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Four O’clock
Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center
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About the photo...

“The Entrance Arch,” which once stood near the site where Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium currently stands, proudly marked the entrance to the campus. It was a place where alumni and young students met to have their photographs taken. A class donation was used to build the arch in the 1920s by students in the bricklaying class of Mr. Elliott L. Stewart who began work at the College in 1919. In the background is White Hall a two-story academic building with twelve well equipped classrooms and an auditorium with the capacity to accommodate one thousand. It was completed in 1920.

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Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing IBC

Alma Mater IBC
Occasion

Today, South Carolina State University celebrates one hundred and ten years of excellent service to the community, state, nation and world, having produced all of the following: leading professionals in arts, sciences, politics, law, medicine, and human services; the state’s largest population of African-American teachers, and more African-American Army officers than any other University military training facility in the nation. This is the legacy of South Carolina State University, and today, we reaffirm our commitment to build upon this legacy of excellence.

Founders’ Day: Keynote Speakers

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Building upon the Legacy of Excellence: The Presidents

Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr. (2003-Present)

Dr. Thomas E. Miller (1896-1911)
Dr. Robert S. Wilkinson (1911-1932)
Dr. Miller F. Whittaker (1932-1949)
Dr. Benner C. Turner (1950-1967)

Dr. Macco Nance, Jr. (1968-1986)
Dr. Albert E. Smith (1986-1992)
Dr. Barbara R. Hatton (1993-1995)
Dr. Leroy Davis, Sr. (1996-2002)
A Brief History of South Carolina State University

On March 3, 1896, the South Carolina General Assembly enacted legislation establishing South Carolina State College. Thomas E. Miller, a former Congressman from South Carolina, became the first president (1896-1911). During Dr. Miller’s tenure, and that of his initial faculty of thirteen South Carolinians, the College plant consisted of 135 acres, eight small buildings, a minimal dairy herd, and a few other farm animals. Because of the meager facilities, academic instruction was given primarily on logs hewn from the campus forest—logs that were later made into lumber for the first dormitory and classroom buildings.

Upon President Miller’s retirement, Dr. Robert Shaw Wilkinson, a Charlestonian and Professor of Physics at the College, succeeded to the presidency. His twenty-one year administration witnessed an increase in faculty and student enrollment, an established income from both federal and state sources, an expansion in the building program, a cooperative working relationship with Clemson College and Claflin University, the initiation of a State Teacher Summer School, and the celebration of the College’s twenty-fifth birthday.

The death of President Wilkinson on March 13, 1932 catapulted Dr. Miller F. Whittaker to Acting President, subsequently to President in May 1932. Among the milestones under the aegis of President Whittaker (1932-1949), a former Director of the Mechanical Department at the College, were these: the establishment of a Law School, the establishment of a South Carolina State College Extension School with units in fifteen South Carolina communities, the establishment of a Reserve Officers’ Training Corps Infantry Unit, and in 1933, the achievement of the college’s appearance on the approved list of colleges by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The first formal observance of Founders’ Day was held in March 1938.

From 1950 to 1967, Dr. Benner C. Turner, former Dean of the Law School, effected these developments in the College: a rapid growth of both the undergraduate and graduate enrollments, an increase in the number of faculty and staff, an increase in the number of doctoral faculty, the reorganization of the administrative and structural areas, major improvements in the physical plant to include the renovation of buildings and construction of many new buildings such as a new academic building, dormitories for both men and women, and a cafeteria. New walkways, drives, roads and attractive landscaping added to the beauty of the campus and the comfort of its inhabitants.

On June 23, 1968, Dr. M. Maceo Nance, Jr., former Vice President for Business and Finance, succeeded to the presidency of the College after a one-year tenure as Acting President. Dr. Nance continued to build upon the foundation laid by his predecessors. The Nance administration embarked upon a meaningful role to be performed by the College in the local community and, by extension, in the world community via the creation of a wholesome, relevant public image, the acquisition of new sources of income, the ensuring of sound curricula, sincere students, dedicated teachers and alumni, and a burgeoning physical expansion.

Most outstanding among the large number of additions to the physical plant under the administration of President Nance were the following: Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center, a Health and Physical Education Building (1968); addition to Hodge Hall Science Building (1968); addition to Kirkland W. Green Student Center (1970); Ko W. G. Donma Administration Building (1970); housing for married students, Queens’ Village, Phase 1, 12 Apartments (1971); 20 Apartments (1975); Sojourner Truth Hall, Women’s Residence Hall (1972); Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium (1974); M. Maceo Nance, Jr. Classroom Building (1974); John H. Mitchell Hall, Men’s Residence
Hall (1975); I. P. Stanback Museum & Planetarium (1979); the Crawford-Zimmerman Service Complex (1983); and the School of Business Algernon S. Belcher Complex (1986).

On July 1, 1986, upon the retirement of President Nance, Dr. Albert E. Smith became the sixth President of South Carolina State College. During President Smith’s tenure, the College established working relationships with several major corporations including Westinghouse, Hughes Aircraft, AT&T and Xerox. The School of Freshman Studies was created, and an Honors Program was established. Fundraising efforts brought nearly $3 million to the College. Ground was broken in late 1991 for a new women’s residence hall. President Smith was instrumental in efforts to gain university status for the College.

On January 13, 1992, the Board of Trustees named Dr. Carl A. Carpenter, Interim President of South Carolina State College. During his tenure, the New Master Plan for Facilities was finalized and approval was given for the construction of the Fine Arts Building, improvement of Oliver C. Dawson Stadium, expansion of the 1890 Research Facility and New Conference Center at Camp Harry Daniels. The Intercollegiate Athletics Program was re-organized with the employment of the first full-time Athletics Director. The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) was approved by the Commission on Higher Education and accreditation visits for engineering technology and social work were conducted. Also, the Institution was designated South Carolina State University on February 26, 1992.

On September 30, 1992, the Board of Trustees elected Dr. Barbara R. Hatton as the first woman to assume the presidency of South Carolina State University, and she began her duties on January 4, 1993. During her tenure she was instrumental in — converting Felton Laboratory School into a state-of-the-art professional development school, initiating legislation which was passed by the General Assembly allowing engineering technology graduates to sit for the engineering licensure examination in South Carolina, opening an Office of State and Community Relations in Columbia, and increasing collaborations and projects with colleges, universities and federal and private agencies. Capital improvement projects included the 1890 Extension Office Complex and the completion of the Oliver C. Dawson Bulldog Stadium and Student Center Plaza.

