## GOVERNMENT

## BRINGING IT



LORETTA THROWER BOOKARD VICE PRESIDENT, YOUTH SERVICE ALSTON WILKES SOCIETY

An advocate who enjoys reaching back to help others achieve their goals, Loretta began her career in corrections as a line officer making \$12,000 per year. Before retiring from the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice 31 years later, she had helped design four facilities and served as warden at its Coastal Evaluation Center. Today she supervises a highmanagement youth home for the Alston Wilkes Society, a multistate organization serving veterans and at-risk youth and adults.

Loretta, who has won multiple industry awards, has also served as president of the South Carolina Correction Association and as chair, for ten years, of its Line Officers Appreciation Luncheon. She holds a master's degree in criminal justice from Columbia College and a bachelor's degree from South Carolina State, where she majored in criminal justice and minored in counseling.

## **KEY ISSUES**

- **1** Equal effort in work
- **2** Awareness of surroundings