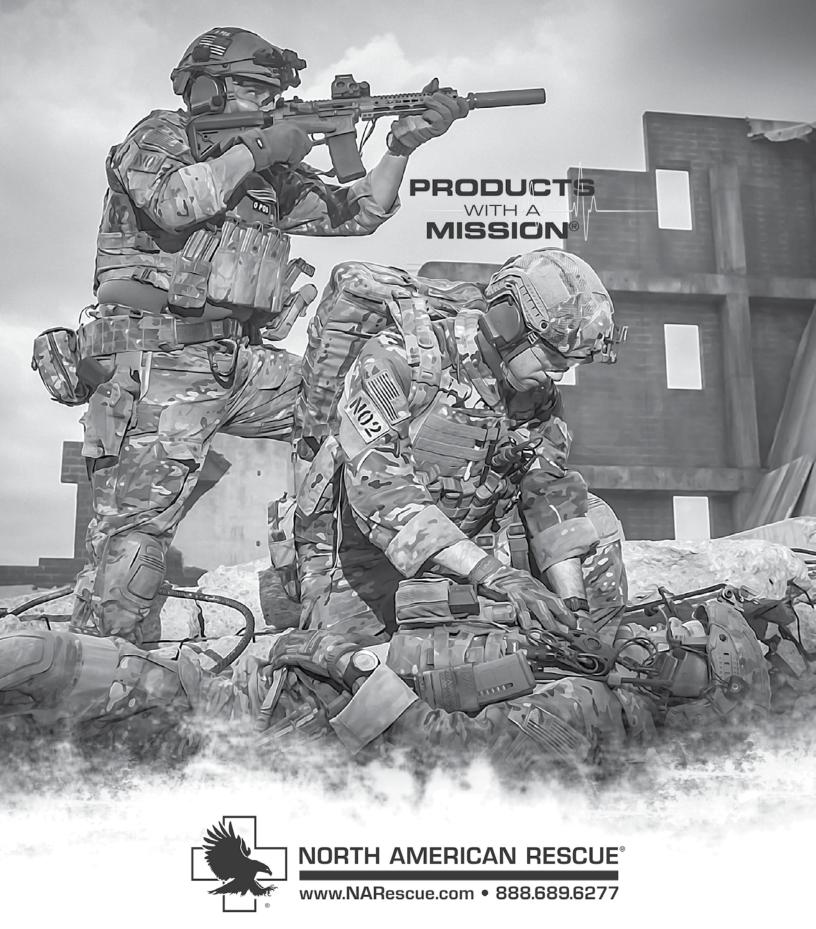


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## Schedule

### Wednesday, October 18, 2017

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Exhibitors Setup Cambridge Hall

4:00 - 5:00 pm

Registration & Visit Exhibit Area Cambridge Hall

5:00 - 5:30 pm

SCVRA Business Meeting Kensington A-C

Division Reports Election of Officers New Business

6:30 - 10:00 pm

Dinner Reception & Karaoke Palmettos Pavilion

### Thursday, October 19, 2017

8:00 - 9:00 am

Registration & Visit Exhibit Area Cambridge Hall

9:00 - 10:00 am

General Session Kensington D-G

Welcome

David Edwards, President, SCVRA

Presiding

Mark Wade, Assistant Commissioner, SCVRD

Color Guard

Carolina Forest High School Navy JROTC

National Anthem

Alton Johnson, JRT Training Coordinator, SCVRD

Guest Speaker

Curt Thomas, "Bringing Out the Greatest You"

10:00 - 10:30 am

Break / Visit Exhibit Area / Door Prizes Cambridge Hall

#### 10:30 - 11:30 am

#### Concurrent Sessions (choose one)

Employer Forum Eton

What are employers looking for, and how can VR professionals maximize opportunities in helping them meet their workforce needs? A panel of Grand Strand area human resource managers and business representatives share their thoughts at this session, including Heather Jordan, Director of Human Resources for Founders Group International, Stephanie Sebring, Recruiting Coordinator for the City of Myrtle Beach, Verlon Wulf, President of Carolina Cool, Inc., Ms. Linda Seeger, HR Manager for the Law Offices of McCutchen, Mumford, Vaught, and Geddie and Melissa Bilks, Director of Human Services, Brittain Resorts.