On June 13, 1995, the Board of Trustees named Dr. Leroy Davis, Sr., Interim President and on April 10, 1996, Dr. Davis was named the eighth President of South Carolina State University. President Davis established Centers of Excellence in Transportation and Leadership as part of a plan to have a Center of Excellence in each of the five academic schools. Under his leadership, scholarship support increased to recruit more academically talented freshmen; the first University Staff Senate was established; a new tenure and promotion policy was developed; university partnerships were increased, and new community service programs in the areas of health care and economic development were implemented. The Stateite Creed was developed. In December 2000, the university’s accreditation was reaffirmed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

In 2001, the School of Business was first accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB); annual private fundraising exceeded $2 million for the first time, and the Office of Environmental Health was established. Capital improvement projects included the Fine Arts Center (1999) and the Unity Wall (2001). Also, approval was given for the construction of privatized housing, a science building annex, and an interdisciplinary research center. An updated long-range facilities Master Plan was approved. Dukes Gym was re-opened and The STATE Room was opened at Columbia Metropolitan Airport.
On July 1, 2002, the Board of Trustees named retired Chief Justice Ernest A. Finney, Jr. Interim President of South Carolina State University. During his tenure, the Nuclear Engineering Degree Program was approved by the S.C. Commission on Higher Education. The program is a joint program in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin, the only undergraduate Nuclear Engineering program at an HBCU and the first of its kind started in the nation within the past twenty-five years. The University received funding in the amount of $9 million to construct a state-of-the-art transportation research facility. The University became the lead institution to provide statewide coordination for the South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (SCAMP). SCAMP is a $5 million grant to increase the number of minority students participating in mathematics, science, engineering and technology.

On May 16, 2003, the Board of Trustees named Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., the ninth President of South Carolina State University. President Hugine developed an Alumni Heritage Endowment fund to allow the University to create a perpetual fund to be used for scholarships, capital improvements, and endowed chairs. It is a fundraising effort specifically for graduates and supporters of South Carolina State University. In addition, Faculty, Staff, and Student Cabinets were established. The front entrance to the campus was renovated and upgraded; a security booth was constructed; and a new, enormous Bulldog mascot was unveiled to adorn the front entrance. Major renovations and improvements were made to selected dormitories, academic buildings, and the Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center.

Under President Hugine’s leadership, an agreement with the University of South Carolina launched a faculty/student exchange program in nuclear engineering; the University Transportation Center was named the James E. Clyburn Transportation Center, and the Walnut Room was named the Robert S. Evans Walnut Room. In addition, the Real Estate Foundation 501(c)3, the Research and Development Foundation and the Advancement Foundation were established. Also, the 1890 Extension Office Complex was completed. The University underwent a major restructuring effort that combined and placed programs within appropriate units and the Student Success and Retention Program was developed. The five undergraduate schools within Academic Affairs were reorganized and elevated into three colleges.

Other university accomplishments during Dr. Hugine’s presidency include: the Computer Science program received its initial accreditation by the Computing Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (CAC/ABET). A new Master of Business Administration degree program with concentrations in Agribusiness and Entrepreneurship was added to the curriculum. The University had the largest number of newly enrolled students in the University’s history. The 1890 Research and Extension Division purchased a mobile technology unit. An Alumni Heritage Endowment Fund was launched, and the University Board of Visitors was established. The nursing program received accreditation from the Commission for Collegiate Nursing Education.

In 2005, President Hugine continued to make significant accomplishments. The University began work on the largest construction project in the history of the University, a $42 million new apartment-style residence hall. The new 772-bed living facility will provide safe, modern housing for University students. The University completed multi-million dollar renovations to the Pitt and Washington Dining Hall facilities; alumni giving reached a record $1 million; the new Master in Transportation degree program was established; and the Thomas E. Miller Society was established to recognize $100,000 lifetime givers.
Program

“Building Upon A Rich Heritage and A Proud Legacy”

Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., '71, '74 - President
Presiding

PRELUDE .................................................................South Carolina State University Symphonic Band
Mr. Eddie Ellis, Conductor

PROCESSIONAL – War March of the Priests .........................................................Felix Mendelssohn
South Carolina State University Symphonic Band
Mr. Ellis, Conductor

POSTING OF THE COLORS ...........................................................ROTC Color Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM – The Star Spangled Banner ................................................Francis Scott Key
South Carolina State University Symphonic Band, Concert Choir, Audience
Mr. Ellis, Conductor

ANTHEM – Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing .................................................................James Weldon Johnson
South Carolina State University Symphonic Band, Concert Choir, Audience
Mr. Ellis, Conductor

INVOCATION .................................................................Bishop Marcus Matthews, ‘68
Philadelphia Area, The United Methodist Church

OCCASION .................................................................Miss Roblena E. Walker
Miss South Carolina State University

GREETINGS .................................................................Mr. Maurice G Washington, ‘85
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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President, National Alumni Association

.................................................................Mr. Matt Kimbrough
President, Student Government Association

SELECTION – “Hallelujah” from Mount of Olives .............................................L. van Beethoven
South Carolina State University Concert Choir
Dr. Richard E. Beckford, Director
Mr. D. Sidney Haton, Accompanist

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ..................................................Mr. Demar L. Roberts
Vice President, Pre-Alumni Council, Class of 2008

FOUNDERS’ DAY ADDRESS ....................................................The Honorable James E. Clyburn, ‘61
Sixth District Representative
United States House of Representatives

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SELECTION – *Elijah Rock* .............................................................. arr. Moses Hogan
South Carolina State University Concert Choir
Dr. Beckford, *Director*

**AWARDS** ...................................................................................... President Hugine
Chairman Washington

**READER:**
Dr. Jo-Ann D. Rolle, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Faculty and Staff Service Awards
Quarter Century Club Awards

Distinguished Alumnus Awards ................................................. Class of 1955

*(Accepted by Colonel (Retired) William L. Mazyck, Sr.)*
The Honorable James E. and Mrs. Emily England Clyburn, ’61, ’61
Mr. John J. Funny, ’87
Dr. Lillie Beasley Glover, ’61
Mrs. Margaret Wade Lesesne, ’51
Bishop Marcus Matthews, ’68

Distinguished Service Awards .................................................. Mr. Brantley Edward Evans, Sr., Posthumously

*(Accepted by Mrs. Josephine R. Evans)*
Mr. F. Richard Harmon, Jr.

Thomas E. Miller Society
Class of 2006 ................................................................................. Mr. Lewis A. Berry, ’66

The Honorable James E. and Mrs. Emily England Clyburn, ’61, ’61
Colonel (Retired) and Mrs. Alfred P. (Parniest) Glover, ’53, ’54
Mrs. Margaret Wade Lesesne, ’51
Mr. Robert S. Porcher, III, ’92
Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. (Pearl A.) Tourville, Sr.

Teacher of the Year Awards
Staff Employee of the Year Awards
Presidential Awards

**REMARKS** ...................................................................................... President Hugine

**ALMA MATER** ............................................................................... R. S. Wilkinson – T. D. Phillips
South Carolina State University Symphonic Band, Concert Choir, Audience
Mr. Ellis, *Conductor*

**RETIRING OF THE COLORS** ....................................................... ROTC Color Guard

**BENEDICTION** .............................................................................. Bishop Matthews

**POSTLUDE** ................................................................................... South Carolina State University Symphonic Band
Mr. Ellis, *Conductor*
Congressman James “Jim” E. Clyburn is a native South Carolinian, and a graduate of South Carolina State University. His political career began in 1992 when he ran for and was elected to South Carolina’s Sixth Congressional District. His constituents continue to honor him each term by returning him to Washington as their Representative. Congressman Clyburn has made tremendous strides during his fourteen years as a public servant to improve the lives of all South Carolinians.

