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 thirteenth 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 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

Saturday Evening, the Fifteenth of December
Two Thousand and Seven
Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center
Orangeburg, South Carolina

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Since its founding in 1896, South Carolina State University has evolved from a small teachers’ college into a major university center of learning.

One of the most attractive campuses in the Southeast, the University is located in Orangeburg, South Carolina, which is centrally located between the capital city of Columbia and the beautiful seaport city of Charleston. South Carolina State University is one of two land-grant institutions in the Palmetto State. The University is state-assisted and draws its students from all over the United States and various foreign countries.

The approximately 5,000 students enrolled at the University have a choice of more than fifty different fields of study on the undergraduate and graduate levels. The academic programs are housed in three colleges and one graduate school. The degree-producing academic divisions of the University include: the College of Business and Applied Professional Sciences; the College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences; the College of Science, Mathematics and Engineering Technology; and the School of Graduate Studies. The School of Graduate Studies offers programs at the master’s, educational specialist, and doctoral levels. The University also provides undergraduate and graduate courses through Distance Learning and Continuing Education.

In support of its mission as a land-grant institution, South Carolina State University also administers an Extension Program of service to the people of the state of South Carolina. 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 such as its lecture series and its lyceum presentations.

The main campus is comprised of 160 acres and more than sixty buildings. Adjacent to the main campus is Queens Village, housing for married students.

South Carolina State University supports fifteen NCAA varsity sports, which have brought the Institution more than eighty-five conference championships and seven national titles.
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT HUGINE

Dear Graduates:

Heartfelt congratulations to our December 2007 graduates! Your graduation here today evidences the commitment of the administration, faculty and staff in preparing you to live and work productively in a global society. We are all honored to have provided you with a quality education that ensures successful careers in your chosen fields of study. I commend you for all that you have accomplished while here at South Carolina State University and challenge you to continue to strive for excellence in all of your endeavors.

The University has prepared you with the training and skills to effectively meet the challenges of your life’s journey. As you begin your next phase in life, continue to build upon the knowledge and experiences that you have gained at the University. Go forth as leaders and contributors to society for the world awaits each of you! Serve as ambassadors of our beloved Alma Mater wherever you may be.

Again, congratulations on your achievement. We are proud to call you “loyal sons and daughters” of the University, and we look forward to your continued association and affiliation with your alma mater.

Sincerely,

Andrew Hugine, Jr.
President
Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., President ~ Presiding

Prelude .................................. Symphonic Band

Academic Processional – War March of the Priests  Mendelssohn .................................. Symphonic Band
(Audience is requested to remain seated)

Posting of Colors  ROTC Color Guard

Star-Spangled Banner  Francis Scott Key .................................. Audience, Concert Choir and Symphonic Band

Scripture and Invocation  Dr. Jerry A. Songer
Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Orangeburg, SC

Music – Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah  G.F. Handel .................................. Concert Choir

Introduction of Speaker  President Hugine

Commencement Address  The Honorable Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr.
The Senate of South Carolina

Conferring of Honorary Degrees  President Hugine and Dr. Carl A. Carpenter, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

DOCTOR OF LAWS
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Conferring of Degrees  President Hugine and Dr. Carpenter

Readers:
Dr. Harriett Gregg, Associate Professor of Speech Pathology and Audiology

Induction of Graduates into the National Alumni Association  Ms. Patricia B. Lott, President
South Carolina State University National Alumni Association
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Remarks  President Hugine

Alma Mater .................................. Audience, Concert Choir and Symphonic Band

Retiring of Colors  ROTC Color Guard

Benediction  Dr. Songer

Recessional - Pomp and Circumstance  Edward Elgar .................................. Symphonic Band

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Audience: Please join in the singing of the Alma Mater (Inside back cover).

Mace Bearer  Dr. Ronald E. Speight
Concert Choir  Dr. Richard Beckford, Director
University Bands  Mr. Eddie Ellis, Director
Marshal  Dr. Carl A. Carpenter
THE HONORABLE HUGH K. LEATHERMAN, SR.
THE SENATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Born April 14, 1931, in Lincoln County, N.C.
Married Jean Helms; Six children, Three grandchildren

EDUCATION:

North Carolina State University, Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering, 1953
Honorary Doctorate, Francis Marion University
Honorary Doctorate, Medical University of South Carolina
Honorary Doctorate, College of Charleston
Honorary Doctorate, University of South Carolina
Honorary Doctorate, Coastal Carolina University
Honorary Doctorate, The Citadel
Honorary Doctorate, Clemson University
Honorary Doctorate, Lander University

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:

South Carolina Senate - 1981 to present
  Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
  Chairman, Senate Interstate Cooperation Committee
  Vice-Chairman, Senate Transportation Committee
  Vice-Chairman, Senate Ethics Committee
  Senate Labor, Commerce & Industry Committee
  Chairman Senate Operations and Management Committee
  Senate Rules Committee
  State House Committee
Member, South Carolina Budget and Control Board
Chairman, Salary, Executive and Performance Evaluation Commission
Chairman, Joint Bond Review Committee
Member, State Infrastructure Bank
Member, South Carolina Judicial Council

CIVIC SERVICE:

Member, Clemson University College of Engineering
  and Science Advisory Board
Member Emeritus, Francis Marion University Board of Trustees
Chairman, Florence Area Transportation Study Policy Committee
Member, Florence Rotary Club
1979-83 Member, S.C. Consumers Affairs Commission
1971-76 Mayor, Pro Tem, Town of Quinby
1967-76 Member, Quinby Town Council
Commencement Convocation Program

Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., President ~ Presiding

PRELUDE ................................................................. Symphonic Band

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MUSIC – Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah G.F. Handel ........................................................ Concert Choir

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER .............................................. President Hugine

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ............................................... The Honorable Justice Donald W. Beatty

South Carolina Supreme Court

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Dr. Ghussan Greene, Chair of English and Modern Languages and Professor of English

INDUCTION OF GRADUATES INTO THE

NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ........................................ Ms. Patricia B. Lott, President

South Carolina State University National Alumni Association

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

ALMA MATER ................................................................. Audience

Concert Choir and Symphonic Band

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BENEDICTION ................................................................. Dr. Songer

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

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Justice Donald W. Beatty was born to Arthur and Ruth Beatty in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He is married to Angela Chestnut Beatty and is the proud father of three children, Brandon, Austine and Morgan. He is a member of the Mount Moriah Baptist Church located in Spartanburg, South Carolina where he serves as a trustee.

He attended public schools in Spartanburg County and received his bachelor’s degree in 1974 from South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, South Carolina. After graduating from South Carolina State University, Justice Beatty served in the military as an army commissioned officer. He attended the University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, South Carolina and received his juris doctorate degree in 1979.

Admitted to the practice of law in South Carolina in 1979, Justice Beatty was engaged in a private practice before he was elected to the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit in August 1995 and served there until elected to the Court of Appeals in April, 2003. He was elected to the Supreme Court in May of 2007. Justice Beatty served on the 7th Circuit Fee Dispute Resolution Committee, Sentencing Guidelines Commission, and the Committee to Review South Carolina Drug and Common Laws. Justice Beatty also served on the Judiciary Committee of the South Carolina House of Representatives.

Justice Beatty has served with numerous community organizations including the Piedmont Legal Services Board of Directors, Spartanburg Residential Development Corporation, BB&T Advisory Board, BMW Minority Advisory Board/BMW Construction Project, Vice Chairman and Chair-elect of the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus. He was elected to Spartanburg City Council in 1988 and served until 1990 when he was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives where he served until 1995.
Candidates for Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees–9:00 a.m.

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Christa Joy Thompson
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Master of Education
Elementary Education
Joseph Gerard Hamilton

Master of Education
English Education
Juanita Gidron

Master of Education
Special Education
Delia Alina Boca

Master of Science
Individual and Family Development
LaQuine LaVette Bradley
Kristal La'Sha Hutchinson
Tyosha J. Hutchinson
Janice Althea Simmons
Melinda Teresa Suber

Educational Specialist
Tanya Lighty Campbell
Barry Charley
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Rippin McLeod
Dissertation:
The Role of the Career and Technology Education Administrator as Perceived by the Principal and Career and Technology Administrators in South Carolina
Dr. Tony-Adams O. Aburime, Advisor

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Availability and Characteristics of Teacher Induction Programs
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A Comparative Analysis of Teachers’ Perceptions of the Barriers to Technology
Dr. Michael Boatwright, Advisor

Linda Aragon
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Inclusion of Students With and Without Disabilities in Two Educational Settings: The Perception of the Nondisabled Students of this Experience.
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Effects of Home-School Partnership and Different Forms of Parent Involvement on Achievement of High Achieving Elementary School Students
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Renee Ritter
Dissertation:
An Investigation of Best Practices in Adult Basic Education Programs in South Carolina as it Relates to Academic Gains and Enrollment
Dr. Charlie Spell, Advisor

**Individual and Family Development**

Tyosha J. Hutchinson
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Young Adults’ Attitudes Toward Childfree Women and Men
Dr. Angella Y. Eanes, Advisor

Melinda T. Suber
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Adoptive Mother’s Experiences With Their Older Adopted Children’s Biological Families
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Alicia Renee Kinloch
Denielle Ashaun Richardson
Monica Tanesha Walker

