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### **My Carolina Alumni Association elects Forrest L. Alton to its Board of Governors**

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The Board of Governors is the governing body of the university's alumni association, a 501(c)(3) eleemosynary organization established in 1846. The Board promotes fellowship among USC graduates, establishes policies, provides strategic direction and holds fiduciary responsibility for the assets of My Carolina.

"Any success I have had in my career is due in large part to the education, networks, friends, and colleagues I gained during my time at the University of South Carolina," said Alton. "I see this appointment to My Carolina's Board of Governors as an opportunity to 'pay it forward' and give back to the University and its alumni that have done so much for me."

Alton has been involved in youth development and teen pregnancy prevention efforts for over 15 years. In 2007, he became the Chief Executive Officer of the SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, a position he held for nearly 10 years. Alton recently stepped down from this position after leading the organization through a substantial growth. Forrest has launched a new consulting firm, 1000 Feathers, to assist nonprofits and social service organizations.

In 2010, Alton was recognized by The State newspaper (Columbia, S.C.) as one of South Carolina's "20-under-40 emerging leaders." In 2014, he was recognized by "The Free Times" (Columbia, S.C.) as one of the "50 Most Influential People in Columbia." He is a Riley Institute Diversity Fellow, a Liberty Fellow and part of the Aspen Global Leadership Network.

Alton earned his Master of Public Health from the University of South Carolina's Arnold School of Public Health. In 2011, he was recognized as Alumnus of the Year from the Arnold School. He received his Bachelor of Science from Coastal Carolina University where he was also named a Distinguished Alumnus.

**My Carolina Alumni Association's** mission is to build a thriving community of actively engaged and connected alumni, students, faculty and supporters who give themselves in service to the university while carrying the Carolina tradition and spirit worldwide. For more information about My Carolina Alumni Association, visit [MyCarolina.org](http://MyCarolina.org).

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