This year, Congressman Clyburn was selected by his colleague’s unanimous support to Chair the House Democratic Caucus, and he began his work with a well-received Issues Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia earlier this month. Previously he served three years as the Vice Chair of the Caucus, and as Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 106th Congress. As CBC Chair, Congressman Clyburn led the largest Congressional delegation ever to visit the financial centers of New York’s Wall Street and Chicago’s LaSalle Street. He moved environment justice issues to the forefront of the Caucus’ agenda and successfully pushed for integration of the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals.

As a member of the coveted House Appropriations Committee, he serves on the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, and the Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, The Judiciary, and the District of Columbia. In his first three terms, Congressman Clyburn served on the Veteran Affairs and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committees, where he was the ranking member on the Veterans Affairs’ Oversight and Investigation Subcommittee.

His work on behalf of South Carolina State University will soon be very visible to anyone that visits State’s campus. Ground was broken last year on the new James E. Clyburn Transportation, Research and Conference Center, for which the Congressman secured funding. This facility will transform the campus by creating a new entrance and housing not only a state of the art transportation program, but also the Emily E. Clyburn Archives and History Center.

Some of Congressman Clyburn’s philanthropic work focuses on benefiting students seeking a higher education. Each August, he hosts the Rudolph Canzater Memorial Classic golf tournament in Santee, South Carolina that has raised more then $300,000 for college scholarships. And just last December, he raised more than $1.25 million for South Carolina State University with a Holiday Gala held in Columbia.

Congressman Clyburn currently serves as Steering Committee Chairman for the International Museum of African American History in Charleston, South Carolina and is a member of the governing boards of Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina; Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina; and The Palmetto Conservation Foundation. He is also a graduate of the South Carolina Executive Institute.
Mrs. Emily England Clyburn was born and reared in Berkeley County near Moncks Corner, South Carolina and graduated from Berkeley Training School. The Honorable James E. “Jim” Clyburn was born and reared in Sumter, South Carolina and graduated from Mather Academy in Camden. Emily and Jim have been married since June 24, 1961.

They began their matriculation at South Carolina State College (University) in September 1957, and they are members of the class of 1961. Emily graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education with a major in Library Science. She received a Masters of Librarianship from the University of South Carolina in 1977. Jim received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Studies with minors in History and Sociology. He has been awarded fifteen (15) honorary degrees by various colleges and universities.

Emily’s entire professional career has been devoted to some aspect of librarianship. In 1961 she established the library at Fairwold (W. G. Sanders) Middle School in Columbia, South Carolina. In 1962 Jim and Emily relocated to Charleston. Emily became Assistant Librarian at Burke High School and Jim taught English and Social Studies at Simonton School and later World History at C. A. Brown High School.

In April 1965, Jim became an Employment Counselor at the South Carolina Employment Security Commission in Charleston. Later that year Emily was offered an Assistant Librarianship at the Veterans Hospital in Columbia. To accommodate Emily’s acceptance of that offer, Jim transferred to Columbia, and they moved back to Columbia in October 1965.

Six months later, Jim accepted an offer from the Charleston County Economic Opportunity Commission to become Director of Charleston’s Neighborhood Youth Corps and New Careers Project. He accepted and returned to Charleston in April 1966. Emily returned to Charleston the following October and served first as Librarian at Simonton School, and later as Head Librarian at the Naval Hospital in Charleston.

In 1968, Jim was appointed Executive Director of the South Carolina Commission for Farm Workers which was headquartered in Charleston. He served until taking a leave-of-absence to join the staff of John C. West, when West was elected Governor in 1970. Emily continued as Head Librarian at the Naval Hospital and Jim commuted to Columbia. A year later Jim decided to remain with Governor West, and they moved back to Columbia. Emily returned to the Assistant Librarianship at the Veterans Hospital where she remained until retiring in 1994.

The Clyburns were also inducted into the Thomas E. Miller Society.

The Class of 1955 held its Golden Class Reunion during Alumni Weekend 2005. From their exemplary accomplishments they contributed over $106,000 to South Carolina State University. This gift represents the largest gift from a reunion class in the history of the University. The class is being recognized for its dedication, commitment, and sincere love for its Alma Mater. Through positive and consistent communication the Golden Class was able to reach its $100,000 goal and illustrate its class motto, “Class of 55 Still Alive.” This gift is a positive example of how teamwork, tenacity, and Bulldog spirit can produce a winning team. The SCSU Family salutes the Class of 1955.
Mr. John J. Funny is Founder, President, and CEO of Grice & Associates, an Atlanta-based engineering firm specializing in traffic and transportation. The 10-year old firm’s corporate office is located in Atlanta (Midtown), Georgia and has a regional office in Alexandria (DC Metro), Virginia. It provides full traffic and transportation planning and engineering consulting services to both the public and private sectors.

John graduated from South Carolina State College (University) in 1987 with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Civil Engineering Technology. He began his professional life with the North Carolina Department of Transportation as a bridge design engineer. However, after a few years designing bridges, the best of which are designed to stand still, John realized he was much more interested in how things moved. Consequently, he accepted a position with the Georgia Department of Transportation as a roadway design engineer. Next, he moved to one of the nation’s leading traffic and transportation consulting engineering

Mr. Brantley Edward Evans, Sr. was an experienced police officer who was committed to providing a safe, secure, and orderly college campus for students, faculty, and staff. He was adept in managing organizational and individual behavior with particular expertise in employment and development of staff, providing a focused and caring leadership, and maximizing available resources. He also had expertise in South Carolina police law, criminal investigation and prosecution, and crowd management and event logistical planning.

Mr. Evans began his education at Felton Training School, SCSC campus, and was a 1950 graduate of Wilkinson High School, Orangeburg, South Carolina, and the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy in Columbia, South Carolina.

Known as Chief Evans by his South Carolina State Family, his immediate family, friends, and relatives, he was dedicated to the University for more than thirty-five years. During his tenure, which he began in 1953, he was known for introducing many “firsts” to the campus. For example, he served as the first SCSC police officer; organized the first SCSC Police Force; supervised the first SCSC Police Force; and organized and manned the first SCSC Information Center. He first served as captain of the SCSC Police Force and then chief of SCSC Public Safety and Security. He retired in 1989. Other accomplishments included a founding member of the South Carolina Palmetto Law Enforcement Organization.

Mr. Evans was a veteran of the Korean War and served with the military police from 1951-53. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, VFW Post 8166, and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Association.

