

2022 LEAD class finishes program with field experience



The graduating class members were: Michael Bagley, District 1; Lauren Benjamin, Office of the Secretary (served as Class Secretary); Shawn Burroughs, Human Resources; Tony Edwards, RPG 3; Carolyn Fisher, FHWA; Renee Gardner, RPG 3 (served as Class Treasurer); Meagan Hare, Agency Events; Lisa Johnson, Financial Planning; Eric Jones, District 6; Joe Laws, District 3; Christina Lewis, Planning; Casey Lucas, RPG 4 (served as Class President); Erin Porter, Strategic Planning; Brian Rister, IT (served as Class Vice President); David Rogers, Director of Construction Office; Toya Scipio, Traffic Engineering; William 'Stephen' Shehan, District 2; Emily Thomas, Traffic Engineering; Brad Trout Jr, District 4; Raleigh 'Tripp' Ward, District 5; J. Cruz Wheeler, Director of Maintenance Office; Clifton White, District 2; Cynthia Whittenburg, Human Resources; Chris Williams, District 7; and Delicia Wingard, Minority and Small Business Affairs Office.

The LEAD Class of 2022 graduated on July 28 after presenting their class project to Secretary Hall, Deputy Directors and special guests.

The class project outlined a plan to revamp SCDOT's damage claims process, focusing on increasing customer service and streamlining the process by which citizens report damage claims to the Department.

The LEAD class was invited to the Richland County Maintenance Office on May 18 to try their hand at setting up a temporary work zone and pot hole patching. The Richland County Maintenance and Sign Crews instructed the class on the proper procedures and were on hand to fix any mistakes.

The class was divided into teams to create a friendly competition, however, no one seems to recall who won.