#### Pragmatic Language

Winchester

Kelly Kampwerth

Pragmatics refers to the social language skills we use in our daily interactions with others. They include what we say, how we say it, our body language and whether it is appropriate to the given situation. Pragmatic skills are vital for communicating our personal thoughts, ideas and feelings. Attendees will learn how these skills can help in service provision, documentation, and professional relationships.

#### Utilizing Assistive Technology to Assist Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Somerset

Bradley Crain and Valeska Gioia

This workshop will provide attendees with an understanding of what Autism Spectrum Disorder is and what assistive technologies can be used to assist our clients who are on the spectrum. We will focus on the strengths and functional limitations that individuals with autism face in education and in their vocation. Some of the topics that we will go over are Sensory Processing, Executive Functioning, socialization, and communication.

#### Employee Engagement in the Millennial Era

Windsor A

John Rouda

Millennials have brought new perspectives and approaches to the workplace and our communities. This session focuses on how to create an environment of engagement and leadership as generations work.

11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Break / Visit Exhibit Area

Cambridge Hall

12:00 - 1:45 pm

Luncheon Recognizing Business and Industry

Kensington

Presiding

David Edwards

Invocation

Reverend Michael Burgess, Pastor

Singleton Chapel AME Church, Georgetown

**Divisional Awards** 

Administrator of the Year Award

Presented by: John Sandifer

President, SC Vocational Rehabilitation Administrators Association (SCVRAA)

Direct Client Service Award Presented by: Carolee Dunn

President, Direct Client Service Division (DCSD)

Barry Cooper Leadership Award Presented by: Erica Amorim

President, SC Association of Disability Evaluation Specialists (SCADES)

Technical Services Award

Presented by: Niki Outen, President Technical Services Association (TSA)

Professional Staff Award
Presented by: Leola Evans

Vice President, Professional Staff Association (PSA)

#### **Business Partnership Awards**

Upstate Region

AnMed Health, Anderson

Presented by: Rev. Timothy W. Evatt, Esq.

Board Member, SC State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation

Assisted by: Lisa Gillespie

Supervisor, Anderson Area Office

Midlands Region

Roy's Wood Products, Lugoff Presented by: Rhonda J. Presha

Board Vice Chair, SC State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation

Assisted by: Summer Rigby Supervisor, Camden Area Office

Lowcountry Region

Worksman Cycles, Conway

Presented by: Joseph A. Thomas

Board Member, SC State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation

Assisted by: Tania Appel

Business Development Specialist, Conway

Exemplary Employer Award

Ruiz Food Products Inc., Florence Presented by: Dr. Roxzanne Breland

Board Chair, SC State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation

Assisted by: Pam Company Supervisor, Florence Area

Office

1:45 - 2:00 pm Break









#### 2:00 - 3:00 pm

#### Concurrent Sessions (choose one)

Mindfulness at Work Eton

Dr. Elva Stinson and Teri Norris

We need tools to help us maintain focus, attention, and calm at work. Mindfulness is an ancient technique that can help us become more effective, collaborative, relaxed and kind. This session will explore the science, benefits, and practice of mindfulness, and will offer ways to incorporate it into your daily work life.

#### **Understanding Diabetes**

Somerset

Speaker TBA

Diabetes is prevalent in South Carolina's population and is often an impediment to employment. Learn about the many aspects of diabetes and how we can assist individuals in understanding and addressing it as they seek their vocational goals.

#### Stop! Collaborate & Listen!

Windsor A

Transition's Back at a Brand New Convention

Deirdre Cato

Come join the fun and learn how local interagency teams are collaborating and providing preemployment transition services to the students they serve by using best practices and strategies. The Horry County WAVES (Conway Area staff members Michelle Hudson, Amanda Butler and Sandy Johnson, and Jackie Bryant, Coordinator of Horry County Office Special Education), and Florence County FloGo1 (Florence area staff members Xavier Sams, Shainna Williams and Erica Frye) will provide creative ideas and activities that participants can replicate with their own local teams.

