Hartsville Work Training Center Manager
Assisted by:	Rhonda Presha
Presented to:	Freightliner Custom Chassis Corp.
Presented by:	Jennie Thomas, Spartanburg Area Office Supervisor
	Cole Gallman, Gaffney Work Training Center Manager
Assisted by:	Dr. Roxzanne Breland, Member, S.C. State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation
Presented to:	Hengst of North America
Presented by:	John Hornsby, Sumter Area Office Supervisor
	Leon Stallings, Camden Work Training Center Manager
Assisted by:	Dr. Roxzanne Breland

1:45-2 р.м.

Break / Visit Exhibit AreaAtlantic 1–3



2–2:45 р.м. General Session. Presiding: George Pullie	Oleander A–B
Introduction of Speaker Tom Jackman, Rehabilitation Technology Manager	
Guest Speaker Dr. Mike Collins, "Catch the Wave or Drown in the Wake"	
2:45–3 р.м. Break / Visit Exhibit Area	Atlantic 1–3
3–4 _{Р.м.} Association Meetings	
SCVRAA	Atlantic 6
SCADES	Atlantic 7
Direct Client Services	Tides 1
Technical Services	Oleander A
SCVRD Retirees	Atlantic 8
Students	Osprey
VRBPN Partners	Oleander B

Tuesday, March 4

8:15–9 Ă.м. Professional Staff Association Annual MeetingOsprey

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8:30 а.м.–12:30 р.м. Exhibit Area Open Atlantic 1–3
8:30–10 _{А.М.} RegistrationGroup Check-in Alcove
9–10:15 а.м. General SessionAtlantic 4–8 Presiding: Mark Wade
Welcome Larry C. Bryant
Panel Introduction Mark Wade
Panel Topics Washington Update: Carl Suter, Executive Director, Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR) South Carolina Political Update: Dr. Neal Thigpen, Professor, Francis Marion University SSA National and State Update: Paul Barnes, SSA Regional Commissioner
Questions and Answers
10:15–10:30 _{А.М} . Break / Visit Exhibit AreaAtlantic 1–3
10:30 а.м.–Noon Association AwardsAtlantic 4–8 Presiding: George Pullie

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Presented by: Bernard Grant, President
Barry Cooper Leadership Award (SCADES) Presented by: Glenda McMichael, President
Technical Services Award Presented by: Lisa Dial, President
Special Recognition PRIDE Award Winners, Tom Paige, DDS Director
Special Awards
Professional of the Year Award Presented by: George Pullie, President
Richard M. Kuffel Excellence in Education Award
Presented to: Benjamin Kruger, Lugoff
Presented by: Kerry Mandeville, Program Manager
Commissioner's Medal of Excellence Awards Presented by: Larry C. Bryant
Introduction of Guest Speaker Debra Moses, Assistant Commissioner
Guest Speaker Dr. Muriel O'Tuel, "High Tech—High Touch (Catch the Wave)"
Noon-12:30 р.м.
Break / Visit Exhibit AreaAtlantic 1–3 Door Prizes
12:30—2 р.м.
Awards Luncheon
Invocation
Rev. William J. Walker, St. John Baptist Church, Latta; VR Partner as Director of DAODAS, Georgetown





VR Partner Award

Presented to: Harsco Track Technologies

Presented by: Darline Graham, Business Relations Specialist

Assisted by: Roy Hewett, Lexington Area Office Supervisor Betsy Kliment, Lexington Area Case Services Manager

2007 Local Client Achievement and Staff Recognition

Presented by: Mark Wade

2007 Client Achievement Award

- Presented to: Ricky Pelfrey
- Presented by: Mark Wade
- Assisted by: Derle A. Lowder Sr. Rhonda Pitts, Area Development Director Sandra Ghrist, Anderson Area Office Acting Supervisor

2007 Client Achievement Staff Recognition

Presented to: Pam Cantrell, Sandra Ghrist, Tabitha Jackson, Darryl Morris, Rhonda Pitts, Layneigh Scott, Todd Batt

Presented by: Mark Wade

Assisted by: Derle A. Lowder Sr.

Closing Remarks

George Pullie

Adjournment





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Speakers

Dr. Paul F. Pasquina is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He is chief of the Integrated Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation at Walter Reed Army

Medical Center and the National Naval Medical Center.

He also is medical director of the Amputee Program and recently assumed responsibilities as co-director of the TBI Program at Walter Reed.

Dr. Pasquina is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY, and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He is board certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation.



Pasquina

electrodiagnostic medicine and pain medicine. He completed a fellowship in sports medicine and is interested in all aspects of musculoskeletal medicine, especially if it applies to individuals with disabilities.

He is an elected Fellow in the American Institute for Medical Biomedical Engineering as well as a Secretarial appointee on the Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee for Prosthetics and Special Disabilities Programs.

Dr. Mike Collins is a management development consultant who specializes in motivational and humorous presentations.

His career includes high school and college coaching, university professor in Texas, Alabama and South Carolina, and hospital manager, as well as running his consulting firm.

Dr. Collins earned bachelor of science and master's degrees from Baylor University and a doctorate in education from the University of Southern Mississippi. He completed a two-year program in management development at the Piedmont Management Institute in Greenville.

In January 2003, he was involved in an automobile accident, which left him paralyzed from the neck down. He has progressed to walking 30 feet using a support walker.



