

OLIVER C. DAWSON STADIUM  
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY



# *Spring Commencement Convocation*



FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022  
SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

Oliver C. Dawson Stadium  
Orangeburg, SC

## *The Seal and Mace*

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The University Seal is comprised of the following carefully sculptured symbols: a Palmetto Tree, a miniature building and a torch. The Palmetto Tree stands in the center of the Seal and represents the official tree of South Carolina. At the base of the tree, on the left, is a miniature of Morrill Hall symbolizing education and history. Morrill Hall, one of the first buildings constructed on the campus, was named in recognition of the Morrill Act which established land-grant colleges in the United States. South Carolina State University is a member of the land-grant system. On the right side of the tree is a torch which connotes a deep devotion to truth: "Scientia, Officium, Honos," meaning Knowledge, Duty, Honor. The Seal is used on all official documents of the University. The Seal was designed for the inauguration of Dr. M. Maceo Nance, Jr. as fifth president of South Carolina State University in 1968 by Dr. Leo F. Twiggs, Professor of Art at the institution.

The mace has an ancient history as a symbol of authority. During the 13th century, it was used for civil purposes and during the processions of royalty and other dignitaries.

The mace symbolizes the autonomy and authority of the University, the Board of Trustees, the administration, and the faculty to grant degrees to graduates and represents one of the oldest traditions in academia. The University Mace was designed by Dr. Clarence W. Hill, School of Engineering Technology and Sciences, during the fall semester of 2003. The Mace is carried before the president and other dignitaries of the platform party during commencement and other formal processions.

The University Mace was commissioned by Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr. and presented during his inaugural ceremony as the ninth president of South Carolina State University. Dr. Hugine's vision for the design of the Mace included "full capture of the strength of the University, as evidenced in its history." He envisioned the Mace representing "the significant growth, prosperity, and vitality for the future of the University." The Mace's design is reflective of and captures the rich history of the University while embracing the challenge to preserve its legacy as a land-grant institution.

A brass multi-ring base supports the 42" elegantly crafted walnut fluted staff with brass rings bearing the names of former University presidents. This ornate feature presents eight bronze engraved panels. Engraved on four of the eight panels are the three historic seals of the University and the seal of the state of South Carolina. On three of the remaining panels are the names of the University from beginning to present. One panel is blank to capture future developments. Two marble plates, one garnet and one blue, serve as the base and top plate for the uppermost part of the Mace. The pinnacle of the Mace is a sphere, having two faces: one face with Morrill Hall, one of the first buildings on the campus, and the second having the President's Seal, representing the University's leadership and global presence in higher education.





## *Commencement Convocation*

Friday Afternoon, the Sixth of May  
Two Thousand and Twenty-two  
Seven O'clock p.m.  
Oliver C. Dawson Stadium  
Orangeburg, South Carolina

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## *The University*

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Since its founding in 1896, South Carolina State University has evolved from a small teachers' college into a major university center of learning. One of the most attractive campuses in the Southeast, the University is located in Orangeburg, South Carolina, which is centrally located between the capital city of Columbia and the beautiful seaport city of Charleston. South Carolina State University is one of two land-grant institutions in the Palmetto State. The University is state-assisted and draws its students from all over the United States and various other countries.

The approximately 3,000 students enrolled at the University have a choice of more than 50 different fields of study on the undergraduate and graduate levels, which include the following degree-granting academic divisions of the University: the College of Business and Information Systems; the College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences; the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Transportation; and the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. The interdisciplinary Honors College is also a part of the Division of Academic Affairs. Across certain disciplines, the degree-granting colleges offer programs at the master's, educational specialist, and doctoral levels as well as certificate programs. The University provides undergraduate and graduate courses through the Center of Online and Distance Education.

In support of its mission as a land-grant institution, South Carolina State University also administers the 1890 Research & Extension Program, which provides solutions and services to improve the quality of life of South Carolinians. The institution makes a special effort to contribute to the intellectual and cultural life of the community through numerous co-curricular offerings and special activities.

The main campus is comprised of 160 acres and more than 60 buildings, including the newest academic building, the 86,500-square-foot Engineering and Computer Science Complex, which features innovative classrooms, research centers and laboratories.

South Carolina State University supports 14 NCAA varsity sports, which have brought the institution more than 100 conference championships and 15 national titles.

