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~PROGRAM~
Ms. Patricia B. Lott, ’63, ‘79
President, National Alumni Association
Presiding

Prelude ................................................................. Mrs. Sheneice Duckett Smith, ’80
Chairperson, Fine Arts Department and Director of Choral Activities
Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School

Parade of Alumnae .................................................. South Carolina State University Saxophone Choir
Class of 2009

Welcome ................................................................. Mrs. Abbiegail H. Hugine, ’71, ’75
First Lady

Invocation ............................................................... Minister Mary E. Ravenell, ’73
Lecturer
Felton Laboratory School

Occasion ................................................................. Ms. Roblena E. Walker
Miss SCSU

Solo ................................................................. Ms. Devonia Miller
Class of 2008

~~~~~ Luncheon ~~~~

Instrumental Selection .............................................. South Carolina State University Chamber Group
Ms. Robyn Perrineau, Class of 2009,
Piano, Department of Visual and Performing Arts

Recognizing Distinguished Alumnae ................................ Ms. Lillian M. Adderson,’81
Assistant Vice President for Alumni Affairs

Ms. Kelry C. Robinson,’98, Anderson Alumni Chapter
Ms. Carol Moorer Richburg, ’75, Atlanta Alumni Chapter
Mrs. Louise S. Williams, ’65, Beaufort Alumni Chapter
Mrs. Vernel T. Brown, ’71, Charleston Alumni Chapter
Mrs. Barbara Moye Waymer, ’58, Charlotte Alumni Chapter
Mrs. Lucille Ellis Floyd, ’40, Greater Augusta Alumni Chapter
Mrs. Lynette D. Wilson, ’88, Greater Columbia Alumni Chapter
Mrs. Vivian H. Henry,’76, ’01, Greenwood Alumni Chapter
Mrs. Geraldine Lewis Hayes, ’62, Los Angeles Alumni Chapter
*Colonel Patricia A. Simmons Abraham, ’76, Military Alumni Chapter

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Mrs. Rosalyn H. Stanley, ’69, Philadelphia Alumni Chapter
Mrs. LeShawna K. Alderman-Mullgrav, ’93, Savannah Alumni Chapter
Ms. Suester R. Johnson, ’62, Sumter Alumni Chapter
Ms. Mary L. Swintont Wade, ’61, Washington, DC Alumni Chapter
Mrs. Louise B. Roseboro, ’48, York-Chester Alumni Chapter

Solo ................................................................. Ms. Miller

Expressions of Gratitude .............................................. Mrs. Thomas

Acknowledgements .................................................. Mrs. Hugine

Alma Mater .............................................................. Audience
*Posthumously
Distinguished Alumnae

Ms. Kelry C. Robinson,’98, Anderson Alumni Chapter  
Kelry Robinson was graduated from South Carolina State in 1998 with a degree in Chemistry. In 2006, she received the MBA Degree from the University of Phoenix. Ms. Robinson has been a member of the Anderson, SC Alumni Chapter since 2000, and she has been the president ever since. 
Kelry’s most memorable experience at SC State was being a part of the Marching 101. She made friends that she is still in contact with, and the experience enhanced her dancing skills while her ability to memorize music was taken to another level. 
This honoree presently resides in Starr, SC with her mother and other close relatives. She is presently working as the Safety, Health, and Environmental Coordinator for the Cytec Carbon Fibers Plant.

Ms. Carol Moorer Richburg, ’75, Atlanta Alumni Chapter  
Carol Moorer Richburg received her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Social Welfare from South Carolina State in 1975. She has been a member of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter since 2002 where she serves as chair for the Hospitality Committee. On the National level, she is co-chair for Constitution and By Laws. Ms. Richburg has been active in recruitment for SCSU, including organizing auditions for SC State’s band director in Metro Atlanta, working with the Admission’s Office to coordinate Student Visitors’ Day, and facilitating applications from students in the Metro Atlanta area. 
Carol remembers coming out of a basketball game to a major snow storm in 1973 and the opening of Truth Hall as a magnificent new dormitory. She said that SCSU exposed her to different cultures, prepared her to adapt to changes and to be able to face challenges. 