#### When Perspectives Clash

Winchester

Dr. Kenneth R. Norris

This presentation explores how our unique personalities, work and family dynamics, and individual perspectives create an often undetected layer of complexity within our daily interactions. The session will offer practical tips for recognizing and diffusing conflicting perspectives before they become adversarial or destructive.

3:00 - 3:15 pm

Break / Visit Exhibit Area

Cambridge Hall

3:15 - 4:00 pm

**Division Meetings** 

SC Association of Disability Evaluation Specialists

Administrators' Association

Technical Services Association

Direct Client Services Division

Eton

Winchester

Somerset

Windsor A

4:00 - 4:30 pm

Visit Exhibit Area / Door Prizes

Cambridge Hall

Thursday Night Social

On Your Own (see flyer in program)

### Friday, October 20, 2017

8:30 - 9:00 am

Registration & Visit Exhibit Area

Cambridge Hall

9:00 - 10:00 am

General Session

Kensington D-G

Welcome

Mark Wade

Guest Speaker

Scott Burrows, "Vision, Mindset and Grit"

10:00 - 10:30 am

Break / Visit Exhibit Area / Door Prizes

Cambridge Hall

10:30 - 11:30 am

General Session

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Guest Speaker

Larry Weaver, "Lessons Learned Through Laughter"

11:30 am - 12:00w pm

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#### 12:00 - 1:45 pm Awards Luncheon

#### Kensington D-G

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Richard M. Kuffel Excellence in Education Award

Presented to: Pat G. Smith, Director, Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, West Columbia

Presented by: Laura Spears, Transition Services Coordinator, SCVRD

DDS Director's Award

Presented by: Shirley W. Jarrett, Director, Disability Determination Services

2017 Client Achievement Award Presented to: Simon Castaneda

Presented by: Felicia W. Johnson, Interim Commissioner, SCVRD

Assisted by: Dr. Roxzanne Breland, Chair, SC State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation, and Kelly

Sieling, Supervisor, Berkeley-Dorchester Area Office

2017 Client Achievement Staff Recognition

Kim van Deusen, Administrative Team Support Specialist, Berkeley-Dorchester Area

Michelle McDonald, Business Development Specialist, Berkeley-Dorchester Area

Rob Wiggins, Center Manager, Berkeley-Dorchester Area

Loleta Ravenell, Job Readiness Training Associate, Berkeley-Dorchester Area

Richard Kelly, Job Readiness Training Associate, Berkeley-Dorchester Area

Wendy May, Job Preparedness Instructor, Berkeley-Dorchester Area

Lorna Manglona-Alexander, Career Specialist, Berkeley County School District

(former VR Counselor)

Closing Remarks
Mark Wade

Adjournment



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#### About the Kuffel and Cooper Awards

The Richard M. Kuffel Excellence in Education Award honors the dedication and passionate leadership of the late Richard Kuffel, who as a VR employee was instrumental in developing school-to-work transition services across South Carolina. He had tremendous knowledge and foresight to see the importance of collaboration between VR and the local school districts, higher education and other education partners.

The Barry Cooper Leadership Award is dedicated to the legacy of leadership and service of the late Barry Cooper. As an examiner with VR's Disability Determination Services he demonstrated exemplary adjudicative skills. As a supervisor, he remained a team player and served as a mentor to many new examiners. As a co-worker, he exhibited an unwavering positive attitude. Barry was a founding member of the South Carolina Association of Disability Evaluation Specialists.











## Speakers

Scott Burrows: Scott Burrows is living proof your life can change in an instant. By the age of 19, he was playing football for Florida State University and a top-ranked kick-boxing champion. On November 3, 1984, he was involved in a serious automobile accident that left him paralyzed from the chest down and diagnosed as quadriplegic. Despite his grim prognosis, Scott refused to be sidelined. With singular focus, he boosted his recovery by using the innovative principles of Vision, Mindset and Grit. Employing his paralysis as a visual metaphor, Scott encourages audiences worldwide to stand up to their challenges—regardless of circumstances.