## Message From Col. Conyers

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Col. Alexander Conyers

To the Class of 2022:

Congratulations! On this day, you have reached a milestone, earning your college degree. The administration, faculty and staff cannot be prouder than we are today. Your commencement is the single most important part of your college career. It is a successful culmination of the goal you set for yourselves and the goal that we set for you.

From the moment you entered the campus, no matter the reason you were led here, this is the day for which you have worked really hard. Your graduation is not the end, but rather a prelude to rest of your lives. Your degree is so much more than you could ever realize. It is like your paid ticket to enter into the spaces that require such a ticket.

You have made yourselves just that much more marketable. The knowledge and skills you learned at SC State will sustain you for a lifetime. Your degree will propel you “Onward and Upward!” Be proud of your accomplishment. As you move about your life, always remember this place. Take with you the knowledge, lessons, friendships and growth you gained.

Thank you for making the right choice. Thank you for allowing SC State University to prepare you for your future. I wish for you the very best in the next phase of your lives.

Sincerely,

*Alexander Conyers*  
Alexander Conyers  
President

# Commencement Convocation Program

## The Program

Col. Alexander Conyers, President  
Presiding

PRELUDE.....	Symphonic Band Dr. Patrick Moore, Director
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL – <i>War March of the Priests Mendelssohn</i> .....	Symphonic Band (Audience is required to remain seated)
INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT .....	Dr. Frederick Evans Acting Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
WELCOME.....	President Alexander Conyers
POSTING OF COLORS .....	Bulldog Battalion Color Guard
STAR-SPANGLED BANNER Francis Scott Key .....	Audience Concert Choir and Symphonic Band
SCRIPTURE AND INVOCATION .....	Calvin E. Robinson Jr., D. Ministry Senior Pastor Trinity Baptist Church, Florence, SC
GREETINGS .....	Mr. Rodney C. Jenkins Chairman, Board of Trustees
SELECTION – <i>Healing</i> by Richard Smallwood .....	Dr. Rosetta Dingle, Director Ms. Jiyeon Lee, Piano
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER .....	President Conyers
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS .....	Mr. Willie E. Jeffries SCSU Coach Emeritus

CONFERRING OF DEGREE

Doctor Humane Letters

Mr. Willie E. Jeffries

Dr. Linda J. Bell

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Col. Alexander Conyers, President

Dr. Frederick Evans, Acting Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Lakeisa Tucker, Acting Dean, College of Graduate and Professional Studies

Dr. Barbara Adams, Dean, School of Business and Information Systems

Dr. M. Evelyn Fields, Acting Dean, College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences

Dr. Stanley Ihekweazu, Dean, College of Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology

Dr. William H. Whitaker, Acting Dean, College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences

INDUCTION OF GRADUATES INTO THE

NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION .....Mr. Hank Allen, '78  
President, South Carolina State University National Alumni Association

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND REMARKS .....President Conyers

ALMA MATER..... Audience  
Concert Choir and Symphonic Band (Inside Back Cover)

RETIRING OF COLORS .....Bulldog Battalion Color Guard

BENEDICTION .....Ministry Robinson

RECESSIONAL - *Pomp and Circumstance* Edward Elgar ..... Symphonic Band

**Mace Bearer**

Judith Mwakalonge  
Professor of the Year

**Grand Marshal**

Dr. Frederick M. G. Evans  
Acting Provost & Vice President  
for Academic Affairs

## *Commencement Speaker/Honorary Degree Recipient*

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### **Willie E. Jeffries**

#### *SCSU COACH EMERITUS*

Willie Jeffries, a native of Union, South Carolina, earned his Bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a Master's degree in guidance and counseling from South Carolina State University. Additionally, he studied at Indiana University.

Jeffries completed a 19-year career as head football coach at South Carolina State University (SCSU). He retired following the 2001 campaign, a season in which his team won its last five contests to finish 6-5 and remained at SCSU as Director of Athletic Fund Raising.

He began his first tenure at SCSU in 1973, completing an impressive 50-13-4 record in six seasons. Following a hiatus from SCSU, 1978-1989, Jeffries returned to begin his second tenure which spanned 13 years.

Jeffries very first coaching position was as an assistant coach at Lancaster's Barr Street High School in 1960. A head coaching position followed in 1961 at Granard High in Gaffney, where he compiled a six-year 65-7-2 mark, and won three (1964-1966) consecutive state AAA championships. As a result of the contributions made early in his coaching career, an athletic facility was named in honor of Coach Jeffries at Granard Middle School.

