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Business Digest

Mungo Homes grows construction footprint into Greenville, Sumter

The Columbia-based homebuilder Mungo Homes is expanding into new markets in Greenville, Sumter and Savannah. Lee McLoud, division president for the Charleston area, is leading the development of single-family homes in the Live Oak and Stonebridge communities in the Savannah area. Mungo Homes also plans new construction in Dunham Marsh and is in negotiations for other locations throughout the Savannah area. Under the direction of Columbia division president Chris Condon, Mungo Homes is building in the Greenville area in two Simpsonville neighborhoods — Copper Creek and Victoria Park. Construction is also under way at Hunters Crossing in Sumter.

Educational software startup launches new website, software

Biomagine Software, a Columbia-based educational software startup company, has launched a new website, along with web-based interactive software. Biomagine Software acts as an interactive supplementary study aid, turning textbook material into a game. In addition, Biomagine Software can be used by instructors to visually illustrate what is being taught to students. The new website can be found at www.biomagine.com.



Hilton Columbia Center senior staff members

Hilton Columbia Center voted No. 4 Hilton Hotel in North America

Guests of the Hilton Columbia Center voted the hotel No. 4 among all Hilton Hotels in North America for guest services and amenities. The ranking was created through the Hilton Brand – Americas Voice of the Customer Survey, in which guests completed a survey after their stay, providing feedback on overall service, plans to return and incidence of problems during their stay. Results are compiled into an annual ranking based on the guests' responses to questions involving property loyalty and service. The 2010 rankings reported that the Hilton Columbia Center received an overall ranking of No. 4 and the No. 3 ranking for overall service. Under the leadership of general manager Tony Tam, the Hilton Columbia Center has received numerous accolades for its customer service and amenities, consistently ranking in top slots for the Voice of the Customer survey every year since its opening.

University. England will be the second international research location for the Governor's School. For the past two years, the Governor's School has partnered with a high school and a university in Germany thanks to investments made by Roche Carolina, Roche Mannheim and Greenville Hospital System. During their internships abroad, Governor's School students conducted college-level research in the areas of applied microbiology, botany and cyto- and neurophysiology at Universitat Karlsruhe and the German Cancer Research Center.

Columbia College launches new professional masters program

Columbia College has launched a Master of Arts program in organizational change and leadership designed for working professionals. The program is geared toward development of leadership in the workplace. Designed to be completed in one year, the 30-credit-hour program's classes will take place three weekends per semester, August through July.

KB Kitchen & Bath Concepts moves Bluffton office to Savannah

Lexington-based KB Kitchen & Bath Concepts Inc. is moving its Bluffton office to a new facility in Savannah. The new office will be at 202 Bourne Blvd. The state's largest cabinet supplier, KB Kitchen most recently opened a facility in Bluffton.