**Deirdre Cato:** Deirdre began working with SCVRD in 2008 as a Transition Counselor and most recently has served as a Transition Specialist in our state office. Prior to this, she worked as a teacher and Guidance Counselor in Chesterfield County School District for 15 years where she spent 9 years working with at-risk youth in an alternative school setting. Throughout this time, she found that community collaboration was the key to helping students remain in school and move toward positive graduation and career outcomes.

Bradley E. Crain: Bradley Crain is a Rehabilitation Engineer Assistant for SCVRD's Rehabilitation Technology unit. Bradley has previously worked as an Assistive Technology Coordinator for the University of South Carolina. He has presented throughout South Carolina on the benefits of using assistive technologies and is fluent in American Sign Language (ASL). Bradley received his bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of South Carolina. He is currently pursuing his Master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. Bradley has served for the past 3 years as a communications chair for SCAHEAD (South Carolina Association on Higher Education and Disability).

Valeska N. Gioia Ed.S., ATP: Valeska Gioia is an Educational/Assistive Technology Specialist and Autism Consultant for SCVRD's Rehabilitation Technology unit. Valeska has previously worked as an Assistive Technology Specialist for the SC Department of Education and was Vice President of Educational Services at the SC Autism Society. Valeska conducts presentations throughout the state on various technologies that can improve student performance in all academic and vocational areas. Valeska has also presented nationally at ATIA, Closing the Gap, and The Council for Exceptional Children and she has also presented internationally for Microsoft.



Kelly Kampwerth, M.A., CCC-SLP: Kelly has been a speech language pathologist for 21 years, serving clients in the public schools, home health, hospital, and private settings. She joined DDS in March 2017 as a medical advisor. Kelly is originally from St. Louis, Missouri and moved to Charleston, SC in 2006 with her husband and three daughters. Kelly's special areas of interest include autism, assistive technology, and pediatric speech language disorders.



Dr. Kenneth R. Norris: Dr. Kenneth R. Norris – DDS Deputy Director for Administrative Services holds a doctorate from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Psychology of Religion, with post-doctoral clinical training at the University Hospital in Augusta, Ga. He holds M.B.P.I Step I and II certification and has taught Dynamics of Interpersonal Conflict for SCVRD General Program supervisors, multiple leadership levels at the DDS and for the Social Security Administration Atlanta Region. He serves as a Chairperson on the SC State Employee Grievance Committee, a mediator on the SC Alternative Dispute Resolution Statewide Mediators Pool, and is a member of the National Association for Conflict Resolution. He is author of "A Tale of Two Perspectives: Dynamics of Interpersonal Conflict from a Christian Point of View."



Teri Norris: Teri Norris has over 15 years of training delivery, leadership and development experience with the DDS and the SCVRD Human Resources Development Department. Recently promoted to Training and Development Director, Teri believes that adults need a comfortable, interactive environment if they are to learn the skills and attitudes necessary for achieving their potential. Her background in DDS claims adjudication (SC, Florida, and Texas) and years of social work experience, serving elderly and disabled adults, demonstrate a diverse professional background. Whether teaching customer service skills, True Colors, team building or time management, Teri has always believed in the power of choosing your attitude. Developing a deeper interest in Mindfulness, after personally experiencing its benefits, she pursued additional training to better understand its effectiveness and practical use in the workplace.



John Rouda: John Rouda leads an IT Department in the Charlotte, NC area. He also teaches Digital Information Design and Computer Science at both Winthrop University and York Technical College, bringing this background in technology and engagement with millenials to his concurrent session at SCVRA. John regularly speaks at conferences, including a TEDx talk on creative leadership. He has written 3 books and currently hosts the podcast, A Geek Leader, which can be found on iTunes or at http://ageekleader.com/. To learn more about John visit http://johnrouda.com.



Dr. Elva Stinson: Elva Stinson, MD, graduated from the University of South Carolina Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. in Biology. She obtained her medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina and completed a residency in Emergency Medicine at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. She began working with the SC Disability Determination Services in 2005 at the Columbia Regional Office after a brief stint with the agency in the early 1990s. She has been in her current position in the SC DDS Administrative office as Senior Medical Consultant since 2012 where she serves as medical liaison for the Administrative Office, provides feedback and training for community providers, assists in quality control, and interviews and trains new medical consultants.