Honors and awards included the South Carolina State College Quarter Century Club; the State of South Carolina Service Recognition; the South Carolina State University Athletic Hall of Fame; the United States Army Good Service Medal – Meritorious Unit Citation; and the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star Attachment – United Nations Service Medal.

Chief Evans passed on October 10, 2005.

Mr. John J. Funny is Founder, President, and CEO of Grice & Associates, an Atlanta-based engineering firm specializing in traffic and transportation. The 10-year old firm’s corporate office is located in Atlanta (Midtown), Georgia and has a regional office in Alexandria (DC Metro), Virginia. It provides full traffic and transportation planning and engineering consulting services to both the public and private sectors.

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firms. After nearly eight years of consulting with government agencies on traffic and transportation issues in the United States and abroad, he started his own engineering firm, giving it his late mother’s maiden name. The youngest of Sadie Grice Funny’s eleven (11) children, John points to his mother and her entrepreneurship as the most significant influences on his life, both personal and professional.

Today, Grice & Associates is internationally recognized, and its annual revenues exceed $1.5 million. Over the last five years, its staff has expanded 35 percent, its revenue base 25 percent. The firm has managed or collaborated on such major projects as the traffic improvement plan for the city of San Jose, California, Wisconsin’s Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), several Georgia Department of Transportation statewide traffic engineering design projects and a traffic management and traffic operations study for the Atlanta Braves. The project John is most proud of, however, is the work he performed for World Changers Ministries, the second largest church in America.

Such service is a way of life for John, who has received numerous awards for his contributions to the traffic and transportation engineering arena and who is very active in several professional organizations, including: the Institute of Transportation Engineers (national and state levels), Intelligent Transportation Systems of America (national and state levels), the Transportation Research Board, the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, the Association of County Commissioners in Georgia and the State of Georgia Governor’s Traffic Operational Improvement Task Force.

A dynamic speaker and community leader, John serves on the Corporate Advisory Council of the National Conference of Black Mayors. He is a board Member for Infinity Solutions, an organization that helps imprisoned mothers transition back into society upon release; a member of 100 Black Men of America (DeKalb Chapter); and a member of The Village Group, an organization that focuses on development within the Plantersville Community in his hometown, Georgetown, South Carolina. He is also active in the academic arena. He serves on advisory boards for South Carolina State University and Florida A&M University’s School of Engineering Technology, and is a Board Member of the recently created South Carolina State University Advancement Foundation. In 2002, John established the Sadie Grice Funny Memorial Scholarship in loving memory of and in tribute his mother. The scholarship honors her for the tremendous sacrifices and contributions she made to ensure all her children were properly educated and able to attend college, if they chose. The two scholarships, of $2,500 each, are available to students in the Plantersville Community of Georgetown, South Carolina.

John’s hobbies include reading, traveling, golfing, spending time with family and friends, and attending Atlanta’s New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, where he is a member.

Dr. Lillie Beasley Glover, Professor Emeritus, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, South Carolina State University, has provided outstanding and experienced leadership in the profession for more than forty (40) years. She is a native of Laurens, South Carolina and a 1961 graduate of South Carolina State College (University) with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics Education. In 1965, she received a Master of Arts Degree from New York University in Home Economics and Retailing. After doing further study at New York University and Hunter College, Fashion Institute of Technology, Dr. Glover received her Ph.D. in Home Economics Education from the University of Ohio in 1971. She is also Certified in Family and Consumer Sciences (CFCS) by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS).

Dr. Glover’s distinguished career as an administrator, educator, researcher, state consultant, mentor and provider of community service in public and private institutions in New York, Ohio, and South Carolina continues to have a profound influence on the lives of many. During her tenure at South Carolina State University, she exemplified the true meaning of the concepts “respected professional” and “successful leader” as she fulfilled the responsibilities of her many roles. Dr. Glover’s scholarly publications and presentations at meetings hosted by the American Society on Aging, Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, and Society for Nutrition Education have contributed immeasurably to improving the quality of life for elderly rural Americans by helping to provide more informed professionals that work with the rural elderly.

Dr. Glover’s lasting contributions to her profession, extend beyond national boundaries. As an active member of the International Federation of Home Economics (IFHE), she has presented at the World Congress in Thailand and Ghana. Her experiences as a freelance home economist have allowed her to travel to the Philippines, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, and China. Her travels and involvement
Mr. F. Richard Harmon, Jr., Senior Assistant State Treasurer and Debt Manager, is a native of Columbia, South Carolina. A graduate of the University of South Carolina and the National Graduate Trust School at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, Harmon joined the staff of State Treasurer Grady L. Patterson, Jr. in 2001. He is primarily responsible for the management of more than $5.6 billion in debt obligations of the State, its agencies, authorities, and institutions. He, also, provides research and advice to the State Treasurer, the State Budget and Control Board, and the General Assembly in matters of debt management, legislation, and fiscal policy.

Mr. Harmon’s distinguished and impressive career in finance and management began more than twenty years ago with the South Carolina National Bank (SCNB) in Columbia, as an account administrator. Since then, his career has followed a path of upward mobility. At the end of his tenure with SCNB (currently Wachovia Bank of South Carolina, N.A.) in 1993, Harmon was serving as Vice President and Manager of Corporate Trust. From 1993 to 1997, Harmon was employed by the Wachovia Bank of North Carolina where he held the position of Senior Vice President and Manager of Corporate Trust. He returned to Columbia in 1998 and became Senior Vice President and Manager of Trust Support Services at Carolina First Bank. He held this position until 2001 when he joined the Office of State Treasurer.

Mr. Harmon’s professional affiliations include: member, American Society of Corporate Secretaries; member, Securities Transfer Association; former officer and director, Southeastern Securities Transfer Association; charter member, Corporate Trust Associates; holds ABA designations, Certified Financial Services Counselor and Certified Corporate Trust Specialist.

Mr. Harmon is to be commended for the competence and expertise that he brings to the Office of State Treasurer and for his dedicated service to the State of South Carolina.

Mrs. Margaret Wade Lesesne, a native of Camden, South Carolina, received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education in 1951. She retired as a supply supervisor for the Department of Defense in Charleston, South Carolina. Four generations of Lesesne’s have attended South Carolina State, including both of her parents and three of her four children. Lesesne says she has a great passion and appreciation for the University and all that it has done for both her and her family.

Mrs. Lesesne recently established an endowed scholarship fund at South Carolina State in memory of her late husband, Mr. Theodore Lesesne, a native of Charleston, who received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Architectural Engineering in 1951 from South Carolina State. He was also trained in naval engineering as a naval architect for the Department of Defense Shipyard in Charleston. The Margaret and Theodore Lesesne Scholarship Fund will assist a full-time sophomore or other upper classmen from the counties of Charleston, Berkeley, or Dorchester. The funding will be used for tuition, books, University associated fees and meals, and housing.