During his remarkable 29-year collegiate head-coaching career, which included five-year stints each at Wichita State and Howard University, Jeffries compiled a 179-132-6 record. This enviable record included six Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) championships, two national titles, several post-season appearances, and numerous coaching awards. Jeffries also produced a number of players who have distinguished themselves in professional football and other professions and made history in 1979 when he became the first African American head football coach in Division I football.

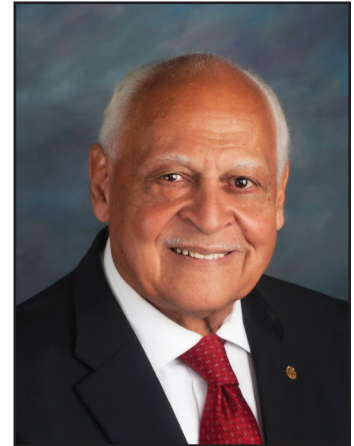
Jeffries won almost 60 percent of the college games he coached, which made him the "winningest" coach in the 107-year history of SCSU and owner of more MEAC victories than any other coach.

His early success as Bulldog head coach earned him national notoriety, and subsequently, a number of coaching offers. He passed up several opportunities to serve as an assistant in the National Football League.

After returning to his alma mater, Jeffries went on to produce seven winning teams, including a string of five straight, from 1991-1995. In 1994, he tied the school record for the number of wins during a 10-2 season, and captured the MEAC championship, the Bulldog's first conference title in 11 seasons. Jeffries also earned a national title and made three Heritage Bowl appearances after returning to Orangeburg in 1989. He also served as Athletic Director in 1990 and 1991. The Department finished in the black both years. The Bulldog mentor is enshrined in nine athletic hall including Football College Hall of Fame. Jeffries life and career were featured in the ESPN SportsCentury Documentary titled, Willie Jeffries in 2002. He was later honored by ESPN for his contribution to the game of football in 2020.

Jeffries has received numerous honors, including the Order of the Silver Crescent, the Palmetto State's highest award for outstanding community service. He also received the Order of the Palmetto, the state's highest civilian award and the Patriot's Award, the highest award given by the Lieutenant Governor's Office. Moreover, a scholarship fund and endowment have been established in his name at SCSU. During the 2002 school year, he was honored by the Black Coaches' Association (BCA) with a lifetime achievement award and inducted into the Palmetto State's Black Hall of Fame. In 2007, he was named Vice President of the South Carolina Athletic Hall of fame and he received the Pioneer Award from the University of South Carolina's Department of Entertainment and Sports Management. In 2009, he was inducted into the National HBCU Alumni Hall of Fame. In January, 2011, Jeffries was named The Times and Democrat's Person of the Year. In March, 2010, South Carolina State University's Administration and Board of Trustees appointed Jeffries as Coach Emeritus and in November, 2010 named the football field at Oliver C. Dawson Stadium in his honor. He serves as a member of the Tri-County Electric Cooperative Board and the South Carolina Student Loan Board. He was also appointed by Governor Nikki Haley to serve on the South Carolina Ports Authority Board.

He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Jeffries is an outstanding ambassador for SCSU, the Orangeburg community, the Palmetto State and the nation. He is married to the former Mary Cauthen of Lancaster, SC and they have three children, Valorie, Willie Jr., and Tamara.





## *Candidates for Graduate Degrees*

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### **Doctor of Education**

Michelle LaTrice Cooper  
Latrice Crosby  
LaToya S. Curry-Jones  
Yolanda Y. Goethe  
Candice M. Greene  
Christopher Dewayne Harris  
John Cedrick Kennedy  
Alethea V. Mack  
Otis Reed, Jr.  
Andrea C. Snell  
Johnerra O. Alford-Taylor  
Karen L. Vassell

### **Educational Specialist**

Tiffani Danielle Burgess  
Darrell Jerome Cumbee  
DeAnna Jean Disher  
Allyson Goff  
Felicia McCollum  
Brian Smith  
Freddy Odom Teal  
A'Drienne Thompson  
Henry L. Williams

### **Master of Arts**

#### **Rehabilitation Counseling**

Jamal L. Burgess  
Nicholas Brockington  
Sacha Caldwell  
Alanits Keoyna Coles  
Ifeyinwa Danzey  
Emma J. Glover  
Alaysia Grose  
Karlene Kristian Johnson  
Durwin Kelly  
Tonya Nicole Smalls  
Precious Q. Suber  
Dana N. Summers  
Jacquelyn Lynette Walker  
Janice Nicole Williams  
Karli F. Williams