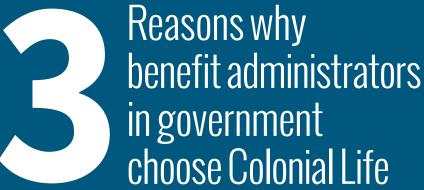


Curt Thomas: Curt Thomas is national and state motivational speaker. Curt is a former a State Trooper of nearly seven years with the South Carolina Highway Patrol. During that time Curt starred in several TV commercials, escorted professional golfers and traveled around the nation with a university football team. Today, Curt is an entrepreneur and the owner of Curt Thomas Unlimited, LLC. Curt also serves the country as a Reservist in the United States Air Force. He is a graduate of Carolina Theological Bible Institute, Claflin University, Buckley's School of Public Speaking and The Les Brown Speaker Development Training Course. Curt is also a member of the National Speakers Association and a Founding Member of the Les Brown Institute. He is a member of The National Society of Leadership and Success, The Golden Key International Honor Society and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.



Larry Weaver: Larry Weaver is an entrepreneur, author and professional comedian. He grew up in the rural village of Saxapahaw, NC, and started performing at a young age. After majoring in accounting at the University of North Carolina, Larry left his CPA dreams behind to tour across America as a stand-up comedian. Over the past 25 years, he has headlined thousands of performances in 38 states, sharing the stage with entertainment legends like Faith Hill, Chris Rock and "Weird Al" Yankovic. An early expert in Search Engine Marketing and Ecommerce, his business insights have been quoted in Inc. Magazine and the Wall Street Journal. Through the website FunAwards. com he sells an original line of corporate awards in over 60 countries worldwide, from Mozambique to Malta. You can hear him daily on Sirius XM radio's "Laugh USA" and "Great American Comedy." You'll laugh, learn, and leave feeling refreshed!





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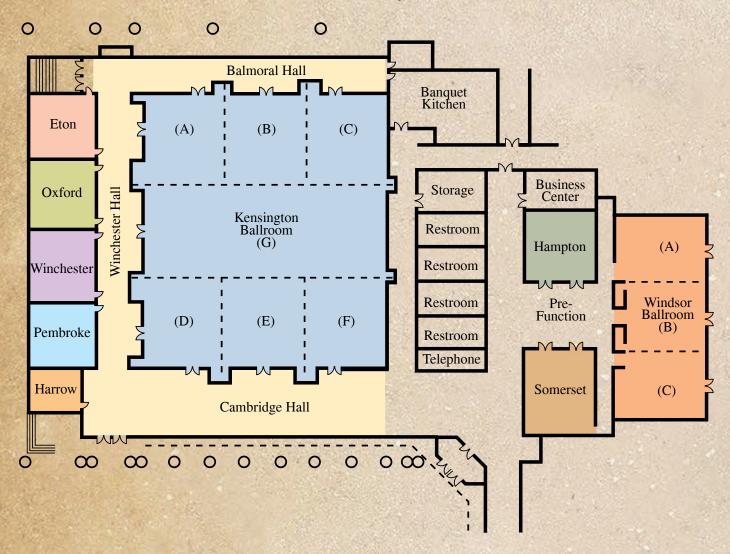
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## Statewide Client Achievement Award

#### Berkeley-Dorchester



(l to r) Loleta Ravenell, Kim Van Deusen, Loma Manglona-Alexander, Simon Castaneda (client), Richard Kelly, Michelle McDonald, Robert Wiggins

#### South Carolina State Employees Association (SCSEA)

The South Carolina State Employees Association started in 1943, when a group of 20 state workers wanted to establish a state retirement system. In 1946 the South Carolina State Employees Association was officially chartered in 1946. SCSEA is a non-profit, non-partisan organization established to advance the welfare of state employees and retirees.

