

Dennis Wade Named **2007 Ann DeBock Award Winner**

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MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. – Dennis Wade, president and CEO of The Jackson Companies, was named Leadership Grand Strand's (LGS) 2007 Ann DeBock Leadership Award winner during the LGS Class XXVII graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 23. The award was presented by Vicki Blair, chairman of the LGS board of regents.

“Mr. Wade is an asset to Leadership Grand Strand and an asset to the Grand Strand community,” Blair said. “His involvement in the community is to be commended and he truly deserves this award.”

Since his arrival a decade ago, Wade has served in a wide variety of leadership and volunteer roles in the Myrtle Beach area. Wade served on the Coastal Educational Foundational board of directors, the board of visitors for the Wall College of Business at Coastal Carolina University, Horry County United Way board of directors and on the board of directors for the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. Wade also has served for the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce as a board member, treasurer, Finance Review Committee chairman and 2002-2003 chairman of the board and as chairman for the Horry County March of Dimes WalkAmerica in 2004 and 2005.

Wade, named Citizen of the Year by the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce in 2005, is a native of Lancaster, S.C., and graduated magna cum laude from the University of South Carolina in 1984. He holds certified public accountant and certified internal auditor designations. Wade is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants. He and his wife Marie reside in Prestwick with their two children Erica and Taylor.

Each year, the LGS class honors an LGS alum who has exhibited outstanding leadership and service. The Ann DeBock Leadership Award was commissioned and started by the LGS XIX in memory of Ann DeBock, who was the executive director of Leadership Grand Strand from its inception in 1979 until her death in 1998. To receive this award, the recipient must volunteer in service or civic roles, serve on appointed boards or commissions, and show an overall demonstration of effective leadership skills.

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