

74
75
76
77
78
OLIVER C. DAWSON STADIUM
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
MDAC CHAMPS
MDAC CHAMPS
MDAC CHAMPS
MDAC CHAMPS
MDAC CHAMPS
MDAC CHAMPS
04
05
06
07
08
09
10



Spring Commencement Convocation



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

Oliver C. Dawson Stadium
Orangeburg, SC

The Seal and Mace

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

Contents

The University	Four
President's Message	Five
Program	Six
Commencement Speaker/ Honorary Degree Recipient	Eight
Candidates for Graduate Degrees	Nine
Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees	Ten
Honors Graduates	Fourteen
Dissertations	Fifteen
Commissions	Fifteen
The Symbols of Learning	Sixteen
Chief Academic Administrators	Seventeen
Board of Trustees	Eighteen
President's Cabinet	Eighteen
Commencement Committee	Eighteen
Alumni Oath	Eighteen
Distinguished/Professor Emeritus/Emerita	Inside Back Cover
Announcements	Inside Back Cover
Star-Spangled Banner	Inside Back Cover
Alma Mater	Inside Back Cover
Institutional Accreditation	Back Cover

The University

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



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
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 (Audiencee 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

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

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
Johnnerra 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 Sherville 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

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 current cumulative grade point averages where A=4, B=3, C=2 (See page fourteen).

Summa Cum Laude

Gold Tassels and Gold Stoles

Magna Cum Laude

Gold Tassels and Gold Honor Cords

Cum Laude

Gold Tassels

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

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 Niecole 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

Bachelor of Science

Accounting

Nasjay Tyenashia Bostick
T'Andra Shontel Davis
Ty'Quasha Monique Durant
Jaida Vernelle 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

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. Starkes
McKenzie Deville Tillman

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

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 Arts

Communications/Journalism

Amya S. Carr
Tyreika Breanna Hunter

Bachelor of Arts

Music Industry

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

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

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 Ejiajwoko

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

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!

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 Akimola
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

Raesihah 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

Nyia T Jefferson

Bradford D Jones

Jermaine M McIver

Shakera J Morton

Paul M Ravenell

Temeria D Rivers

Nakia M Shaheed

Christian M Smith

Donisha N Snell

Ashley D Sweeney

McKenzie D Tillman

Derrick R Webster

College of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Transportation

Summa Cum Laude

Gerardo D Arzaluz Bonifacio
Vacarle E Burgess
Tuesday K Cabang
Noah E Davis
Nma Ejiawoko
Saoud Henzab
Lunndon A Lewis
Kaya Stokes

Magna Cum Laude

Beasia Forero
Telayah D Harrison
Josiah S Henderson
Erin A Hundley
Jael L Jackson
Ramon Lavender
Shakym D Reese

Tyshayla M Wannamaker

Darius J Washington

Olivia D Wilson

Cum Laude

Ajani A Brooks

Trashoan L Cain

Simien Chestnut

Tajah Clark

Candace A Clayton

Marcus T Cochran

Kierra R Cox

Ashara T Ford

Nyelle P Garvin

Angela Gipson

Beth A Graham

Madeleine O Ibe

De'Marco A Poole

Destiny N Prioleau

Alexis D Rice

Jordan L Ross

Allisanne M Sarvis

Maliyah L Taylor

Shawn Vanderpool

Desmond D Williams

Allen L Worthy

College of Agriculture and Family & Consumer Sciences

Summa Cum Laude

Alexandria M Griffin

Magna Cum Laude

Cashmere A Ball
Sebastian Guitian
Leilani L Townsend

Cum Laude

Jessica Austin
Amaris A Davis
Janaisha Green
Brandon D McFadden
Kevin T Rucker

#Dr. Emily England Clyburn Honors College

Titles of Dissertations and Theses for May 2022

Doctor of Education

Alford-Taylor, Johnnerra 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

**Completed Requirements December 2021

Rank of Second Lieutenant Commissioned Officers from the Class of 2022

2LT Simone Oteliah Barnes	Active-Duty
2LT Keosha Shania Evins	Army Reserves
2LT Paul Marcus Ravenell	Active-Duty
2LT Jordan Lee Ross	Active-Duty
2LT Allisane Marie Sarvis	Active-Duty
2LT Christian Morgan Smith	Active-Duty
2LT Kiara Lashay Belton	Army Reserves
2LT Kadasia Ieshia Damon	Active-Duty
2LT Daishanea Aurbujee Gamble	Army Reserve
2LT Ricky Lorenzo Grimes	Active-Duty
2LT Shantel Aaliyah Patten	Army Reserves
2LT DaeKwon Marshae Randolph-Wall	Army Reserve

