

The Riley Mayors' Design Fellowship

The Riley Mayors' Design Fellowship educates mayors and equips them with tools to envision and implement projects that positively impact the built and natural environment, quality of life, community pride and economic development in their cities and towns.

MASC 2023 Annual Meeting
Panelists: Dr. Kendra Stewart, Dr. B.D. Wortham-Galvin,
Mayor Nathan Senn, Mayor Blake Sanders, Taylor Schenker

- 1986 National Mayors' Institute on City Design
Founded by then Charleston Mayor
Joseph P. Riley Jr.
- 1999 South Carolina Mayors' Institute for
Community Design Founded
- 2018 Program relaunched as Riley Mayors'
Design Fellowship
South Carolina is only state to have such a
program.

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Since the relaunch in 2018-2019, 32 distinct mayors have participated.



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Fellowship Process:

After selection during the summer, Clemson MRUD students perform **research** during late summer/early fall (below: samples of part of the Myrtle Beach research visualized)



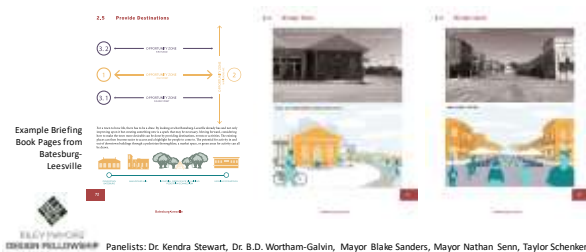
Fellowship Process:

After initial research, Clemson MRUD students perform **fieldwork & interviews**.



Fellowship Process:

After fieldwork, Clemson MRUD finalize their research by producing a **Briefing Book** to aid in Workshop preparations. (In 2023-24 we will be shifting to ArcGIS StoryMaps)



Fellowship Process:

In February the heart of the program happens: the **Workshop**



Above: Mayor Alston
DeVenny (2020 Fellow)
Right: Mayor Gwendolyn
Etheridge (2023 Fellow)



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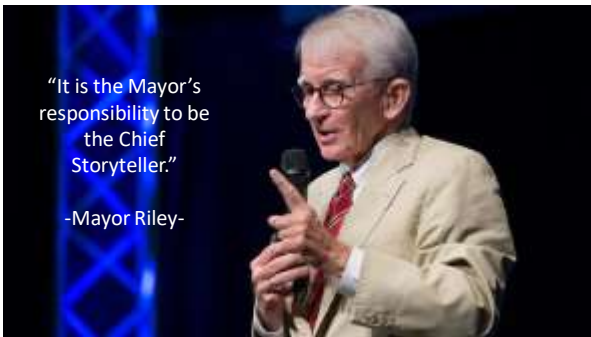
Hello!



I am Blake Sanders.

I am a Husband, Father, Landscape Architect, Mayor, Lecturer, and

Chief Storyteller



“It is the Mayor’s
responsibility to be
the Chief
Storyteller.”

-Mayor Riley-

The Vision vs The Reality



The Vision vs **The Reality**







































EXPERT

- Encourage your fellow Leaders - we are not in competition
- Spend one day per year (8 hours) helping another City
- **Tell your city's story to one person per day for one year - document what happens!!!**

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RILEY MAYORS DESIGN FELLOWSHIP

Recommendations
2020









Progress & plans
2023

Back street

















Progress & plans
2023

The Bailey Building









Progress & plans 2023

The plaza





















Fellowship Impact



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Nominate a Mayor (or yourself) by August 1st