Mrs. Lesesne was also inducted into the Thomas E. Miller Society.
The Reverend Marcus Matthews was elected bishop on July 14, 2004. He has served the Philadelphia Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church (Eastern Pennsylvania and Peninsula-Delaware Conferences) since September 1, 2004. Bishop Matthews is a native of Florence, South Carolina, where his home church, Cumberland United Methodist Church, was a pivotal influence in his life.

Bishop Matthews is a 1968 graduate of South Carolina State College (University). After a brief teaching career in South Carolina, his interests turned to more ecclesiastical endeavors. In 1969, he was employed by Cumberland United Methodist Church as a community developer in the first wave of the Black Community Developers Program of the General Board of Global Ministries. Then in 1970, he was selected by the Ford Foundation’s Leadership Development Program to conduct a one year study of religious institutions such as the Delta Project in Mississippi and The United Methodist Church General Commission on Religion and Race. The study also included a project with juveniles in Syracuse, New York.

Bishop Matthews began his formal theological training in 1971 at the Wesley Theological Seminary. This also marks the beginning of his ministerial service. He served as a student intern at Douglas Memorial United Methodist Church for one year. He became an assistant pastor at Asbury United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. and served as associate for two years. From 1976 to 1982, he served as pastor of Jones Memorial United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. There he oversaw the building of a new sanctuary and established a community development program. In the interim, he earned a Doctor of Ministry Degree from New York Theological Seminary. From 1982 to 1986, he served as pastor of Epworth Chapel United Methodist Church in Baltimore. During his tenure there, two hundred seventy-two (272) new members were added to the church membership.

In 1986, Bishop Matthews became District Superintendent of the Baltimore East District and in 1991 he was named Conference Council Director, a position he held until being named Washington District Superintendent in 1999.

During his ministry, Bishop Matthews served on the General Commission on Religion and Race, General Council on Ministries, Africa University Development Committee, World Methodist Council Executive Committee, National Council Directors Executive Committee, Circuit Rider Award Selection Committee, and the Northeast Jurisdiction Multi-Ethnic Center Board. In 2004 he was elected Co-Chair of the Endorsing Committee, The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church. He was elected to the Board of Directors of Africa University in 2005. Subsequent to his election as Bishop, he was named to serve on the Council of Bishops’ Executive Committee (2005).

Bishop Matthews is married to Barbara Walker Matthews, and they have two children, Jaime S. Matthews and Marci Michael, and three grandchildren.
Distinguished Alumni and Service Award Recipients

2006
Class of 1955 (A)
The Honorable James E. and Emily England Clyburn (A)
John J. Funny (A)
Dr. Lillie Beasley Glover (A)
Margaret Wade Lesesne (A)
Bishop Marcus Matthews (A)
Brantley Edward Evans, Sr. (Posthumously)
F. Richard Harmon, Jr.

2005
Major General George F. Bowman (A)
Class of 1954 (A)
The Honorable Jasper M. Cureton (A)
Brigadier General Amos M. Gailliard, Jr. (A)
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Brigadier General Harold L. Mitchell (A)

2004
Thomas C. Dandridge
Colonel Teresa L. McSwain (A)
Dr. Richard Richardson (A)
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Maurice G. Washington (A)

2003
Representative Jerry N. Govan, Jr. (A)
Lonnie Hamilton, III (A)
Brigadier General Larry Knightner (A)
Dr. Earline M. Simms

2002
Dr. Leola Adams (A)
Henry F. (Hank) Allen, Jr. (A)
Kenneth Epps (A)
Gary Brimmage

2001
Karl V. Green
Dwayne A. Harper (A)
Julie W. Nance (A)
Robert S. Porcher, III (A)
Dr. Clinton R. Wolfe

2000
Joy Workman Barnes
William M. Blakeney (A)
Dr. Isaac C. Bracey (A)
Boo Sheppard
Moses M. Sitton (A)

1999
Joe M. Anderson, Jr.
Lewis A. Berry (A)
The Honorable Gilda Cobb-Hunter

1998
Frank H. Fabor, Jr. (Posthumously) (A)
Brigadier General Arnold Fields (A)
Horace Ott (A)
John H. Rickenbacker (A)
Dr. Mary L. Stone (A)

1997
Colonel (Ret.) Clinton Fields (A)
Colonel (Ret.) Samuel D. Stroman (A)
Dr. Lloyd Miller Cooke
Calvin Wright (A)
Colonel Abraham J. Turner (A)

1996
Colonel (Ret.) James O. Heyward (A)
The Jarvis Brothers Quintet
Willie E. Jeffries (A)
Geraldyn P. Zimmerman (A)
Edward Lewis
Carolyn Emanuel McClain
Dr. McKinley Mayes

1995
Attorney I. S. Leevy Johnson
Attorney Gedney M. Howe, III
Austin Cunningham
Anthony T. Grant (A)
Dr. Leo F. Twiggs

1994
Flora Brooks-Boyd (A)
Dr. Monnieque Singleton (A)
Brigadier General Select Clifford Stanley (A)
Bernie Wright (A)
The Honorable Majorie Amos-Frazier

1993
Dr. Thaddeus J. Bell (A)
Ann Springs Close
James H. Salley (A)
Judge Karen J. Williams

1992
Charles P. Austin (A)
Lula P. Durant (A)
Armstrong Williams (A)
Representative Maggie Wallace Glover
Dr. Ashriel I. Mose (Posthumously)

1991
Donnie Shell (A)
Dr. Amelia S. Roberts (A)
Billie S. Fleming
Dr. Barbara Williams Jenkins
1990
Dr. Annabelle Sherman Boykin (A)
Harry Carson (A)
Dr. James Oglesby (A)
Dr. James A. Wilsford

