

## Presenters

### **Kirk Vitello is a Certified Trainer & Consultant with Dale Carnegie Training South Carolina**

Kirk Vitello is a Certified Dale Carnegie Trainer for Dale Carnegie South Carolina; a franchise for Dale Carnegie Training, Inc. Kirk joined Dale Carnegie after managing operations for a family owned business post graduation from College of Charleston. In his daily role, he engages with clients to understand the needs of organizations and individuals to build competencies and skills that drive organizational results. Through assessments and professional improvement discussions, he creates road maps tailored to reach specific goals and outcomes. By combining his skill set as a Coach, Trainer and Business Consultant, Kirk incorporates the metrics and development strategies to assist individuals in turning their potential into reality.

Kirk has over 800 hours of experience with coaching and training business professionals in the areas of confidence, interpersonal skills, communication, presentations, public speaking, leadership and handling stress while improving our attitude. He has his Bachelors in Business Administration from College of Charleston with a minor in Finance.

Prior to Dale Carnegie of South Carolina, Kirk was a trainer and consultant with Performance Training Associates, another Dale Carnegie Franchise located in the MA, RI & NH area. Over his 3-year employment in New England Kirk established himself as a successful business development generator & qualified trainer driving outstanding results for participants and clients.

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### **Chief Jimmy Dixon is Chief of Police for the city of Clemson, SC**

Chief Dixon's policing philosophy is to improve the quality of life through the use of technology and 21st Century Policing Methodologies while developing partnerships within the community. He is an advocate for his employees from their personal well-being to their career development through training and peer-to-peer leadership. Chief Dixon joined the Clemson City Police Department in January of 1996, following a tenure as a staff instructor at the SC Criminal Justice Academy in Columbia, SC.

As a Captain in 1996, Chief Dixon coordinated the Uniform Patrol and Training sections of the Department. After being promoted to Major in 1999, he coordinated the functions of Uniform Patrol, Investigations, and training. Chief Dixon was appointed Chief of Police in December 2002

Chief Dixon has gained experience in law enforcement beginning as a communications officer for Clemson City Police, followed by experience as an officer in both rural and urban county environments working in all areas of the career field.

Chief Dixon holds a Bachelor's Degree in HR Management from Southern Wesleyan University. He can be contacted through [www.clemsonpd.org](http://www.clemsonpd.org).

### **Sandy Jordan is Director of Employment Programs with Able South Carolina**

Sandy Jordan is the Director of Employment Programs at Able South Carolina where she coordinates and facilitates the direction of the SC Disability Employment Coalition and the SC Employment First Initiative. Sandy has vast knowledge and experience in the world of disability employment, having worked ten years in providing career supports and guidance to individuals with disabilities. She holds a Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of South Carolina. She is a current Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and Global Career Development Facilitator. Sandy feels that employment is essential to an individual's life and believes that all adults with disabilities should have employment opportunities. Sandy can be reached at 864-235-1421, ext. 310 or [sjordan@able-sc.org](mailto:sjordan@able-sc.org)