

**Rhonda Maree O'Banion**

Director, Media Relations and Video Communications

As director of media relations and video communications for Dominion Energy, **Rhonda Maree O'Banion** leads a team of communications professionals to provide award-winning media strategy and execution in South Carolina as well as first-class video services across the company's footprint in support of its commitment to providing reliable, affordable and increasingly clean energy that powers its customers every day.

O'Banion's career spans three decades. For the past 17 years, her strategic, collaborative leadership has been front and center in media relations for highly visible and often controversial issues in the electric and natural gas industry as well as impactful philanthropy initiatives. Her team was recognized for its outstanding crisis communications in response to Hurricane Helene. Additionally, her team played a key role in the communications for one of the largest single donations to a nonprofit in Dominion Energy's history – \$2.5 million to the International African American Museum.

In addition to an early background in nonprofit public relations, including the American Red Cross Blood Services, O'Banion has worked as an adjunct communications instructor. Throughout her career, she has received recognition for excellence in the energy industry and communications profession. She is a Leadership Energy Carolinas graduate and a member of the American Association of Blacks in Energy. She was honored during YWCA of Greater Charleston's 2021 "What Women Bring" event and was among women featured by 101.3 The Big DM, one of South Carolina's top-rated radio stations, during Women's History Month 2022.

O'Banion serves on the board of directors for City Year Columbia and as the leadership sponsor for Dominion Energy South Carolina's African American Resource Group. She is a past president of the International Association of Business Communicators-South Carolina.

A Lowcountry native, O'Banion grew up in Walterboro, South Carolina. She is a cum laude graduate of the University of South Carolina-Aiken where she earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and speech communication, and where one of her most memorable experiences was being selected to introduce Dr. Maya Angelou at a special event. She holds a master's degree in mass communication from the University of South Carolina.