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Cradle-to-Career Fellowship Site Visit

Spartanburg, South Carolina

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Cradle-to-Career Fellowship for Partnership Leaders

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Full Service Community Schools

Shaqual McMillian, Parent Council Member

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Northside Development Group

Bill Barnet, First Emeritus Board Member, Former Mayor, Community Champion

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**We will be joined by additional guests at the Dinner Reception on Wednesday, October 29th.*