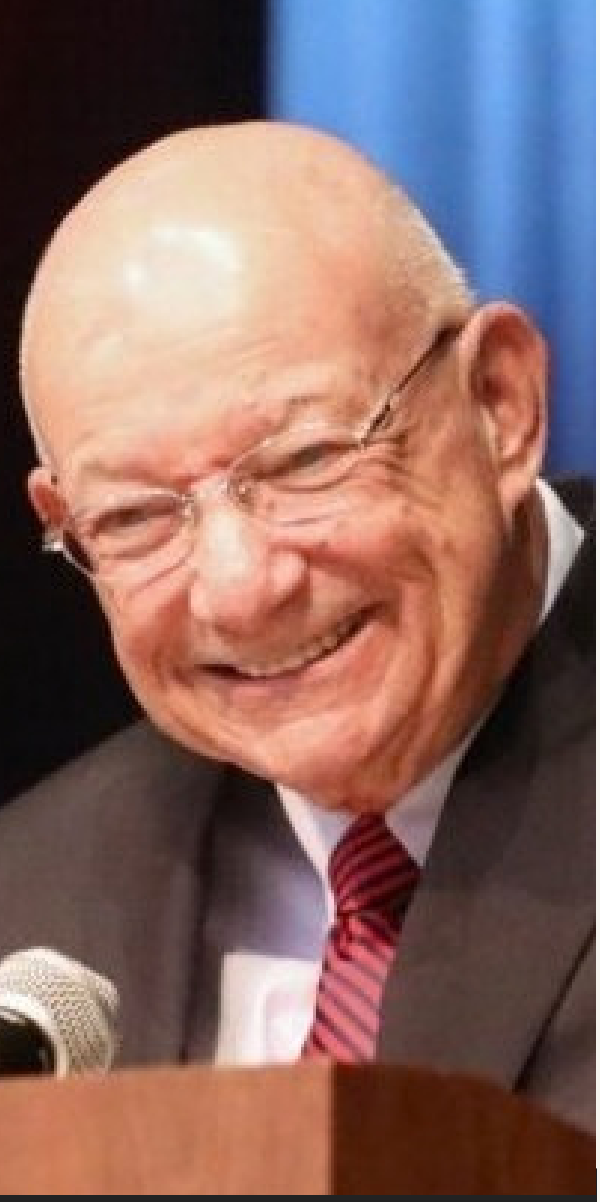

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Dear Friends,

The Columbia World Affairs Council is pleased to present the 2026 Global Vision Award to Dr. Fred Carter, president of Francis Marion University (1999-present), executive director of the SC State Budget & Control Board (1991-1999), chief of staff to Governor Mark Sanford (2003), and senior executive assistant to South Carolina Governor Carroll Campbell (1987-1991). Dr. Carter will be honored at a black-tie gala on Tuesday, December 1, at the Columbia Museum of Art. This is our 33rd year recognizing a leader whose contributions have made a significant impact on projecting South Carolina globally.

"This is a very special honor, made all the more meaningful by the fact that Governor Carroll Campbell, Governor David Beasley and Senator Hugh Leatherman also received it," Carter said. "Those three were truly masterful at charming our international partners. But of course, all of those collaborative efforts would have been for naught if the World Affairs Council and college faculties across the state hadn't been so successful in sustaining them.

"Four decades ago, Carroll Campbell reminded us that our future as a great country was dependent upon having other

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great countries stand alongside us. That observation has never been more relevant or timely."

Columbia World Affairs Council showcases South Carolina globally through insightful educational programming and innovative international exchanges. Through its vast network of regional and international partners, the Council continues developing opportunities to increase economic prosperity and global awareness while advancing South Carolina as an international destination.

The Annual Global Vision Award is the Council's only annual fund-raising event. Your contribution to, and engagement in, our mission plays an important role in establishing South Carolina as a world-class state.

We welcome you, our sponsors, to join our network of passionate global advocates to celebrate Dr. Carter and support the future of our state's global vision and international visibility.

Dickson Monk
Executive Director
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Distinguished Speaker Series

Luncheons and dinners featuring distinguished local, national & international diplomats, experts & policymakers discussing timely and crucial international issues. From heads-of-state and ambassadors to leading scholars, business leaders, and journalists, join us to examine the most riveting topics of our time.

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The Council administers the City of Columbia's Sister City relationships. The important international exchanges contribute to cross-cultural understanding and economic development vital to our enriching our community and the City's progress.

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A powerful team-based global knowledge competition for high school students preparing the next generation of leaders, scholars, and decision-makers to thrive in a complex and rapidly changing world.

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- Conversation Groups—practice/maintain your foreign language skills
- Taste of the World Series—dine at a new, international restaurant in the Midlands
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- Happy Hours—network with friends and meet new members

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