Active-Duty	Chemical Corps
Army Reserves	Military Police Corps
Active-Duty	Military Police Corps
Active-Duty	Ordnance Corps
Active-Duty	Quartermaster Corps
Active-Duty	Armor
Army Reserves	Signal Corps
Active-Duty	Ordnance Corps
Army Reserve	Transportation Corps
Active-Duty	Quartermaster Corps
Army Reserves	Engineer Corps
Army Reserve	Signal Corps

Chemical Corps	Chemical Corps
Military Police Corps	Military Police Corps
Military Police Corps	Military Police Corps
Ordnance Corps	Ordnance Corps
Quartermaster Corps	Quartermaster Corps
Armor	Armor
Signal Corps	Signal Corps
Ordnance Corps	Ordnance Corps
Transportation Corps	Transportation Corps
Quartermaster Corps	Quartermaster Corps
Engineer Corps	Engineer Corps
Signal Corps	Signal Corps

**Distinguish Military Graduate*

Disclaimer: This Commencement program booklet lists the names of students who have applied for graduation. However, the appearance of the names of these candidates for graduation in the booklet does not mean that they have completed all the requirements to earn the degree for which they applied. The official transcript indicating that the degree has been awarded is the proof that the degree has been earned.

The Symbols of Learning

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.

Division of Academic Affairs—Chief Administrators

Dr. Frederick M. G. Evans

Acting Provost Acting Provost & Vice President
for Academic Affairs

Dr. David Staten

Acting Associate Provost for Academic Affairs

Mr. Elbert Malone

Associate Provost for Sponsored Programs &
Research

Deans

Dr. Barbara Adams

Dean, College of Business & Information Systems

Dr. Lakeisa Tucker

Acting Dean, College of Graduate & Professional Studies

Dr. Ruth Hodges

Interim Dean, Miller Whittaker Library

Dr. Stanley Ihekweazu

Dean, College of Science Technology, Engineering,
Mathematics, & Transportation

Dr. Evelyn Fields

Acting Dean, College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences

Dr. Harriet Roland

Dean, Honors College

Dr. William Whitaker

Acting Dean, College of Agriculture, Family & Consumer Sciences

Chairpersons

Dr. Barbara Adams

Chair, Department of Accounting, Economics and Agribusiness

Dr. Hasanul Basher

Chair, Department of Engineering Technology

Dr. Mable Scott

Acting Chair, Department of Health Sciences

Dr. Musa Danjaji

Acting Chair, Department of Engineering

Lt. Col. Antonio Pittman Chair

Department of Military Science & Homeland Security

Dr. Tolulope Filani

Chair, Department of Visual and Performing Arts

Dr. Matthew Guah

Chair, Department of Business Administration & Information Systems

Dr. Janice Hawes

Chair, Department of English & Communications

Dr. Maria James, Acting Chair

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

Dr. Jessica Berry

Acting Chair, Department of Speech Pathology & Audiology

Dr. Benedict Jua

Chair, Department of Social Sciences

Dr. Lakeisa Tucker

Acting Chair, Department of Human Services

Dr. Judith Salley-Guydon

Chair, Department of Biological and Physical Sciences

Dr. George Johnson

Acting Chair, Department of Education

Dr. Nikunja Swain

Chair, Department of Computer Science & Mathematics

Records and Registration

Mrs. Felicia L. McMillan

Acting Registrar

Readers

Ms. Ursula Robinson

Professor of Drama

Mrs. Sarah Priester

Instructor of English & Communications

Board of Trustees

Rodney C. Jenkins, Chairman '73
Donnie Shell, Vice Chairman '74 '77
Starlee D. Alexander
Jameel Allen '01
Dr. Louvette R. Dicks '79 '07 '14
Ronald D. Friday
Douglas Gantt '84

Dr. Doris Helms
William L. Oden
Monica R. Scott
Dr. Wilbur B. Shuler '68
Dr. Macie P. Smith '99 '02
Dr. Daniel R. Varat

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS
Javonni Ayers
Hank Allen '78
Alexander Thierry
Franklin Pressley '11