### **Master of Arts**

#### **Speech Pathology and Audiology**

Shyla Marshay Brailsford  
Emily Browning  
Jessica Shree Cornish  
Danielle C. Dahl  
Schitonya Keychaa Fleming  
Rebecca Lewsky Friedman  
Winter Aliah Grant  
Breona Alexis Harris  
Quiana Alexis Hodge  
Destinee Shervelle Johnson  
Corlene Angela King  
Brianna Nashay McClendon  
Verneisha C. Reeves  
Courtney LaTasha Steele  
Carolina Summers  
A'kaila Monae Wilson  
Katherine Olivia Wimberly

### **Master of Arts in Teaching**

LaToya R. Davis  
Chelsea Amonti Greene

### **Master of Business Administration**

#### **Business Administration/Agribusiness**

Breanna M. Guinyard

### **Master of Business Administration**

#### **Business Administration/Entrepreneurship**

Alex James  
Mary Jessica Mance

### **Master of Business Administration**

#### **Business Administration/General**

Jaz'Mine Marie Coleman

### **Master of Business Administration**

#### **Business Administration/Health Care Management**

Tyree Leron Clyburn, Jr.  
Ahmad Thomas Stevens

### **Master of Education**

#### **Counselor Education**

Melissa K. Greene  
Tymyra D. Greene  
Rashiid Amin Johnson  
Aaron Jamal White

### **Master of Education**

#### **Elementary Education**

Kurtis Yarbrough

### **Master of Science**

#### **Nutritional Science**

Candice Nicole Jamison  
Quierra Shainae Johnson  
Nancy Nadine Williams

### **Master of Science**

#### **Transportation**

Bright Elijah  
Omotunde A. Oredipe

## *Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees*

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### **Summa Cum Laude**

Gold Tassels and Gold Stoles

### **Magna Cum Laude**

Gold Tassels and Gold Honor Cords

### **Cum Laude**

Gold Tassels

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## College of Graduate and Professional Studies—Dr. Lakeisa Tucker, Acting Dean

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### **Bachelor of Arts**

#### **Speech Pathology and Audiology**

Alexandrea James Brown  
Ashlyn Carter Brown  
Te'Daija Kiara-Armoni Davenport  
Morgan LaPorchia Fortune  
Arnia Andia Franklin  
Jyla Zhanè Lee  
Dayshia Nacole Quick  
Kareem Jameek Walker  
Richlyn Kalina Williams  
Zariel Mo'Nae Williams

### **Bachelor of Science**

#### **Criminal Justice**

Jajuan S. Ancrum  
Damon Germaine Bryan  
Khamik Jamir Cardwell  
Ja'Nautica M. Cohen  
Luke Dobbs  
Keosha Shania Evins  
Shaina Carelle Fears  
Ke'Yona Q. Housey  
Malik Kendall Jefferson  
Zondria Shamone Levell  
Ry'Kieria J. McCollough  
Talyah Shade' McCrea  
Sydney M. Pressley  
Daisha Janae Simon  
Taylor Brianna Simmons  
Gary Smith  
Samantha Lorraine-Victoria Smith  
Kianna Brenae Stukes  
Tayler Lillian Wilder

### **Bachelor of Science**

#### **Physical Education**

Zachary James Felder  
Corey Genaro Fields

### **Bachelor of Science**

#### **Physical Education/Activity Management**

Avery R. Brown  
Kevin Chamberlain, Jr.  
Delano Goff, Jr.  
Jaylen Rashad Hamilton  
Mitchell Alexander Jones  
DaiQuez T. Prescott  
Christopher X. Simon  
Rodriques Tiquan Thomas  
Jada T. Thompson

### **Bachelor of Science**

#### **Physical Education/Sports Communication**

Devon Jonathan Jennings  
Zafir A. Kelly

### **Bachelor of Social Work**

Dashonda M. Barr  
Tykeyma Mona' Davis  
Destiny Simone Dobison  
Kelly Shania Farmer  
Aubrie M. Gilchrist  
Breana Andrea Nicole Jackson  
Deric Jenkins  
Brandi Shatelle Shivers  
Janey Christal Sow  
Jawanikia L. White  
Amani Williams  
Raesiha Carie Williams  
Aniyah S. Wilson

## College of Business & Information Systems—Dr. Barbara Adams, Dean

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### **Bachelor of Science Accounting**

