

NEWS BRIEFS

The **Town of Hilton Head Island** received an Engineering Excellence Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies for the town's Matthews Drive-Marshland Road roundabout project.

The South Carolina Arts Commission awarded the **City of Greenville** with one of its Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Governor's Awards for the Arts, the highest honor the state presents in the arts.

Members of the **SC Utility Billing Association** recently elected their 2016-17 board of directors. President Patsy Hart, Seneca Light & Water; Vice President Amy Ashley, Greenwood Commission of Public Works; Secretary/Treasurer Keith Wood, Laurens Commission of Public Works; Member at Large Vikki Woods, Town of Estill; Member at Large Tonya Huell, City of Lake City and Member at Large Leigh Starnes, City of Lancaster.

Charleston, Greenville and Columbia made U.S. News and World Report's latest list of the best places to live in the United States.

Thirty-five South Carolina municipalities received the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program for fiscal years ended in 2014. Also the Association's South Carolina Other Retirement Benefit Employer Trust received the Certificate of Achievement.

The SC Press Association recognized the **Municipal Association** with awards for its history book and new website.

New MCTI graduates



Spring MCTI graduates: Lisa Hancock, Town of Moncks Corner; Amber Barnes, Town of Pendleton; Brenda Disher, Town of Ridge Spring; and Mandy Hess, Town of Saluda



Spring 2016 scholarship recipient: Theresa Chadwick, Town of Cowpens

In March, four local officials graduated from the Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Institute, a three-year program that provides municipal clerks and treasurers with the skills critical to their profession.

The spring graduates are Amber Barnes, municipal clerk for the Town of Pendleton; Brenda Disher, town clerk for the Town of Ridge Spring; Lisa Hancock, accountant for the Town of Moncks Corner; and Mandy Hess, clerk/treasurer for the Town of Saluda.

To receive their certificates, the graduates attended more than 120 class hours on topics such as financial management,

overview of government, public administration and conducting meetings.

At the March session, attendees received training on the forms of government, records management, procurement, meeting administration and the role of the municipal clerk.

Also during the March session, Theresa Chadwick, clerk/treasurer for the Town of Cowpens, received a three-year scholarship to attend the Institute. The scholarship is underwritten by the Municipal Association and is available only to South Carolina Municipal Finance Officers, Clerks and Treasurers Association members.