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## Local Client Achievement Awards

#### Aiken



(l to r, b to f) Teniqua Nance, Shayla Padgett, Melissa Hildebrand, Dorothy Quade (Supervisor, Aramark), Amber Davenport (client)

#### Beaufort



(l to r) Joycestean Pringle, Kyle Githrie (client), Christy Jinks

#### Charleston



(l to r, b to f) Michelle Haymaker, Phy Blake, Rhonda Cummings, Shannon Reed, Joy Gordon (client)

#### Anderson



(1 to r) Jason Burriss (client), Whitney Smith

#### camden



(l to r) Jamison McClam, Shakeima Montgomery, Keywan Mayo (client), Brian Green

#### Conway



(l to r) Ray Singleton, Windy Nave (client), Terry Alston, Tania Appel

#### Florence



(l to r, t to b) Freddie Evans (client), Dennis Beckley (Operations Manager, Ruiz Foods), Kenneth Feagins, Sandra Williams, Tameka Williams, Patrick Williamson

### Gaffney



(l to r, b to f) Rick Gray (Dir. of Resident Care, Magnolia's of Gaffney), Mica Duncan, Helen Pirkey, Kelly Koester, (Exec. Dir., Magnolia's of Gaffney), Michael Leach (client)

#### Greenville



(l to r) Debra Pittillo, Joni Nelson, Sharadia Bolds, Sean Hulsey (client), Rachel Roback, Janice Fry

#### Greenwood



(1 to r) Luke Christie (client), Peggy Merritt

#### Lancaster



(l to r) Courtney Wiggins, Sherri Hilaman, Patricia Dena, Angela Hunter, Tammy Dove, Ryan Steward (client)

#### Laurens



(l to r) Rebecca Gillian (client's wife), Jared Gillian (client), Tabitha Speaks, Jocelyn Ellis

#### Lexington



(l to r) Deanna Amma, Timothy B. Russell Jr., Tim Jones, John Matthews (client), Gary Horton, Ronald Weed

### Lyman



(l to r) Kenneth Tuckmantel, Jennie Thomas, Giovanna Gomez (client), Julie Atkins, Ward Gray

#### Marlboro



(l to r, b to f) Judy Fullard, Cindy Rivers, Tillette Scott, Jameel O. Pearson (client)

#### Oconee-Pickens



(l to r) Sheila Ford, Leigh Wright, Jackie Manning (client), Stephanie Whitlock, Randall Hogan, Dan Alexander, Vince Bryant

#### Orangeburg



(l to r) John Bates, Stacey Rudd (Manager, Bi-Lo), Kitty Bamberg, Malcolm Tripp Mock (client), Willie Mae Goodwin

#### Richland



(l to r) Karen Hill Gordon, Thomas Jackman, Wykesha Hayes, Catherine Russell, Benjamin Knight, Scott Rowe, Akaash Kodali (Client)

#### Rock Hill



(l to r) Sylvia Kenley, James Driskell (client), Linda Ratterree

#### Spartanburg



(l to r) Luis Luna (client), Barbara Rhodes, Leigh-Ann Caudill

#### Sumter



(l to r, b to f) Calvin Price, Phyllis Clark, Barry Lee, Beverly Montgomery, John Bailey, LeAnetta Benjamin (Client), John Hornsby

#### Walterboro



(l to r) Burness Corbett (Owner, Corbett Building Supply), Robert Crosby (client), Glen Ackerman

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(l to r) Lee Helmer (client), Teresa Moses, Sharon Battle, David Wiggins, Patricia Gilliard