President's Cabinet, Col. Alexander Conyers, President

Dr. Frederick M.G. Evans Acting Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs	Mrs. Brenda Walker Interim Vice President Finance and Management	Mr. Travis T. Johnson Director, University Computing and Information Technology Services
Mrs. Shondra F. Abraham Chief of Staff	Mr. Stacy Danley Athletics Director	Dr. Louis D. Whitesides Vice President and Executive Director of 1890 Research and Extension
Mrs. Sonja Bennett-Bellamy Vice President for Institutional Advancement and External Affairs	Mr. Delbert T. Foster Associate Administrator of 1890 Research and Extension	Attorney Pete M. Balthazor General Counsel
Ms. Betty Boatwright Special Assistant to the President	Dr. Tamara Jeffries-Jackson Vice President for Student Affairs	Dr. Manicia Finch VP for Enrollment Management

Members of the Spring 2022 Commencement Committee

Mr. Elbert Malone, Co-Chair	Dr. Jennifer Cash	Mrs. Crystal Howell Darby	Ms. Alberta Gilmore
Dr. Judith Salley-Guydon, Co-Chair	Dr. Rosetta Dingle	Mrs. Sharon Wade-Byrd	Ms. Nicolette Houston
Dr. Frederick Evans	Mrs. Iva Gardener	Dr. Musa Danjaji	Dr. Eunjoo Yi
Mrs. Shondra Abraham	Ms. Jovanni Ayers	Mr. Joseph Thomas	Mrs. Sharon Heatley
Mrs. Felicia McMillan	Ms. Pinkey Carter	Dr. Harriet Roland	Dr. Lamin Drammeh
LTC Antonio Pittman	Ms. Stacy Gregg	Ms. Kay Snider	Dr. Matthew Guah
Mrs. Debra Darby	Ken Davis	Mrs. Cynthia Geter	Dr. Samuel Littlejohn
Chief Timothy Taylor	Dr. William Whitaker	Ms. Shirley McDonald	Mr. Sean Jones
Mr. Travis Johnson	Mr. Jermaine Winston	Ms. Demier Z. Richardson	Mr. Marcus Glenn
Dr. Tamara Jeffries Jackson	Ms. Naseema Moore	Mr. Demetrius Chatman	Mr. Samuel Watson
Mr. Franklin Pressley	Ms. Deborah Blacknall	Mrs. Cathi Cooper Mack	Mr. Mitchell Chapman
Dr. Patrick Moore	Ms. Gloria Pyles	Mrs. Doris Johnson Felder	Mr. Eric Williams
LTC Anthony Watson	Mrs. Stephanie Felks	Mr. Carl A'See	

Alumni Oath

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.

Distinguished/Professor Emeritus/Emerita

Dr. Mary E. Cheeseboro

Dr. Harriett Gregg

Dr. Stanley Harold

Dr. William Hine

Dr. Gail Joyner-Fleming

Dr. Bonita Y. Manson

Dr. Muhammad Mustafa

Dr. Ora Spann

Dr. Leo Twiggs

Dr. Sarah Washington-Favors

Dr. Gwendolyn D. Wilson

Announcements

2022 Fall Terms

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

Returning Students Campus Move-in – August 12

The Star Spangled Banner

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 footstep's 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**

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.

INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION



South Carolina State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees. Questions about the accreditation of South Carolina State University may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org).

The academic programs are accredited by various national accrediting bodies.

- The Business programs are accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.
- The Civil Engineering Technology, Electrical Engineering Technology, Industrial Engineering Technology and Mechanical Engineering Technology programs are accredited by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of ABET, <http://www.abet.org>.
- The Computer Science Program is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET to award bachelor's degrees in Computer Science. Contact the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET at <http://www.abet.org> for questions about the accreditation of Computer Science Program at South Carolina State University.
- The Counselor Education program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).
- The Family and Consumer Sciences programs are accredited by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (<https://www.aafcs.org/credentialing-center/accreditation/accredited-units>).
- South Carolina State University is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) to award bachelor's degrees in Music Education, K-12 and a Bachelors of Music Degree with an Emphasis in Music Industry. Contact the NASM at 11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21, Reston, Virginia 20190-5248 or call 703-437-0700 for questions about the accreditation of South Carolina State University.
- The Nuclear Engineering Program at SC State University is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), www.abet.org.
- The Nutrition and Food program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (<https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend>).
- The Rehabilitation Counseling Program at South Carolina State University is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).
- The Social Work Program at South Carolina State University is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation.
- The Speech Pathology and Audiology program at South Carolina State University is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850.
- The Studio Art Program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, (NASAD).
- The Teacher Education programs are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

In addition, the Counseling and Self-Development Center is accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS), the accreditation association for university and college counseling centers; the Child Development Learning Center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (<https://www.naeyc.org/>).