

# News Release



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## Charleston County Wins Barrett Lawrimore Award

*Charleston County's NASA Team takes home award at annual South Carolina Association of Counties Conference.*

On Tuesday, August 6, Charleston County's NASA team won with the South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC) Barrett Lawrimore Memorial Award for the "Launch with NASA" Business Expo and STEM program.

"It is very exciting to win this award for regional collaboration for the first time in 14 years," said County Administrator Jennifer Miller. "It recognizes the creative ways and sense of teamwork Charleston County employees embrace."

The Launch with NASA Program began with a partnership between Charleston County and NASA to provide opportunities for our citizens, which included business opportunities, educational outreach and access to technology and research. The program started with a STEM Expo and Small Business forum. These events provided new connections to schools, colleges, defense contractors, small business owners, as well as federal, state, and local agencies. These connections have grown into additional projects and ongoing relationships that continue to foster economic development and provide opportunities for citizens.

The Barrett Lawrimore Memorial Regional Cooperation Award was established in 1998 in memory of SCAC past president and Charleston County Council Chairman Barrett Lawrimore. The award recognizes regional cooperative efforts of county governments working together to complete an innovative project. The competition is open to two or more political subdivisions that worked together to complete a project during the past fiscal year.

We are thrilled to be recognized with such a prestigious award from SCAC," said Clerk of Council Kristen Salisbury. "A lot of hard work and planning went into the NASA events, and we are excited about working with our local and regional partners and NASA to host an even bigger event next year."

This is the third consecutive year Charleston County has won at the annual SCAC conference in Hilton Head. Previously, staff received the J. Mitchell Graham award in 2017 and 2018 for the Zoning and Planning DuWap Overlay District and the EMS Telephysic program.



Pictured left to right:

Jennifer Miller, County Administrator, Doug Wurster, NASA Team, Kristen Brame, Deputy Clerk of Council & NASA Team, Kristen Salisbury, Clerk of Council & NASA Team, Michael Miller, Register of Deeds, Jim Armstrong, Deputy County Administrator Transportation and Public Works, Julie Armstrong, Clerk of Court

Not pictured on NASA Team: Kevin Limehouse, JoTavia McPherson, Darrell Williams

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