Collins

He currently works part-time as an instructor at Greenville Technical College and a trainer at Caterpillar. He receives physical and occupational therapy four days a week and continues to manage his speaking and training business. **Carl Suter** has been chief executive officer of the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation since November 2001.

Prior to joining CSAVR, he was director of the Illinois Office of Rehabilitation Services for five years. He oversaw a budget of nearly \$500 million that included programs for vocational rehabilitation, a \$300 million in-home care program for persons with disabilities, three schools for children with disabilities, and Disability Adjudicative Services for determining SSI and SSDI benefits.



Suter

Thigpen

He also has served as the executive director of the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities and associate director of the Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities.

Dr. Neal D. Thigpen has been a member of the Francis Marion University faculty in Florence since 1971. A native of Baltimore, MD, he received his B.A. in history at the University of Maryland, where he also earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in American Government and Politics.

He served as chairman of the Political Science Department at Francis Marion from 1972 to 1996 and again from 2002 to 2004. He is the author of many articles and

monographs on American politics and a member of numerous academic honor societies and professional political science associations.

Francis Marion University established the "Neal D. Thigpen Chair in Public Affairs" in Dr. Thigpen's honor in 2002.

Paul Barnes has served as regional commissioner for the Social Security Administration's eight-state Atlanta Region since July 2002.

He began his career as a claims representative in Columbia, Tenn., in 1968. The son of "sharecroppers," he worked his way through college and graduated magna cum laude from Lane College in 1968. He also earned a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of



Barnes

Southern California and is a graduate of Harvard University's Senior Managers in Government Program.

For more than a decade, **Dr. Muriel O'Tuel** has been motivating audiences and inspiring listeners to leave positive footprints on the hearts of others.

She earned her B.A. in English from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in North Carolina; a master's in counseling from the University of Alabama; and a Ph.D. in counselor education and psychology from the University of South Carolina.



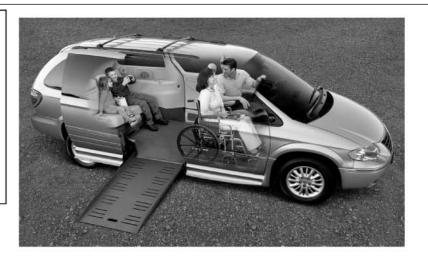
O'Tuel

She served as director of guidance in

the Columbia schools and director of psychological services and staff development in the Summerville schools, as well as assistant to the superintendent of schools in Myrtle Beach.

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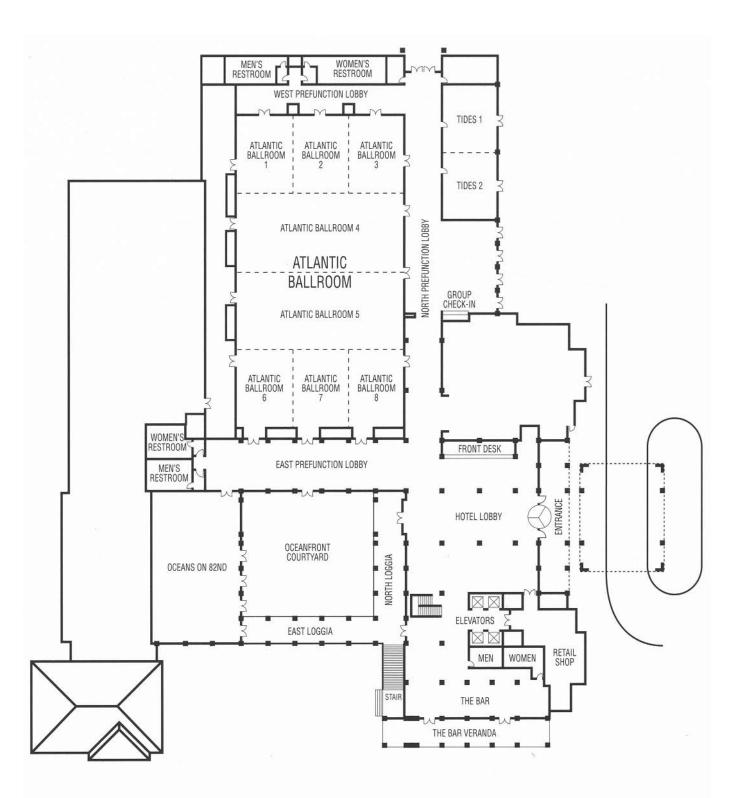
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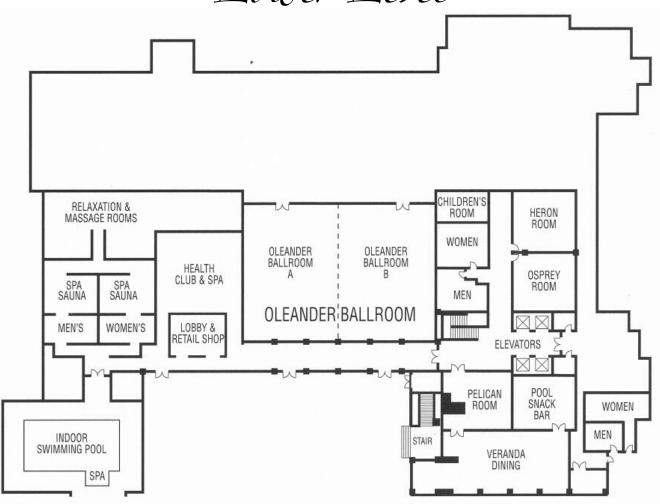
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