She is the mother of two sons, Bryan Nathaniel and James Henry ’06, Biology Major and drum major for the Marching 101. Her father and brother are also graduates of SCSU. She was the Army Community Services Director for the US Army in Landstuhl, Germany. Her accomplishments include being the first female basketball coach for her church league and raising funds for the William E. Purkett II Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Mrs. Louise S. Williams, ’65, Beaufort Alumni Chapter  
Mrs. Louise S. Williams is a 1965 graduate of South Carolina State University with a B.S. Degree in Home Economics. She has been a member of the Beaufort Alumni Chapter since 1988. As a member, she has served in the capacities of banquet chairperson and chaplain. Her most memorable experience as a student was living in the Home Management House with five other females and the advisor for six weeks. They all worked in different capacities each week in order to learn how to run a household. 
Mrs. Williams is married to Rev. Dr. Horace Williams, also an SCSU graduate, and they have one son, an SCSU graduate. This retired Economic Services Supervisor for the Department of Social Services enjoys singing, cake decorating, and spoiling her two grandchildren.

Mrs. Vernell T. Brown, ’71, Charleston Alumni Chapter  
Vernell T. Brown was graduated from South Carolina State in 1971 with a degree in Accounting. In 1978, she earned the master’s degree in Social Work from the University of South Carolina. Mrs. Brown has been a member of the Charleston Chapter since 1978, and she has been president since that time. On the national level, she has been the financial secretary and 2nd vice president. Her most memorable experiences at SC State were attending football games as a freshman where we “actually had to sit together and cheer together.” She attended most swimming meets, baseball games, and basketball games. Vernell lives on John’s Island, and is a public school administrator/social worker in the Charleston County School District.
Mrs. Barbara Moye Waymer, ’58, Charlotte Alumni Chapter

Barbara Moye Waymer earned her BS in Library Science at South Carolina State in 1958. In 1982, she received a master’s degree from Appalachian State University and Administrative Certification from University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She has been an active member of the Charlotte Alumni Chapter, holding offices of president, vice-president, secretary, and Scholarship Committee Chairperson. Her honors include Alumni of the Year in 1990 and, recently, the Humanitarian Award. At the national level, she was Chairperson of the Alumni House and was Chair of the National Alumni Convention when it convened in Charlotte. Barbara is a life member of SCSU National Alumni Association and a member of the S.T.A.T.E Club.

Mrs. Waymer’s memorable accomplishments while at South Carolina State include her induction into the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., her selection as Actress of the Year for the Henderson Davis Players, her appointment as Editor in Chief of the Bulldog and her service as an attendant to Miss SCSC.

Barbara was married to David B. Waymer, SCSC class of ’55 (deceased), and they have three sons – David, Jr. (deceased), Ralph ’83 and Gerald, and six grandchildren. She is a retired educator of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, where she was recognized as Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Lucille Ellis Floyd, ’40, Greater Augusta Alumni Chapter

Lucille Floyd was graduated from South Carolina State in 1940 with a bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education. In 1948, she earned the master’s degree in Early Childhood Education from Columbia University and went on to teach music in the schools of Richmond County, Georgia. Mrs. Floyd has been a member of the Greater Augusta Alumni Chapter since her graduation, and has been the president and membership chair. As chapter president, our honoree rejuvenated the chapter and increased its membership to its highest level ever. In 1997, she was elected Ms. SCSU National Alumni.

Lucille says that she has many fond memories of performing with the SC State choir and taking part with the campus YWCA. This retired teacher presently resides in Augusta, Georgia.

Mrs. Lynette D. Wilson, ’88, Greater Columbia Alumni Chapter

Lynette Wilson, a 1988 graduate of South Carolina State, received a B.S. in Marketing. She is a member of the Greater Columbia Alumni Chapter, where she has served as 1st vice-president. On the national level, she was corresponding secretary.

Her most memorable experience at SC State was her graduation, where she was the first of seven siblings to receive a four year degree, now a new family legacy.

Lynette is married to Frederick Wilson, SCSC class of ’86, and they have a six year old daughter, Chelsea, a Bulldog fan. Mrs. Wilson has been employed with the State of South Carolina for 14 years. In 1977, she earned the designation of Certified Government Finance Officer and has received numerous certificates for training, leading to her position as Accounting Manager for the SC Department of Health and Human Services.

Mrs. Vivian H. Henry, ‘76, ‘01, Greenwood Alumni Chapter

Vivian Henry received her B.S. in Elementary Education in 1976 and her Master’s of Education in 2001, both from South Carolina State. In 1989, she attended Lander University, where she studied Early Childhood Education. She is a member of the Greenwood Alumni Chapter in Greenwood, SC.
