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## **Marjorie Thompson Named 2016 Ann DeBock Leadership Award Recipient**

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. – The Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce’s nine-month leadership program, Leadership Grand Strand, is excited to announce that the 2016 annual Ann DeBock Leadership Award was presented to Marjorie Thompson, with Coastal Carolina University. The award was presented at the Ann DeBock Leadership Award Alumni Association Social on Friday, Jan. 29 2016 at the Dunes Golf and Beach Club.

Each year, the Leadership Grand Strand class honors one alumnus who has exhibited outstanding leadership and service. To receive this award, the recipient must volunteer in service or civic roles, serve on appointed boards or commissions, and exhibit an overall demonstration of effective leadership skills.

The 2016 award winner received her undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Thompson moved to Myrtle Beach in 1987 to complete an internship at the former HSA Coastal Carolina Hospital in Conway. She was recruited to stay and work as a therapist following the completion of her undergraduate work.

Her career included stints as director of marketing, public relations, and physician services for Loris Healthcare System, practice administrator for Carolina Radiology Associates, LLC, and director for philanthropy at Coastal Carolina University. The latter position she has held since 2014.

Thompson is a graduate of Leadership Grand Strand. She also is actively involved and serves as a member of the Horry County Memorial Library Board of Trustees, the Grand Strand Miracle Leagues Board, Women in Philanthropy and Leadership (WIPL), the ZONTA International Foundation Board, the South State Bank Regional Advisory Board, and is also the co-chair of the Women’s Leadership Conference and Celebration of Inspiring Women.

“Marjorie can be defined by what she is passionate about. Three things drive her – a life of service and generosity, her family, and her belief in Coastal Carolina University,” stated Tory Mackey of The Chapin Foundation. “Every dimension of her life is an example, a model of service, and leadership.”

The Ann DeBock Leadership Award was commissioned and started by Class XIX in memory of Ann DeBock, the executive director of Leadership Grand Strand from its inception in 1979 until her death in 1998.

Marjorie is married to Lance Thompson, vice president with the Jackson Companies. They have two daughters, Chandler of Greenville, SC and Savannah, who is a student at Socastee High School.

For more information, visit [www.LeadershipGrandStrand.com](http://www.LeadershipGrandStrand.com) or call (843) 916-7222.

#### **About Leadership Grand Strand**

*The goal of Leadership Grand Strand, a program of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, is to develop a corps of informed, committed and qualified individuals capable of providing dynamic leadership for the Grand Strand. Over the years, Leadership Grand Strand has created a cadre of leaders who guide the direction of change throughout the Grand Strand.*

#### **About The Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce**

*Since 1938, the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce has stood as the unified voice of the Grand Strand's business community. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has awarded the MBACC its five-star accreditation, one of only several chambers in South Carolina to earn this distinction. The MBACC serves Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach, Surfside Beach, Little River, Atlantic Beach, Garden City Beach, Loris, Conway, Aynor, Murrells Inlet, Litchfield Beach and Pawleys Island. For more information, visit [MyrtleBeachAreaChamber.com](http://MyrtleBeachAreaChamber.com). The Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce is the proud recipient of the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives' "2015 Chamber of the Year" award.*

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