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# Reddy prepares for the challenge

### Candidate for governor wants to expand executive power

**Bella Carpentier** Greenville News | USA TODAY NETWORK – SOUTH CAROLINA

*Editor's note: The Greenville News invited all current gubernatorial candidates to a sit-down interview on their campaigns and plans for the governor's office.*

**R**om Reddy, founder of DOGE SC, became the latest Republican to join the governor's race on March 16. • He said what sets him apart from other candidates is that he is not a part of the "ruling class," a term he uses to describe political figures who have held power for many years. His competitors in the Republican primary race are U.S. Reps. Ralph Norman, District 5, and Nancy Mace, District 1, South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson, Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette, and State Sen. Josh Kimbrell, Spartanburg. • Reddy recently sat down with *The Greenville News* for a conversation on why he thinks he is the right candidate for office. **See REDDY, Page 3A**

**ABOVE: South Carolina governor candidate Rom Reddy speaks with Greenville News statehouse and politics reporter Bella Carpentier on March 24 at the Greenville News office in Greenville.**  
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# Trump more hostile with threats

### Iran ramps up its own warnings before deadline

**Michael Loria, Christopher Cann and Francesca Chambers**  
USA TODAY

President Donald Trump, ahead of his April 7 deadline for Iran to make a deal, issued a stark warning that a wave of expected U.S. military attacks on critical infrastructure would leave the country unable to recover.

"A whole civilization will die tonight, never to be brought back again. I don't want that to happen, but it probably will," Trump wrote in a April 7 social media post.

"The entire country can be taken out in one night, and that night might be tomorrow night," Trump told reporters at the White House on April 6. "Every bridge in Iran will be decimated by 12 o'clock tomorrow night ... every power plant in Iran will be out of business, burning, exploding and never to be used again."

Iran responded by declaring it would no longer hold back from hitting

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# Jay Dowd takes over at Wofford on July 1

**Baker Maultsby**  
Spartanburg Herald-Journal  
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Jay Dowd has had many personal and professional associations over the years with Wofford College, where he will serve in the role of president beginning July 1.

A native of South Carolina, Dowd graduated from Winthrop University

and went into higher education fundraising.

He has worked at several institutions in the Carolinas, including colleges that, like Wofford, are affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

Dowd is currently the chief advancement officer at The Citadel, one of Wofford's Southern Conference rivals. Alumni from The Citadel and Wofford cross paths in many walks of life.

But it was his son's time as a student at Wofford that gave Dowd a deeper appreciation of the college.

When the prospect of pursuing the president's job at Wofford arose, Dowd and his wife, Kim, spent time "reflecting on what Wofford meant for our son as a student and his love for this place," he said.

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**Jay Dowd was selected to lead Wofford College as its next president. He will be the 12th president in the college's history.** BAKER MAULTSBY/  
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