1989
Dwight McMillan (A)
James Bethune, Sr.
Lamar W. Dawkins, Sr. (A)
Melvin Smoak (A)
Commander Mary McAdams (A)

1988
Lieutenant General Henry Doctor, Jr. (A)
Major General James R. Klugh (A)
Brigadier General George Price (A)

1987
Sammy Davis, Jr.
Luther J. Battiste, Jr. (A)
Dr. Oscar P. Butler, Jr. (A)
Dr. Lewie C. Roache (A)

1986
Dr. John H. Johnson
Joseph C. Sanders (A)
Robert S. Evans (A)

1985
Esther H. Tecklenburg
Joseph Jones, Jr. (A)
Dr. Joffre T. Whisenton
Dr. James A. Boykin (A)

1984
Marva N. Collins
Dr. Robert E. Howard (A)
Dr. Hubert V. Manning
Senator I. DeQuincey Newman
James L. Solomon, Jr.

1983
J. Donald Collier
Julian H. Dean (A)
Joseph R. Douglas (A)

1982
Max Robinson
Dr. M. Maceo Nance, Jr. (A)
Porter L. Bankhead (A)
Cliff Morgan
Dr. Nettie P. Parler

1981
Dr. Marianna Davis (A)
Bobby D. Doctor (A)
Dr. Clemmie E. Webber (A)

1980
Dr. Benjamin E. Mays (A)
Dr. Benjamin F. Payton (A)
The Honorable Matthew J. Perry (A)

1979
Representative John W. Matthews (A)
The Honorable Milton Kimpson

1978
Leroy Saylor (A)
Thomas J. Crawford (A)
Trudelle W. Wimbush
Oliver C. Dawson (A)

1977
Hugh W. Close
Maudest K. Squires (A)
Alex Haley

1976
Charles Boone

1975
The Honorable Juanita W. Goggins (A)
Leroy B. Frazier (A)

1974
Napoleon Ford (A)
John D. Marshall (A)

1973
Special Awards
Attorney Ernest A. Finney (A)

1972
No Awards

1971
James E. Clyburn (A)
Attorney I. S. Leevy Johnson
The Honorable Herbert Fielding
The Honorable James L. Felder

A=Alumnus
THOMAS E. MILLER SOCIETY

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Lewis A. Berry, ’66
Robert S. Porcher, III, ’92
Col. (Ret.) and Mrs. Alfred P. (Parniest) Glover, ’53, ’54
Congressman and Mrs. James E. (Emily E.) Clyburn ’61,’61
Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. (Pearl A.) Tourville, Sr.
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10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Dr. Kuzman Adzievski  
*Associate Professor,* Mathematics and Computer Science

Dr. Christine R. Boone  
*Interim Chair,* Human Services

Dr. Bessie Davis Cooke  
*Associate Professor,* Education

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Ms. Mary M. Hill  
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Dr. Eva M. Njoku  
*Assistant Professor,* Human Services

Mrs. Wendolyn C. Shaw  
*Administrative Assistant,* Library and Information Services

Dr. Daniel M. Smith, Jr.  
*Associate Professor,* Biological and Physical Sciences

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mrs. Margie B. Ballard-Mack  
*Assistant Professor,* Human Services

Lt. Helen M. Bonaparte  
*Law Enforcement,* Public Safety

Mr. Ramesh M. Choudhari  
*Assistant Professor,* Mathematics and Computer Science

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*Director of Head Start Education/Assistant Professor,* Family and Consumer Sciences

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*Student Services Program Coordinator,* Minority Teacher Recruitment

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*Building/Grounds Specialist,* Facilities Management

Dr. Carl E. Jones  
*Executive Director,* Student Success and Retention Program

Dr. Norma H. Miller  
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*Fiscal Technician,* Accounts Receivable

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Dr. James L. Myers  
*Director/Assistant Professor,* University Computing and Information Technology Services

Dr. Hamid Naseri-Neshat  
*Associate Professor,* Civil and Mechanical Engineering Technology

Dr. Javid Novinbakht  
*Associate Professor,* Civil and Mechanical Engineering Technology

Ms. Sandra E. Scott  
*Student Services Manager,* Student Success and Retention Program

Ms. Connie Shivers  
*Student Services Program Coordinator,* Residential Life and Housing

Mr. Robert L. Starks  
*Building/Grounds Specialist,* Facilities Management

Mr. James E. Washington  
*Accountant/Fiscal Analyst,* Procurement Services
30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Ms. Mary L. Boyd  
Administrative Specialist, University Computing and Information Technology Services

Ms. Pearlie M. Brantley  
Administrative Specialist, Research and Economic Development

Mrs. Shirley B. Caldwell  
Student Services Program Coordinator, Registrar’s Office

Ms. Jacquelyn A. Ellis  
Administrative Specialist, Mathematics and Computer Science

Mrs. Carolyn Gaffney  
Assistant Professor, Research and Economic Development

Mrs. Celia V. Gilmore-Hezekiah  
Assistant Professor, English and Modern Languages

Mrs. Dannett Golden  
Applications Analyst, University Computing and Information Technology Services

Mrs. Patricia S. Holmes  
Procurement Manager, Procurement Services

Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr.  
SCSU President, Office of the President

Mr. Ted E. Josey  
Food Services Specialist (Retired), Food Services

Mr. Frank M. Mundy  
Assistant Professor, Visual and Performing Arts

Mr. Marion L. Snell  
Trades Specialist, Facilities Management

Mr. Ernesto M. Torres  
Controller, Financial Affairs

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Dr. Helen Brantley  
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Mr. Robert A. Osei-Wusu  
Instructor, Visual and Performing Arts

Dr. James C. Robinson  
Associate Professor, Human Services

Mrs. Sylvia D. Robinson  
Student Services Program Coordinator, Admissions and Recruitment

Mrs. Mabel L. Snell  
Food Service Specialist, Felton Laboratory School
2006 Teacher of the Year Awards

College of Business and Applied Professional Sciences
Dr. Bonita Y. Manson
Associate Professor
Family and Consumer Sciences

College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences
Dr. Albert G. Hayward
Assistant Professor
Education

College of Science, Mathematics and Engineering Technology
Dr. Saliman A. Isa
Professor
Industrial and Electrical Engineering Technology

2006 Staff Employee of the Year Awards

Academic Affairs
Mrs. Shirley B. Caldwell, ’85, ’88
Student Services Program Coordinator
Registrar’s Office

Finance, Facilities and Management Information Systems
Mrs. Carolyn A. Riley
Information Resource Consultant
University Computing and Information Technology Services

Institutional Advancement
Mrs. Kay E. Snider
Graphics Manager
University Relations and Marketing

Office of the President
Mrs. Doris Gathers-Dantzler
Human Resource Manager
Human Resource Management

Research and Economic Development
Ms. Angela M. Corbett
Program Development and Communications
Research and Economic Development

Student Affairs
Mr. Bernard Haire
Student Services Program Coordinator
Student Life and Leadership
A Chronology of Selected Events in the History of South Carolina State University

1862 - President Abraham Lincoln signed into law the First Morrill Act authorizing establishment of landgrant colleges in the various states.

1872 - The Senate and House of Representatives of South Carolina enacted legislation establishing a college and institute of Mechanical Arts at Orangeburg in connection with Claflin University to be named the South Carolina Agricultural College and Mechanical Institute.

1878 - The State Legislature changed the governance of the South Carolina Agricultural College and Mechanical Institute and made it the Orangeburg Branch of the University of South Carolina.

1896 - The General Assembly of South Carolina by Legislative Act severed the connection between Claflin University and the state’s interest on March 3.
- The General Assembly enacted legislation establishing The Colored Normal, Industrial, Agricultural and Mechanical College of South Carolina on March 3.
- The Board of Trustees of The Colored Normal, Industrial, Agricultural and Mechanical College of South Carolina held its first meeting in the City of Orangeburg and effected the organization of the new college on April 10.
- Thomas Ezkiel Miller was elected the First President of the College on June 10.
- The doors of the College were first opened to students on September 27 and the first faculty meeting was held on October 7.