Nasjay Tyenashia Bostick  
T'Andra Shontel Davis  
Ty'Quasha Monique Durant  
Jaida Vernell Ford  
Diamonique Niquel Goings  
Marquis Jarrod Lynch  
Tiffany Amber Major  
Jessica Outlaw  
Majors Philippe  
Shontavia Monay Riggins  
Havyn Taniah Rhodes  
Justin Maxwell Strother  
Imani T. Wilson

### **Bachelor of Science Agribusiness**

Jaevien Kiante Akinmola

### **Bachelor of Science Business Economics**

Omer Berk Gorgun

### **Bachelor of Science Management**

Jalen Andrew Barr  
Jacory J. Benson  
Cynthia Bradley Berry  
Christina Elaine Brown  
Deserae Brown  
Timothy Trayvond Collins  
Jada Mayani Diggs  
Malik A. Gregory  
Anthony T. Grier II  
Fuquan Hills  
Melquan Antonio House  
Christopher Rashaad Leach  
Valada Amber Lewis  
Dorothy Mae Miller  
Serenity T. Mitchell-Wilkerson  
John Pierre Murphy  
Jada A. Peoples  
Livia Souza Silva  
Herbert Henry Smith  
Jamiere D. Smith  
Rion Tyrrell Summers  
Faith A. Williams

### **Bachelor of Science Marketing**

Ridge L. Ford  
Jaquan Deandro Harper  
Tyler Honore  
Xavier Jennings  
Adriana N. Jeter  
Jonathan Curtis Mobley  
Kiara Ny'Kira Ready  
Keyanna Nichelle Russ  
John Anthony Smith

## College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences—Dr. M. Evelyn Fields, Acting Dean

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### **Bachelor of Arts Communications/Broadcasting**

Fabienne Hannah Romee Balvers  
Simone Oteliah Barnes  
Anthony Ellison Davis  
Sophia Milena Galvan  
Jamie Eltron Gilmore  
La'Quonda Monay Jeffery  
Larell Kenneth Robert Mackey  
Kaila Ali McClam-Tamplin  
Temeria Dianca Rivers  
Nakia M. Shaheed  
Edward J. Starks  
McKenzie Deville Tillman

### **Bachelor of Arts Communications/Journalism**

Amya S. Carr  
Tyreika Breanna Hunter

### **Bachelor of Arts Drama**

Timothy Cyrus Brown  
Jay'Dalyn Chemene Lubin  
Xoviyeik Shakwei Wheeler

### **Bachelor of Arts English**

Ariel Nakeeia Jones  
April J. Thomas

### **Bachelor of Arts History**

Lenward Schovell Brightharp

### **Bachelor of Arts Music Industry**

De'Antre Q. Footman  
Jermaine M. McIver  
Maria Medina  
Derrick R. Webster, Jr.

### **Bachelor of Arts Political Science**

Rachel Christina Aiken  
Javonni D. Ayers  
Quinton J. Folk  
Oceanna A. Jackson  
Ashley Danielle-Kristin Sweeney  
Marlene Alexandra Ramirez  
Andrew James Rowson  
Jerdashia L. Scott

### **Bachelor of Science Early Childhood Education**

Arica Nicole Parker

### **Bachelor of Science Music Education**

Jamieon Tyrese Jamison-Gilmore

**Bachelor of Science****Psychology**

Shytaisha Breane Ames  
Roshay Breana Greene  
Nyia Tavianna Jefferson  
Bradford Deonn Jones

Jeremiah McFadden  
Shakera Jamiya Morton  
Kyran Jai Porter  
Alanti La'Naysha Prophet  
Paul M. Ravenell  
Tykenya Antoinette Smalls

Christian Morgan Smith  
Donisha Nicola Snell  
Reginald H. Thompson  
Angela Lavette Walker  
FranKeisha Nicole Williams

College of Science Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, & Transportation  
Dr. Stanley Ihekweazu, Dean

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**Bachelor of Science****Biology**

