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Young Entrepreneur's Journey



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**PASTOR SEAN DOGAN**

*Senior Pastor*  
Long Branch Baptist Church  
*Interim CEO/President*  
Urban League of the Upstate

In late 2019, Dogan was named interim president and CEO of the Urban League, an organization created 50 years ago to work toward equal opportunity for all citizens in housing, education, employment and economic development without regard to race or socioeconomic status. The group recently received a grant in honor of George Floyd and others, which will be used to support affordable housing, juvenile diversion programs, college readiness skills and more.

Dogan has served as senior pastor of Long Branch Baptist Church since 1997, and it has grown to more than 1,000 weekly attendees. He oversees many partnerships between the church and the community to fight food insufficiency, help small businesses and assist people with job readiness.



Photo by Eli Warren

**ROB DUCKETT**

*President*  
The Cliffs

Since coming on board at The Cliffs in 2019, Duckett has served as the leader and catalyst for positive change and organizational restructuring for the new owners, South Street Partners. He has created a new vision for the organization's future and implemented systems and programs that have had a tremendous impact on the lives of the more than 3,000 member families and 650 full and part-time employees. In the community, Rob works alongside and supports efforts for Cliffs Residents Outreach (CRO), a 501(c) nonprofit corporation committed to providing resources to children that promotes opportunities for lifelong success. Separately, Rob and his team support numerous charitable golf tournaments and auctions annually.



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**PAMELA S. EVETTE**

*South Carolina Lieutenant Governor*  
S.C. Office of the Governor

Pamela Evette has worked alongside Gov. Henry McMaster this year to focus on legislation including education reform, the budget and medical affairs. She founded Quality Business Solutions Inc. before becoming the state's first female Republican lieutenant governor. This year, she chaired the S.C. Governor's Complete Count Committee, advocating for 2020 Census completion; led the second annual #GrabABagSC Statewide Cleanup Initiative and participated in the SC7 Expedition to raise awareness for flood water prevention and the importance of protecting South Carolina's natural resources; and was asked to join the sixth cohort of the Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellows Program, focusing on state education policy including early childhood education, school funding, school choice and state K-12 education systems.



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**MARK FARRIS**

*President and CEO*  
Greenville Area Development Corporation

Farris leads the industrial and business recruitment efforts in Greenville County, the state's largest. The organization made significant progress over the past several years in the encouragement of new industrial sites and parks being added to Greenville County's inventory as well as the addition of five new speculative industrial building projects. Despite Covid, GADC has already announced more than \$500 million in new industrial investment for 2020 with more to come before year end.



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**J.M. FLEMMING**

*President*  
NAACP Greenville Branch

During a year of protests related to the killing of George Floyd and other African Americans, Rev. J.M. Flemming worked to inform and educate leaders by participating in forums, news conferences and other activities. His organization fights for equality for all citizens and also helped recruit poll workers for the November election.



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**KNUDT FLOR**

*President and CEO*  
BMW Manufacturing Co.

In 2020, the S.C. plant celebrated 25 years of production, and the company produced its five millionth BMW built in the U.S. Despite this year's obstacles, BMW posted significantly improved third-quarter performance and remained on track to reach its targets for the year.