



SPEAKERS ON THE DIGITAL DIVIDE



.James R. Stritzinger, Jr. Founder, President & CEO Revolution D, Inc.

Revolution D is a consulting firm that specializes in geospatial artificial intelligence (GeoAI) - especially the deployment of high-speed Internet in rural communities. Mr. Stritzinger is regarded as a national expert in this area and was selected to speak at the IBM Think 2019 conference and present to the US House Rural Broadband Task Force (2019) by Congressman James E. Clyburn.

Mr. Stritzinger has held roles with public, private, academic, non-profit, and entrepreneurial organizations. During his career, he has worked as an engineer/software developer for IBM, General Electric and held senior leadership roles with Solomon/Great Plains Software, Microsoft, SCRA, IT-oLogy, Connect South Carolina, and the University of South Carolina. His career highlights include launching SC's private equity organization (SC Launch, 2005) and a software company (ClearView Software, 1990) which was acquired in 1998 by Solomon and later became part of Microsoft Business Solutions in 2001.

Mr. Stritzinger was selected to join the inaugural class of SC's prestigious Liberty Fellowship (Class of 2006, part of the Aspen Global Leadership Network), and was inducted to the NC State University (NCSU) Electrical and Computer Engineering Alumni Hall of Fame (2015). He holds a BS Electrical Engineering from NCSU and a Master of Health Information Technology from USC and is a Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).



Dr. J. R. Green Superintendent, Fairfield County School District. Dr. J.R. Green has firsthand knowledge of public education’s digital divide and its impact on student learning. When the state’s schools closed last March due to the pandemic, it was estimated that half of Fairfield County’s families had no broadband internet access.

Dr. Green has served as Fairfield County school superintendent since 2012. He also has been assistant superintendent of curriculum for the Chesterfield County School District. He holds a Ph.D. in Education Administration from the University of South Carolina, where he also earned his master’s and undergraduate degrees. Currently, Dr. Green serves on the S.C. Board of Education and has been named the 2021 District Superintendent of the Year by the S.C. Association of School Administrators (SCASA).



Sarah Schumacher Gams, South Carolina’s 2020 Teacher of the Year. Ms. Gams earned a BA in English at the University of South Carolina’s Honors College and a Master of Arts in Teaching from the University of South Carolina. She partnered with Education First (EF) Tours in 2006 and led nine student tours abroad; she was a keynote speaker for EF in Paris, France. She earned National Board certification in 2007 and re-certified in 2017. Ms. Gams teaches English and serves as department chair at Spring Hill High School in Chapin. She is an adjunct professor for Columbia College. During COVID-19, Ms. Gams advocates for making curriculum and infrastructure decisions through the lens of Trauma Informed Instruction.