

***Dr. Alison Evans Honored at 2016 Cross-Cultural Conference
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Friday, February 19, South Carolina Mental Health Commission Chair Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., received the President's Award at the Annual Cross-Cultural Conference in Myrtle Beach. The



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Conference, which marked its 38th year, is presented by the Action Council for Cross-Cultural Mental Health and Human Services.

The Action Council aims to increase understanding of diverse cultures and provide a forum for the discussion of multi-cultural issues. Its yearly conference provides three tracks of presentations: Clinical, Policy, and Family/Community.

Action Council President James Starnes was proud to present the award to Dr. Evans, citing “both her dedicated involvement with mental health advocacy in our state, as well as her work in the field of Education.”

Dr. Evans, a licensed professional counselor, was appointed to the South Carolina Mental Health Commission in 2004, and has served as its chair since the fall of that year. The Hartsville resident is a member of the staff of the SC Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, where she is both mental health counselor and an instructor.

“I'm extremely honored to receive the President's Award,” said Dr. Evans. “I take it not only as encouragement, but also as a challenge to increase awareness of mental health issues among as many people as possible, and to help develop a new generation of advocates in South Carolina.”