1897 - The First Commencement was held on May 6. Olive Sasportas was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree and eleven persons were graduated from the Normal School.

1898 - Morrill Hall was completed.

1911 - After serving for fifteen years, President Miller retired, effective May 31.
- Dr. Robert Shaw Wilkinson was elected Second President and assumed his duties on July 1.

1915 - State College and Clemson College entered into cooperative relations under the terms of the Smith-Lever Act whereby Negro agents were appointed to serve in the state.

1917 - Smith-Hughes funds became available to the College and the size of the faculty increased. Vocational Teacher Education was instituted.

1920 - White Hall was completed and occupied as an auditorium and classroom building. This was the first classroom building to be constructed with no living accommodations included and the last to be constructed with wooden truss.

1922 - The 25th Anniversary of the founding of the College was celebrated, and at the graduating exercises, May 24, the Honorary Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Lewis M. Dunton (Orangeburg, SC), Educator and Religious Leader, Ernest E. Just (Washington, DC), Educator and Scientist, Nelson C. Nix (Orangeburg, SC), Educator and Mathematician, J. J. Starks (Sumter, SC), Educator and Religious Leader, and J. C. Whittaker (Oklahoma City, OK), Educator and Publicist.
- The Honorary Master of Arts degree was conferred upon Mary McLeod Bethune, Cora S. Boykin, Otis D. Council, Bessie E. Green, Louise F. Holmes, Lucy C. Laney, Isaac S. Leevy, William G. Nance, Martin A. Menafee, Celia D. Saxon, Herbert U. Seabrook, Miller F. Whittaker, Marion B. Wilkinson and John T. Williamson.

1927 - The Board of Trustees authorized establishment of Greek letter fraternities and sororities.

1931 - Reporting the completion of Dukes Gymnasium in 1931, President Wilkinson pointed out that student fees for the purposes collected from September 1926 to September 1930 totaled $23,006.48. An additional $15,000 was borrowed from the State Sinking Fund Commission. The total cost for the structure when equipped was $54,000. The plans and specifications of Dukes Gymnasium were drawn by John H. Blanche, Class of 1929, as a thesis project under the guidance and direction of Professor Miller F. Whittaker, College Architect and Director of Mechanic Arts.

1932 - On March 13, the faculty and entire student body were deeply grieved by the death of President Robert Shaw Wilkinson, who had
been connected with the college as a member of the faculty from its founding in 1896.

- Upon the death of President Wilkinson, the Thirty-Sixth Annual Report of the President was made by Dr. Miller Fulton Whittaker who became Acting President on March 13 and was elected President on May 30.

1938 - The first formal observance of Founders’ Day was held in March.

1941 - President Whittaker reported to the Board of Trustees the completion of the manuscript on the story of the rise of State College to its present place by Dean N. C. Nix.

1946 - The Golden Anniversary of the founding of the College was celebrated.
- Honorary degrees were conferred upon Benjamin E. Mays, Robert Shaw Wilkinson, Jr., W. H. Aiken, Ernest A. Grant, and Walter Ivey.
- The Graduate Program began in September.

1938 - The Law School was opened in Wilkinson Hall (the library) with Benner Creswill Turner as Dean.
- The ROTC Unit for State College was approved by the War Department.

1949 - President Miller Fulton Whittaker died on November 14.
1949/50 - An Interim Committee of five supervised the administration of the College: K. W. Green, Chairman J. I. Washington, F. Marcellus Staley, Frank DeCosta, and H. W. Crawford.

1950 - Dr. Benner Creswill Turner was elected Fourth President on September 1.

1954 - The College inaugurated a state-wide testing program as a part of the entrance requirements and established the Guidance Center under a Director at the College.
- The General Assembly changed the institution’s name to South Carolina State College.

1960 - The College became fully accredited by and a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; it also became fully accredited by the Association of American Colleges.

1966 - The School of Law at State College was discontinued with the spring session in May.
- Dr. James A. Boykin was the first South Carolina State College alumnus appointed to the Board of Trustees.

1967 - The Office of Vice President was established with M. Maceo Nance, Jr., becoming Vice President for Business and Finance and A. S. Belcher, Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- A Faculty Senate was organized on September 4.
- President Turner’s retirement became effective June 24 and Mr. Nance became Acting President.

1968 - Henry E. Smith, Samuel Hammond, Jr., and Delano B. Middleton, in pursuit of human dignity, were killed on the front of the campus by law enforcement agents on February 8.
- November 27, M. Maceo Nance, Jr., was inaugurated the Fifth President of South Carolina State College and was the first alumnus of the College to be so honored.

1969 - I. P. Stanback was elected the first Black Chairman of the Board of Trustees of South Carolina State College October 6.

1970 - March 8, on the occasion of the celebration of Founders’ Day, Dr. M. Maceo Nance, Jr. announced the initiation of the Quarter Century Club and presented plaques to the charter members.

- The Diamond Jubilee Convocation was held in September with the Honorable Carl Stokes, Mayor of Cleveland, as speaker.

1977 - Instituted the Presidential Scholar Awards. In each succeeding year, Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medallions have been awarded to full-time regularly enrolled undergraduate students earning cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or better.

1979 - The “Lady Bulldogs” captured the National AIAW Championship.
1980 - The official opening of the I. P. Stanback Museum-Planetarium was held on April 27.
  - Attorney I. S. Leeve Johnson was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of South Carolina State College.
  - The Adult and Continuing Education Program was begun.
  - Jacqueline E. Gilmore became the first black female to be elected to the Board of Trustees.

1983 - A program leading to the Doctor of Education degree was begun at the College.
  - Established Distinguished Faculty Endowed Chairs. Applicants adjudicated by criteria established by their peers are nominated as recipients for these chairs.

1985 - The Accrediting Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET) fully accredited the following departments in the School of Engineering and Technology: Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.
  - Dukes Gymnasium, Hodge Hall, and Lowman Hall were entered on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of Interior.

1986 - Albert Emanuel Smith was elected Sixth President of South Carolina State College on April 16.
  - The provost system was inaugurated, and Dr. Vermelle J. Johnson was named the first Provost and Executive Vice President.
  - Also named were Dr. Edward R. Jackson, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Dr. Milton D. Hunter, Vice Provost for Academic Administration.
  - The Deans’ Council was established and Dr. Lewie C. Roache was appointed as the first Chairman of the Council.

1987 - February 28, Albert Emanuel Smith was inaugurated the Sixth President of South Carolina State College.

1988 - Honorary doctorates were conferred upon Sammy Davis, Jr., LTG Henry Doctor, Jr., Ruby Middleton Forsythe, The Honorable Ernest F. Hollings, Dr. M. Maceo Nance, Jr., and The Honorable J. Strom Thurmond.
  - Dr. Henry William Brevard, II was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of South Carolina State College, the first alumnus to serve in this position.

1989 - Honorary doctorates were conferred upon John C. Marous, Abelle Palmore Nivens, The Honorable Matthew J. Perry, Jr., and The Honorable Marshall Burns Williams.