Tyler Aionna Brave  
T'Meyah LaNae Burgess  
Vacarie Enrae Burgess  
Traviona Nashay Burton  
Nykeshia Irelene Carper  
Arius A. Champy  
Candace A. Clayton  
Tianna Amari' Covington  
Kierra R. Cox  
Autumn Elisa Dupree  
Kiara Alana Leah Edwards  
Ashara T. Ford  
BeAsia Forero  
Ny'elle Patrice Garvin  
Angela Gipson  
Joy Marie Godfrey  
Beth Ashley Graham  
Telayah Diamond Harrison  
Koya Danielle Hill  
Robert Bernard Hutto III  
Jael Lin Jackson  
Jaylon Khree Jenkins  
Wendell Jahmal Johnson  
Lunndon A. Lewis  
Elijah Said Medina-Bandy  
Destiny N. Prioleau  
Indigo Sara Reed  
Shakym Destiny Reese  
Kyla E. Reeves  
Alexis D. Rice  
Kaya Stokes  
Maliyah Laquasia Taylor  
Shawn Vanderpool, Jr.  
Allen L. Worthy

**Bachelor of Science****Chemistry**

Ajani A. Brooks  
Allisanne Marie Sarvis  
Tyshayla Monique Wannamaker

**Bachelor of Science****Civil Engineering Technology**

Tamia Marie Marriott  
Kalen Silkwood Thompson  
Olivia Denise Wilson

**Bachelor of Science****Computer Science**

Simien Chestnut  
Tajah Clark  
Madeleine Odvenyi Ibe  
Ramon Lavender  
Taighlor Imani Moultrie  
Tyesha Shakerra Smalls  
Darius J. Washington

**Bachelor of Science****Electrical Engineering Technology**

D'Ante M. Allen  
Richard Stanley Bailey II  
Bryson Christopher Grant  
Quintrel Jermaine McNeil

**Bachelor of Science****Industrial Engineering Technology**

Gerardo Diego Arzaluz Bonifacio  
Desmond Dominique Williams

**Bachelor of Science****Industrial Technology**

Rashard Steven Crouch  
Shyheem Daquan Mclellan  
Colton M. Scoville

**Bachelor of Science****Mathematics**

Nma Ejiawoko

**Bachelor of Science****Mechanical Engineering Technology**

Trashoan Lamont Cain  
Marcus Tyrell Cochran  
Dewann Quintin Ford, Jr.  
Kyreeq Heyward Fox  
Dexter Diondre Lynah  
Jeremy Michael Pace  
De'Marco Antonio Poole  
Jordan Lee Ross  
Lauryn C. Shaw  
Xzavier Savon Wineglass  
Demontre L. Wright

**Bachelor of Science****Nuclear Engineering**

Noah Elijah Davis  
James Austin Harglerode  
Josiah Stephen Henderson  
Saoud Henzab  
Erin A. Hundley  
John W. Guthrie  
Carena Grace Kelly  
Luisa Marschhausen Bezerra dos Santos

**Bachelor of Science****Physics**

Tuesday Ka'ualani Cabang



College of Agriculture, Family & Consumer Sciences—Dr. William H. Whitaker, Acting Dean

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**Bachelor of Science**

**Family and Consumer Sciences**

Jessica Kaylin Austin  
Eric Jeffrey Blackely  
De'Mean M. Bond  
Quanasia Ny-Shel Brown  
Amaris Andrea Davis  
Earl Levont'e Davis, Jr.  
Marcolous A. Dixon  
Jaylen Ashton Evans  
Joseph Terrell Felder  
Alexandria Melina Griffin  
Jonah A. Griffin  
Sebastian Guitian  
Christopher Hampton  
Cierra E. Martin-Holmes  
Brandon D. McFadden  
Kevin T. Rucker  
Tariq Desean Simmons  
Armani Alexander Taylor  
Leilani Leigh Townsend  
Mariah Karen Wimberly  
Sade Lorraine Van De Cruize

**Bachelor of Science**

**Nutrition and Food Management**

Tison Gray  
James K. Green  
Jasmine Zykeya Johnson  
Lasya Patnaik

## *South Carolina State University Salutes Its Students Graduating With Honors!*

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The academic honors of Summa Cum Laude (3.75-4.00), Magna Cum Laude (3.50-3.74), and Cum Laude (3.00-3.49) are designated in the commencement program for undergraduate students with outstanding scholastic records based on their cumulative quality point averages (A=4, B=3, C=2) available at the time of printing (final grades for the current semester may not have posted).