Bachelor of Science
Family and Consumer Sciences
Kristen Cheryl Bennett
Laurie Jonell Bowen
Beatrice Brown
Christopher Burgess
Akela Lastelle Collier
AnShanette Hazel Davis
Blanca Rosa Diaz
Karlinda Renee’ Denise Glenn
Dana Anthony Graydon, Jr.
Jeanette Romellia Haywood
Glenda Andree Johnson
James Thomas Lee, Jr.
Nilecha Verdery Lee
Tameiko Richelle Lindsey
Patsy Ann Loadholt
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Teneshia RaShan McGaha
Crystal Yvonne Muse
Melissa Lea Nelson
Andre James Anthony’ Parker
Nicholas Jamaal Pendarvis
Ashley Nikole Sweeney
Brian Eric Talley

Bachelor of Science
Agribusiness
Kerry Karletta Williams

Bachelor of Science
Business Economics
Clarice Shavon Watson
Norman K. Rich, Jr.

Bachelor of Science
Business Management
Khalil Ahmad Abdul-Aziz
Latoya Tytisha Adams
Steve Adams, Jr.
Reginald John Barnes
Cynthia Lakesha Fogle
Sunil Delshoin Ford
Brandon Lamont Gibson
Krystal Renee Gooden
Benjamin Antwon Harrison
Justin Bryant Henderson
James Kenneth Holmes, II
Andrea Monique Howell
Naketa Geneva Lacy
Chasity Lamb
Fantasia Nayesha McCoy
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Ryoshi RaShanta’ Rabb
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Bachelor of Science
Marketing
Crystal Evette Brown
Tomikia Patrice Brown
Calvin J. Cain
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Nutrition and Food Management
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Bachelor of Science
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Michael Anthony Chisholm
Shawnte’ Jemar Evans
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Rank of Second Lieutenant Commissioned Officers from the Class of December 2007

Alesia Hughes - Chemical Service
Ivory Meminger - Quartermaster
Michael Mills - Ordnance
Thomas Presley - Ordnance

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 costume 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 bachelor’s and 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; brown for fine arts; purple for law; lemon for library science; green for medicine; pink for music; apricot for nursing; silver gray for oratory; dark blue for philosophy; sage green for physical education; peacock blue for public administration; golden yellow for science; citron for social science; and scarlet for theology and divinity.
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**Concert Choir**

Rashad Anderson  
Chris Andrews  
Sherica Ball  
Sheryl Boyd  
Dakara Bridges  
Fineé Brooks  
Lionel Brooks  
Chris Brown  

Tiffany Burgess  
Andrea Calloway  
Michael Cherry  
LeKeatra Daniels  
Thomas Davis  
André DeLaine  
Katrina Gardner  
Sabrina Green  

Ash Lisa Gunn  
Danielle Hamilton  
Candice Harmon  
Dale Hayes  
Jaliesha Holloway  
Jamia Johnson  
Amadi Jones  
Derrell Jones  

Kenneth Mageood  
Britney Miller  
Stephan Miller  
Demetria N. Peyton  
Javor Ready  
Avril Robinson  
Kadina Sangster  
Deana Scott  

Isaiah Singleton  
McKenzie Singley  
Kandice Smith  
Travis Thompson  
DeQuanda Walker  
Darroll Weston  
Erica Williams  
Frazier Woods  

**Amphonic Band**

*Flutes & Oboe*

Jakella Burgess  
Jasmine Cooper  
Etta Lawson  
Veneta Lyles  
Danielle Pitts  
Donelisha Reynolds  
Joy Vaughn  

Alphonso Counts  
Allen Graham  
Kevin Grant  
Treasure Holland  
Allen Holmes  
Chris Ingram  
David Kerashaw  
Lerone McKenzie  
Sharod McNulty  
Corley Moore  
Kristal Roberts  
Brittany Salley  
Madison Scriver  
Ollie Taylor  
Michael Trickey  

*Tenor/Baritone Saxophone*

Devlin Boswell  
Brandis Howard  
Yewston Myers  
Shedic Pierce  
Amy Simmons  

*French Horns*

Soletta Bowen  
Eugene Burden  
Ashley Davis  
Quaneshia Dowling  
Ryan Edwards  
Isum Ellison  
Candace Hall  
Robert Johnson  
Megan Martin  
Tar-Shae Odom  
Jasmine Pope  
Kristal Singletary  
Chris Stubbs  
Russell Willis  