1990 - Honorary doctorates were conferred upon Maude E. Callen (posthumously), Harold J. Mackey, The Honorable John W. Matthews, Jr., Earle E. Morris, Jr., and A. Barry Rand.
  - Dr. Henry W. Brevard, II was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

1991 - An honorary doctorate was conferred upon Barbara Bush, wife of President George W. Bush.
  - The band hall was named The Reginald R. Thomasson Band Hall

1992 - Dr. James A. Boykin was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of South Carolina State College.
  - Dr. Carl A. Carpenter was appointed Interim President on January 13.
  - The institution was designated South Carolina State University on February 26.
  - An honorary doctorate was conferred upon Rodell Lawrence.
  - Dr. Barbara Rose Hatton was elected Seventh President of South Carolina State University on September 30.

1993 - The Campus Master Plan was completed and approved by the Board of Trustees.
  - November 13, Dr. Barbara Rose Hatton was inaugurated the Seventh President of South Carolina State University.
  - Ground breaking ceremony was held for renovating and enlarging Oliver C. Dawson Bulldog Stadium.
  - The University’s Scholarship Program was redesigned.

1994 - Legislation passed allowing engineering technology graduates to sit for the engineering licensure examination in South Carolina.
  - Anthony T. Grant was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
- Honorary doctorates were conferred upon Trudelle Willetta Wimbush, The Honorable L. Douglas Wilder, and Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole.
- The first Fall Commencement Convocation was held.
- Felton Laboratory School was converted to a state-of-the-art professional development school.
- A Math-Science Hub was established to serve as a regional center to support primary and secondary science curricula.

1995 - Dr. Leroy Davis, Sr., was appointed Interim President on June 13.
- South Carolina State College Historic District was approved by the State Board of Review on November 17.
- Honorary doctorates were conferred upon Dr. Reatha Clark King, Dr. Carl A. Carpenter, John E. Jacob, William E. Simms, Dr. Annabelle Spann Boykin and The Honorable James E. Clyburn.

1996 - Centennial Celebration of South Carolina State University.
- Honorary doctorates were conferred upon Chief Justice Ernest A. Finney, Jr. and Joel Smith, III.
- First Annual Scholarship Gala was held.
- Chairs’ Forum established for Departmental Chairs.
- Dr. Leroy Davis, Sr., was elected the Eighth President on April 10.
- Stephon Edwards was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

1997 - March 22, Dr. Leroy Davis, Sr., was inaugurated the Eighth President of South Carolina State University.
- Established the President’s Service Award.
- The Distance Education Program was initiated with the first interactive classroom in Belcher Hall.
- An honorary doctorate was conferred upon Kenneth Chenault.
- Dr. James A. Boykin was designated first Trustee Emeritus.
- The Fiftieth Anniversary of the ROTC Program was celebrated.
- Ground breaking ceremony was held for the Fine Arts Center.
- The New Nursing Program was initiated during Fall semester.
- The Posthumous Commissioning Ceremony was held on campus in honor of Cadet James Webster Smith.

1998 - An honorary doctorate was conferred upon U. S. Vice President Albert Gore, Jr.
- Groundbreaking was held for the Leadership and Skills Development Center.
- Opening ceremonies were held for The Savannah River Environmental Sciences Field Station.
- Accreditation was reaffirmed for Civil Engineering Technology, Engineering Technology, and Mechanical Engineering Technology.
- The South Carolina State University Center of Excellence in Leadership was established.

1999 - The Counseling and Self Development Center received Accreditation (IACS).
- The Child Development Learning Center received Accreditation (NAEYC).
- Accreditation was reaffirmed for the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS).
- Accreditation was reaffirmed for the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology.
- Accreditation was reaffirmed for the Teacher Education Program (NCATE).
- The New Fine Arts Center was presented.
- The University raised over $1 million in private donations.
- An honorary doctorate was conferred upon Governor James H. Hodges.
- Dr. William C. Clinkscales was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

2000 - Honorary doctorates were conferred upon Bishop John Hurst Adams, James F. Barker, Charles P. Austin, and The Honorable Kay Patterson.
- Accreditation was reaffirmed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

**2001**
- Accreditation of the School of Business by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International; thereby, becoming the 13th HBCU to gain this status.
- Dr. Ashok K. Kabi Satpathy selected the 2000/2001 Governor’s Professor of the Year; the first SCSU faculty member to obtain this distinction.
- Congressman James E. Clyburn, ‘61 donated his private papers to the University; the largest such donation from any Black elected official in state history.
- Produced both the Men’s and Women’s Basketball Coaches of the Year in the MEAC Conference
- Opened the State Room at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport.
- Honorary doctorates were conferred upon Mrs. Crandall C. Bowles and Dr. Benjamin F. Payton.
- Accreditation was affirmed for the music program by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

**2002**
- Honorary degrees were conferred upon Major General Clifford L. Stanley and Dr. Leroy Davis, Sr.
- Retired Chief Justice Ernest A. Finney, Jr. was appointed Interim President on July 1, 2002.
- The Nuclear Engineering Degree Program was approved by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.
- Maurice G. Washington was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
- An honorary doctorate was conferred upon Governor Mark Sanford

**2003**
- The Alumni Heritage Endowment Fund was launched.
- The University Transportation Center at South Carolina State University was named the “James E. Clyburn University Transportation Center.”
- The Board of Visitors was established.

**2004**
- On January 9, Brigadier General Abraham J. Turner, ‘76 was installed as the Commanding General of the United States Army Training Center and Fort Jackson.
- On February 28, Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr. was inaugurated the Ninth President of South Carolina State University.
- The University Mace was commissioned by Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr. and was presented at the Inaugural Ceremony on February 28.
- Honorary doctorates were conferred upon Mr. Earl G. Graves, Sr. and Mrs. Essie Mae Washington Williams.
- Honorary degrees were conferred upon Dr. Henry N. Tisdale, Jr., Senator Lindsey Graham, and posthumously to Mr. Levi Pearson, Reverend Joseph A. DeLaine, Sr., Mr. Harry Briggs and Mrs. Eliza Briggs.
- Fall 2004 Commencement viewed on WebCast.

**2005**
- The Research and Development Foundation was incorporated.
- Felton Laboratory School earned the Palmetto Gold Award on January 12, 2005.
- Work began on the largest construction project in the history of the University, a $42 million new apartment-style residence hall with a 772-bed living facility.
- Groundbreaking was held for the James E. Clyburn Transportation, Research and Conference Center.
- Major renovations were made to the Pitt and Washington Dining Hall facilities.
- Alumni giving reached a record $1 million.
- The new Master in Transportation Degree program was established.
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Lift ev’ry voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stoney the road we trod,
Bitter the chast’ning rod.
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Lead us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray,
Lest our feet stray from the places, Our God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our GOD, True to our native land.

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.

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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