### **College of Business and Information Systems**

#### **Summa Cum Laude**

Jaida V Ford  
Omer B Gorgun  
Jessica Outlaw  
Havyn T Rhodes  
Shontavia M Riggins

#### **Magna Cum Laude**

Jaevien K Akinmola  
T'Andra S Davis  
Marquis J Lynch  
Tiffany A Major  
Majors Philippe  
Livia S Silva

#### **Cum Laude**

Deserae Brown  
Jada M Diggs  
Ridge L Ford  
Tyler Honore  
Christopher R Leach  
Valada A Lewis  
Dorothy M Miller  
Kiara N Ready  
Keyanna N Russ  
Herbert H Smith  
Justin M Strother  
Rion T Summers  
Imani T Wilson

### **College of Graduate and Professional Studies**

#### **Summa Cum Laude**

Damon G Bryan  
Ja'Nautica M Cohen  
Shaina C Fears  
Jyla Z Lee  
Jada T Thompson  
Kareem J Walker

#### **Magna Cum Laude**

Te'Dajia Davenport  
Tykeyma M Davis  
Keyona Q Housey

Malik K Jefferson  
Devon J Jennings  
Daisha J Simon  
Raesiha C Williams  
Richlyn K Williams  
Zariel M Williams

#### **Cum Laude**

Alexandrea J Brown  
Ashlyn C Brown  
Khamik J Cardwell  
Luke Dobbs  
Kelly S Farmer  
Arnia A Franklin  
Aubrie M Gilchrist  
Jaylen R Hamilton  
Deric Jenkins  
Talyah S McCrea  
Ry'Kieria J Mccullough  
Dayshia N Quick  
Taylor B Simmons  
Gary Smith  
Kianna B Stukes  
Jawanikia L White  
Tayler L Wilder  
Alexus N Williams  
Amani Williams

### **College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences**

#### **Summa Cum Laude**

Fabienne H Balvers  
Simone O Barnes  
Jazmin I Harris  
Jamieon T Jamison-Gilmore  
Jerdashia L Scott  
Reginald H Thompson  
Frankeisha N Williams

#### **Magna Cum Laude**

Amya S Carr  
Corey G Fields  
Jamie E Gilmore  
Jay'Dalyn C Lubin  
Kaila A McClam-Tamplin

Jeremiah McFadden  
Arica N Parker  
Alanti L Prophet

#### **Cum Laude**

Rachel C Aiken  
Shytaisha B Ames  
Javonni D Ayers  
Timothy C Brown  
Zachary J Felder  
Sophia M Galvan  
Michaela J Hart  
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## *Titles of Dissertations and Theses for May 2022*

### **Doctor of Education**

#### **Alford-Taylor, Johnerra O.**

Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Student Achievement in Middle Schools  
Dr. Necati Engec, Advisor

#### **Cooper, Michelle L.**

The Effectiveness of Speech Language Therapy on Students' Reading Achievement in a Selected Rural School District in South Carolina  
Dr. Percy A. Mack, Jr., Advisor

#### **Crosby, Latrice M.**

The Effectiveness of Leadership Practices on Title I School Performances  
Dr. Percy A. Mack, Jr., Advisor

#### **Curry-Jones, LaToya S.**

An Examination of Elementary Teachers' Reasons for Leaving the Teaching Profession with Traditional and Alternative Certifications in South Carolina  
Dr. Michael A. Boatwright, Advisor

#### **Goethe, Yolanda Y.**

The Impact of Virtual Instruction in Comparison to Traditional Instruction of Middle School Students Based on Performance of Math Map Assessment  
Dr. Vashti K. Washington, Advisor

#### **Greene, Candice M.**

The Impact of a Reading Instructional Program on the Academic Achievement of Students with Specific Learning Disabilities in Area Schools in the Midlands  
Dr. Percy A. Mack, Jr., Advisor

#### **Harris, Christopher D. Sr.**

The Significance of the Factors That Influence School Climate in Public High Schools in the State of Georgia  
Dr. Jesulon Gibbs-Brown, Advisor

#### **Kennedy, John Cedrick**

An Examination of the Effectiveness of Traditional and Blended Learning Environments in an Alternative School  
Dr. Percy A. Mack, Jr. Advisor

#### **Mack, Alethea V.**

Effectiveness of a Stem Program on Eighth Grade Students in the Areas of Science and Mathematics in Georgia Middle Schools Utilizing a School-Within-A-School Model  
Dr. Necati Engec, Advisor

#### **\*\*Reed, Otis Jr.**

A Comparative Analysis of School Discipline Referrals as They Relate to Student Achievement of Third Grade Students in Three Rural Schools Districts in South Carolina  
Dr. Percy A. Mack, Jr. Advisor

#### **Snell, Andrea C.**

The Potential Effect of Covid-19 on Third Through Fifth Grade Students' Mathematics Achievement  
Dr. Jesulon Gibbs-Brown, Advisor

#### **Vassell, Karen M.**

The Comparison of High and Low Performance High Schools in South Carolina Based on School Climate  
Dr. Necati Engec, Advisor

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# *The Symbols of Learning*

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## **The Academic Procession**

The academic procession of today's commencement exercises is made up of candidates for degrees, members of the faculty, members of the Board of Trustees, and members of the platform party marching in that order. After the ceremony, the order of march is reversed except that graduates are dismissed at their seats.