Mrs. Geraldine Lewis Hayes, ‘62, *Los Angeles Alumni Chapter*

Geraldine Lewis Hayes received her B.S. from South Carolina State in 1962 and her M.Ed. from the University of South Carolina in 1974. She did additional coursework at UCLA. A member of the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter, Mrs. Hayes served as co-chair for chapter activities and on the Membership Committee for the National Alumni Association.

Her most memorable experience was when she was selected to organize the women of Bradham Hall to march for justice and equality. “This experience taught me to always speak against double standards and advocate for the rights of all people,” she says.

Geraldine is married to Theodis Hayes. They have a son, Arthur, and a daughter, Jammie. Her mother, Evelyn Lewis graduated from SC State in 1932. Mrs. Hayes is the vice-principal of Inwood Prep Academy.

*Colonel Patricia A. Simmons Abraham, ‘76, *Military Alumni Chapter*

Patricia A. Simmons Abraham was graduated from South Carolina State University with a bachelor’s degree in Biology in 1976. She earned a Master of Arts in Science Education from Columbia University Teachers’ College in 1984 and graduated from the United States Army Command and General Staff College in 1996.

She had been a member of the SCSU Military Alumni Chapter since 1995. In 2001, she was honored as a Distinguished Alumni of South Carolina State at the 26th National Conference on Blacks in Higher Education. A member of the first class of female ROTC cadets at SCSU, Colonel Abraham was inducted into the SCSU ROTC Hall of Fame on October 27, 2005.

Patricia was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, and sister. She had an unrelenting drive and willingness to accept any challenge. Her great loves were her family, the military, friends, and South Carolina State University.

Ms. Tina R. M. Johnson, ‘92, *New York Alumni Chapter*

Ms. Johnson is a 1992 graduate of South Carolina State University with a B.S. Degree in Social Work. She has been a member of the New York City Alumni Chapter since 1992. In 2000, she was elected vice president of her chapter and is still serving in that capacity.

My most memorable experience was being in the first class to graduate from South Carolina State University, not college. Tina is employed as a Job Opportunity Associate for the Human Resource Administration of New York City, where she has worked for fourteen years. She also enjoys singing in the women’s choir of First Bethel A.M.E. Church.

Mrs. Evia Zimmerman Thomas, ‘63, ‘78, *Orangeburg County Alumni Chapter*

Mrs. Evia Zimmerman Thomas is a 1963 graduate of SC State with a degree in Physical Education. She also earned an M.A. Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling from her alma mater. Evia has been a member of the Alumni Association since 1966, beginning her membership with the Philadelphia Chapter and continuing until the present with the Orangeburg, SC Chapter. Her recent positions include 2nd Vice President (2000-2002), corresponding secretary (2004-present), and Membership/Public Relations Chair (2005-Present). Her national positions include South Carolina Regional Membership Representative (2005-2006) and Outstanding Alumnus of the Year (2006-2007).

Mrs. Thomas says that her time at SC State was a time of trailblazing. There were protests, boycotts, sit-ins and other demonstrations for change. She continues, “We were truly a family whose ties continue to this day. I loved my years at SCSC.”

The retired public school teacher lives in Orangeburg with her daughter and other close relatives.

Mrs. Rosalyn H. Stanley, ‘69, *Philadelphia Alumni Chapter*

Mrs. Rosalyn H. Stanley was graduated from SC State in 1969 with a bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education. She went on to receive a master’s in School Administration and Supervision from George Mason University, Fairfax, Va.

She has been a member of the Philadelphia Chapter since 2005 and is a life member of the national association. Locally, she has been the newsletter editor, and nationally, she will chair the 2006 National Convention.

Rosalyn is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and she is married to Major-General (Ret.) Clifford Stanley; they have one daughter, Navy lieutenant Angela Stanley.
Mrs. LeShawna K. Alderman-Mullgrav, ’93, Savannah Alumni Chapter
LaShawna Alderman-Mullgrav was graduated from SC State in 1993 with a degree in Special Education. She continued her educational pursuits and earned the M.Ed. Degree from the University of Southern Mississippi (1996) and an Ed.S. Degree from Cambridge College (2004). LaShawna has been a member of the Savannah Chapter since Fall 2002, and the chapter president says that she was “a pioneer” in the establishment of the current South Carolina State Alumni Chapter in Savannah; “the hours and effort she personally devoted to the birth of the current chapter is unparalleled,” her president continued.