*Trumpets*

Alton Allen  
Ralph Benion  
Victor Berry  
Larry Brown  
Stephen Boyd  
Darion Breland  
Jennifer Buie  
Gerald Carter  
Kevin Charles  
Kendrick Coleman  
Brian Craig  
Jasmine Fasset  
Sheldon Garrett  
Natasha Gillespie  
George Halls  
Jordan Haynesworth  

Bryan Hill  
Jibril Jefferson  
Benjamin Jones  
Denise Jones  
Darius Manigo  
Austin Massey  
Steven Mazycz  
Jerome Mikell  
Gabrielle Moffett  
Ashley Pinkney  
Marvis President  
Kristopher Rambert  
Jonathan Ruth  
Ricky Sampson  
Albert Shuler  
Chris Simpson  
Chris Smith  
Nicholas Spurley  
Tarus Stills  
Mark Wilson  
Darius Wright  
Ols Wright  

*Euphonium*

Lamont Boykin  
Frederick Brown  
Scott Epps  
Brandon Floyd  
Larry Frazier  
Tremayne Fritz  
Joann Gates  
Candace Grier  
Nigel Harris  
Taylor Harrison  
James Mackrey  
Stanley Montgomery  
Timothy Moore  
Crystal Mungin  
Joseph Rouse  
Chris Shelton  
Jimmy Williams  
Carlin Witcher  
Robert Witherspoon  

*Trombones*

Rogers Baxter  
Darryl Broome  
Andrew Crews  
Kelley Cutburt  
Antonio Daniel  
Bernard George  
Ladaisia Glen  
Zeverick Gordon  
Hamilton Grant  
Nedrick Green  
Michael Howell  

Latondrick Hunter  
Cordello Jones  
Sitha Lam  
Ashley Lattimore  
David McCleod  
Devin McCleod  
Gent McCoy-Thompson  
Brandon Miller  
James Patterson  
Shion Randolph  
Russell Riley  
Mark Robinson  
Jarome Ross  
Dominique Shorter  
Tiara Vaugh  
Bianca Watts  
Charles Wells  
Monique Wheeler  

*Tuba*

Taylor Arthur  
Yolanda Bennett  
Landen Bethea  
Avery Brown  
Hussein Davies  
Geoffrey Dean  
Douglas Goethie  
Brendan Glaze  
Michael Grate  
Xavier Harris  
Robert Jenkins  
Wattie Jefferson  
Bradon Lilienthal  
Kendall Longino  
Jonathan Madden  
Germaine Mapp  

*Percussion*

Quenton Atterberry  
Justin Boyd  
Rakim Bradford  
Tammy Brown  

Satëka Chambers  
Henderson Charley  
Curtis Coleman  
Raesi Daniels  
Brittany Davis  
Dennard Delk  
Jean Paul Dia  
Curtis Dix  
Foushe Dotson  
Adrian Faison  
Donovan Ford  
Corey Foster  
Kevin Gadson  
Brandon Gordon  
Steven Grant  
Meechi Green  
Dan Halback  
Jamal Hicks  
Lionel Hunter  
Vincent Jenkins  
Jama Johnson  
Rudy Johnson  
Daniel Jones  
Freddie Land  
Lamacros Mack  
Marcus McCluney  
Benjamin McMiller  
Xavier Michael  
Travis Miller  
Artwan Moffatt  
Adrian Moore  
Melvin Moore  
Devin Neman  
Leeshawn Nicholson  
Demarcus Nobles  
Antonio Pierce  
Reginald Rachford  
Damiens Simmons  
Isaiah Singleton  
Alfred Smith  
Cedric Smith  
Kenneth Smith  
Whitney Smith  
Irving Stegall  
Michael Thomas  
Rodericus Thompson  
Tray Walters  
DeQuanda Walker  
Calvin Washington  
DeWayne Washington  
Vincent Willingham  
Nicholas Wright  

**Bass Clarinet/Bassoon**

Laquita Alford  
Lekretia Gonzales  
Renda Jackson  
Larissa Jones  
Stephon Miller  
Jasmine Stroman  

Gabriel Anderson  
Kenneth Brabham  
Micah Brown  
Rudy Brown  

*Alto Saxophone*

Charles Wells  
Tiara Vaught  
Dominique Shorter  
Jarvis Ross  
Mark Robinson  

*Tuba*

Taylor Arthur  
Yolanda Bennett  
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2007 SUMMER TERM
Classes begin – Session I – Tuesday, May 22, 2007
Late Registration, Tuesday, May 22, 2007

2007 FALL TERM
Registration – Tuesday, April 3, 2007 – Wednesday, August 8, 2007
Late Registration begins - August 14, 2007 – August 21, 2007
Classes begin – August 22, 2007

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.

TWENTY
**Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing**

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 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.

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

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