The order of march is in accordance with academic protocol which was established centuries ago when academic ceremonies were predominantly directed by the clergy. In keeping with the familiar order of the religious procession, the younger and newer groups precede the older, and the place of highest honor is at the end of the procession.

## **Academic Attire**

The academic attire worn at American college exercises today dates back in its essential features to the Middle Ages. The oldest universities of northern Europe, such as Paris and Oxford, grew out of church schools. Students and faculty wore clerical garb, largely borrowed from the monastic dress of their day.

The head-covering of the academic costume developed out of the skull cap worn by the clergy in cold weather. In the universities, this skull cap acquired a point on top which gradually evolved into a tassel. In this country, it has been replaced by the familiar mortar-board, which still retains the medieval tassel.

The hood was originally worn over the head, and otherwise dropped onto the shoulders, like a cowl. Today, each college or university has its distinctively colored hood-lining, by which its graduates may be recognized in academic processions.

The gown worn today seems to have been borrowed from the habit of the Benedictine monks. At medieval institutions of higher learning, undergraduate and graduate degree candidates could be distinguished by the simplicity or elaborateness of their gowns. The graduate degree candidates' gowns were often furred, a feature that survives today in the ornamentation found on doctoral gowns.

In keeping with long established traditions, graduates of South Carolina State University continue to wear black robes with an Oxford mortarboard cap and a black tassel. Baccalaureate students graduating with the distinctive honors of Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude wear gold tassels, stoles, and honor cords, as appropriate. Candidates for the master's degrees wear color hoods designating their academic disciplines, and Doctor of Education candidates wear the light blue hood of their discipline, as well as fur-ornamented robes, which display three stripes on each sleeve.

The colors for academic disciplines, established by the American Council on Education, include white for arts, letters, and humanities; drab for business administration, commerce and accountancy; crimson for communication and journalism; copper for economics; light blue for education; orange for Engineering; brown for fine arts; purple for law; lemon for library science; green for medicine; pink for music; apricot for nursing; silver gray for oratory; dark blue for philosophy; sage green for physical education; peacock blue for public administration; golden yellow for science; citron for social science; and scarlet for theology and divinity.



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I hereby solemnly pledge allegiance to my Alma Mater in appreciation of the opportunities for development afforded me at South Carolina State University. I pledge active membership in the National Alumni Association wherever I may be. Through association with my fellow alumni, I shall forever do my best to uphold the ideals and traditions of my Alma Mater. I pledge to exemplify high ideals by rendering positive and dignified service to the community, state, nation, and world, thus living to bring honor and respect to my Alma Mater.

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### **2022 Fall Terms**

Fall Semester Classes begin – August 17 • New Student Campus Move-in–August 11

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### *The Star Spangled Banner*

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Oh! say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
Oh! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,  
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,  
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,  
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?  
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,  
In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream.  
'Tis the star-spangled banner. Oh! long may it wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore  
That havoc of war and the battle's confusion  
A home and a country should leave us no more?  
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.  
No refuge could save the hireling and slave  
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Oh! thus be it ever when free men shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation,  
Blest with victory and peace, may the Heaven rescued land  
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.  
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
And this be our motto, "In God is our trust."  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

--Frances Scott Key (1814)

### *Alma Mater\**

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Sing the praise of Alma Mater  
Let us rally to her calls  
Lift our voices, send them ringing  
Thru the groves and classic halls.

Hail! Hail! Dear Alma Mater  
Hail! Hail! Dear S.C.C.  
We'll defend and honor  
Love and cherish thee.

We are loyal sons and daughters  
Proud to own the name we bear,  
For the truths that thou has taught us  
Ready all to do and dare.

--Robert Shaw Wilkinson  
(Second President, 1911-1932)

\*Words written by Dr. Robert Shaw Wilkinson, second president of South Carolina State College. Mr. Ted D. Phillips, an alumnus, wrote the music.

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