In addition to leading the effort to get the chapter chartered, LaShawna also served as the chapter’s president for the first three years. The chapter continues to grow and achieve significant accomplishments under her leadership. Mrs. Alderman-Mullgrav’s most memorable experiences at SC State include being an ROTC participant and “meeting my lifelong friends.” LaShawna is presently a District Staffing Specialist for the Department for Exceptional Children, and she lives with her husband and other close relatives in Savannah.

Ms. Suester R. Johnson, ’62, Sumter Alumni Chapter
Ms. Suester R. Johnson is a 1962 graduate of SC State with a degree in Business Education. In 1993, she was awarded the master’s degree in Human Resources Management from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, Calif. She has been a member of the Sumter Chapter since 1995. In the Sumter Chapter, she has held the offices of secretary and vice president. Nationally, Ms. Johnson has co-chaired the scholarship committee.

Her most memorable SC State experiences include being elected as secretary of her senior class, receiving her student teaching assignment, and “Cap and Gown Day.” This retired mother of two lives in Columbia, SC.

Ms. Mary L. Swinton Wade, ’61, Washington, DC Alumni Chapter
Ms. Mary L. Swinton Wade is a 1961 graduate of South Carolina State College with a B.A. in English. In 1976, she received her M.Ed. Degree from Bowie State University, Bowie, Maryland. Ms. Wade has been a member of the Washington, DC Chapter since 1978, and she has held several positions in the chapter during that time. Mary has served as recording secretary, chapter president, chair of the membership committee, chair of the 60th Anniversary Celebration, chair of the 70th Anniversary Celebration and a member of the Ways and Means Committee. On the national level, Mary has served as chair of membership and as recording secretary.

While a student at South Carolina State, Mary was involved in sit-in demonstrations and protest marches. “I will always remember that we were not permitted to leave the campus. Any attempts to do so brought the police force that turned dogs, water hoses, and gas on us in order to keep us from going downtown,” she said.

Ms. Wade presently resides in Upper Marlboro, Maryland and works part time as a Demonstration Coach, training and modeling best practices for new teachers in Prince George’s County, Maryland.

Mrs. Louise B. Roseboro, ’48, York-Chester Alumni Chapter
Mrs. Louise Roseboro was graduated from SC State in 1948 and received a master’s degree from North Carolina Central in 1968. She is a life member of the York-Chester (Rock Hill) Chapter where she most recently served as secretary.

The most memorable SC State experience for Mrs. Roseboro was marching to obtain her master’s degree along with her daughter, Speech Therapist Erica Hagood, who received her master’s at the same time.

This retired school teacher lives in Rock Hill with her husband of 22 years, Ronald Henry.
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Waldorf Salad on Bed of Lettuce
Sautéed Jumbo Shrimp/Grilled Breast of Chicken
Yellow Seasoned Rice
Bundle of Lemon Glazed Asparagus
Baby Belgium Carrots
Warmed Yeast Rolls (Butter)
Assorted Cake
Iced Tea
Coffee
First Lady Scholarship Luncheon Committee

Ms. Lillian M. Adderson, ’81, Co-Chair
Ms. Mary L. Smalls, ’74, Co-Chair

Mrs. Ruth M. Bowden
Mrs. Emily E. Clyburn, ’61
Mrs. Josephine R. Evans, ’54
Dr. Ghussan R. Greene
Mrs. Patricia S. Holmes
Mrs. Abbiegail H. Hugine, ’71, ’75
Ms. Patricia B. Lott, ’63, ’79

Ms. Erica S. Prioleau, ’00
Mrs. Margaret A. Roberts, ’57
Mrs. Marilyn R. Scott, ’68
Mrs. Wendolyn C. Shaw, ’89
Mrs. Bernice Tribble
Ms. Ellen N. Zisholtz

Hostesses

Mrs. Stephanie E. Blair, ’03
Mrs. Angela L. Ham, ’99
Ms. Faith R. Keller, ’05
Ms. Valerie K. Mack, ’04
Ms. Erica S. Prioleau, ’00
Ms. Demier Z. Richardson, ’99
Ms. Robin K. Wright, ’97

Acknowledgements

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Flowers by Jennifer
South Carolina State University Student Artists
Alma Mater

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

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.

Words written by Dr. Robert Shaw Wilkinson, second president; music written by Mr. Theodore DeWitt Phillips, faculty member, in 1927.
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