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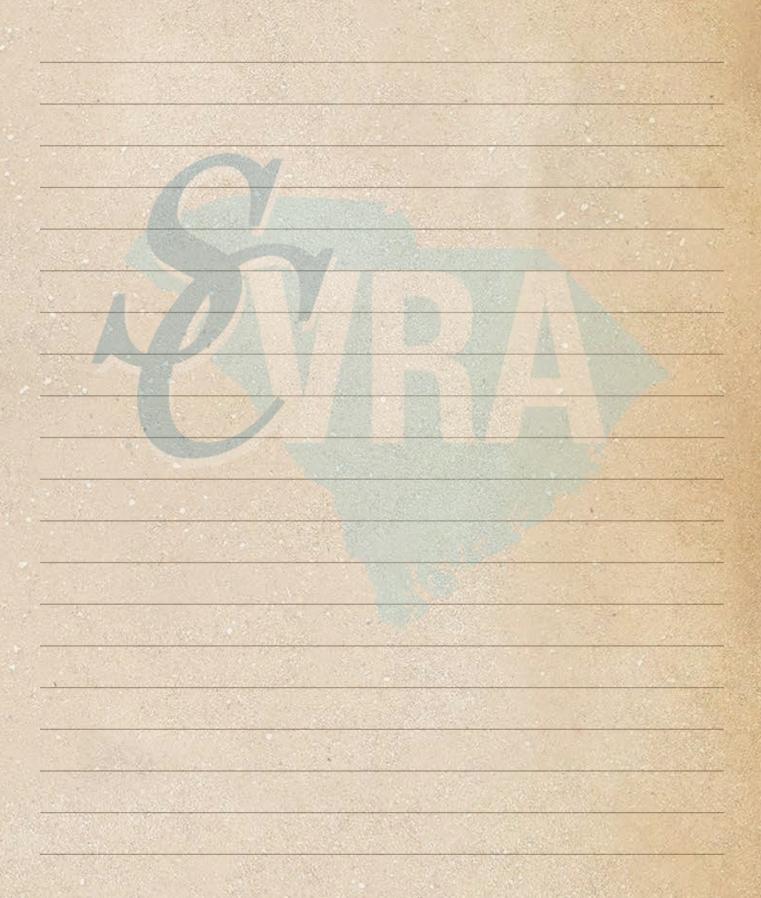
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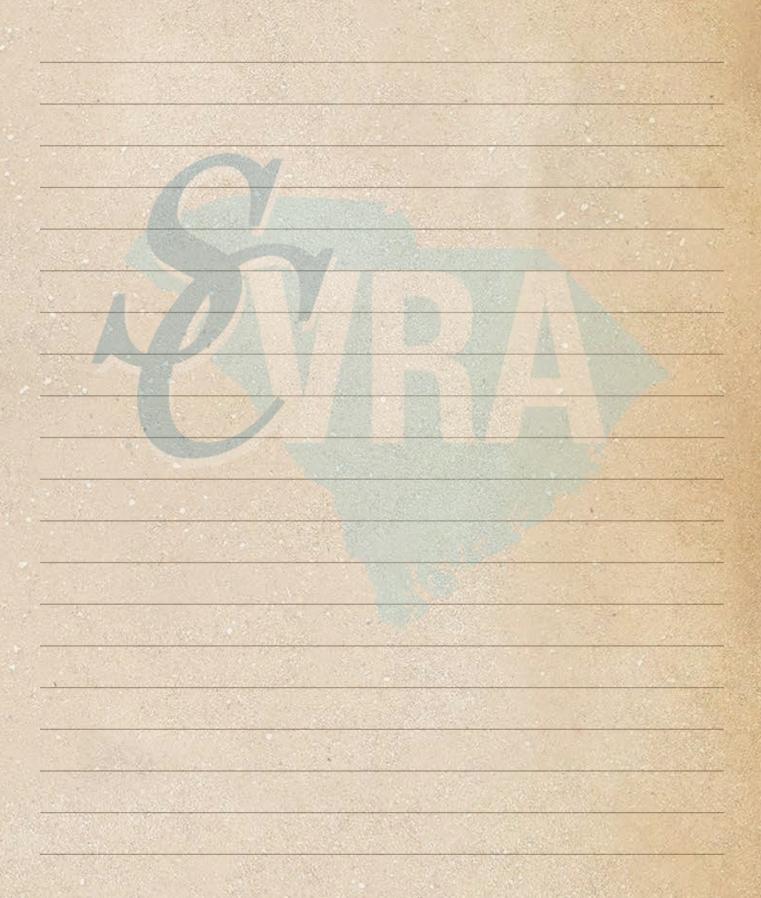
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