Commencement Convocation

2007

Friday, May 11
Seven O’clock P.M.
Oliver C. Dawson Stadium
Orangeburg, South Carolina
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.
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SEVEN O’CLOCK P.M.
OLIVER C. DAWSON STADIUM
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.
To the Graduating Class of May 2007:

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of May 2007. Your graduation today evidences your commitment to serve as productive citizens in a global society. You represent the future of our communities, our state, the nation, and even the world. The members of the administration, faculty, and staff are honored to have provided you with a quality education that ensures successful careers in your chosen fields of study.

Continue to build upon the knowledge and experiences that you have gained during your matriculation at the University. Go forth as leaders and contributors to our ever changing society and as ambassadors of our beloved Alma Mater. Again, to the Class of May 2007, congratulations on your achievement and commitment to excellence in all that you do.

Sincerely,

Andrew Hugine, Jr., Ph.D.
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-National Anthem ........................................ ROTC Color Guard

SCRIPTURE AND INVOCATION ........................................ Dr. John H. Corbitt
Member, Board of Trustees

MUSIC – “Hallelujah” from the Mount of Olives  L. van Beethoven ........................................ Concert Choir

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

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ........................................ Dr. Reg Weaver
National Education Association (NEA) President

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES ........................................ President Hugine and Dr. Shirley P. Houzer,
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

PUBLIC SERVICE
Dr. Reg Weaver
Educator
Reader: Dr. Mary E. Cheeseboro, Associate Vice President for Faculty and Programs

CONFERRING OF DEGREES ........................................ President Hugine and Dr. Houzer

READERS:
Dr. Harriett Gregg, Associate Professor of Speech Pathology and Audiology
Dr. Ghussan Greene, Interim Chair of English and Modern Languages & Professor of English

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS ........................................ President Hugine
INDUCTION OF GRADUATES INTO THE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. Ms. Patricia B. Lott, President South Carolina State University National Alumni Association

REMARKS. President Hugine

ALMA MATER. Audience
Concert Choir and Symphonic Band

RETIRING OF COLORS. ROTC Color Guard

BENEDICTION. Dr. Corbitt

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

**Graduates and Guests:** Please remain seated until the platform party and faculty have recessed. At the conclusion of this program, please proceed to the President’s Reception in the Felton Laboratory School Gymnasium. The Reception will begin no later than thirty (30) minutes following the conclusion of the commencement exercise.

**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. Shirley P. Houzer
Reg Weaver is serving his second term as president of the 3.2 million-member National Education Association (NEA)—the nation’s largest professional employee organization.

As a middle school science teacher and 30-year classroom veteran, Weaver has been a lifelong advocate for quality public schools. He served as president of his local in Harvey, Ill., president of the NEA affiliate in Illinois, and now leads one of the most influential education organizations in the nation.

He travels nationally and internationally, working tirelessly as an ambassador for public education and advocating for the basic right of every student to attend a great public school. North Carolina’s Shaw University recently awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Weaver for “his world-class leadership in the efforts to educate children.”

Weaver serves as vice president of Education International, a 348-member organization representing more than 29 million teachers and education workers in 166 countries. He travels to meetings of Education International and national education unions around the world. He has also addressed conferences and forums sponsored by numerous national organizations, including the U.S. Conference of Mayors, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), National Council of La Raza (NCLR), Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, League of United Latin Citizens (LULAC), ASPIRA, and ACORN.

A recognized expert on public education issues, Weaver has testified before Congress on federal education policy and frequently provides a critical voice on public education for national publications, including The New York Times, USA Today and The Washington Post, along with decision-maker publications, such as Congressional Quarterly, Education Week, and Education Daily. Weaver regularly appears on such news programs as CNN “Headline News,” C-Span’s “Washington Journal,” and ABC “World News Tonight.” He has been invited to discuss pressing education issues on National Public Radio’s “News & Notes with Ed Gordon,” CNN Radio Network, AP Radio Network, and others.

Weaver serves on the executive board of the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education and on the board of governors for the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. He is a member of the board of directors of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and he is an honorary life member of the National Parent Teachers Association.

He also served on the Illinois State Board of Education’s Blue Ribbon Committee on the Improvement of Teaching as a Profession, the Illinois Commission for the Improvement of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Administrator’s Academy, the Illinois Project for School Reform Advisory Council, the North Central Regional Educational Laboratory Advisory Committee, the Joint Committee on Minority Student Achievement, the Illinois Literacy Council, and the Task Force on At-Risk Youth.

His commitment and contributions to public education haven’t gone unnoticed. He has been named one of Ebony magazine’s 100 Most Influential Black Americans for his national influence. He is the recipient of the 2005 Spirit of Liberty Award presented by People for the American Way as well as the U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute’s 2006 George Meany Latino Leadership Award. Weaver’s recent honors also include the 2006 Chairman’s Award for Educational Leadership presented by 100 Black Men of America, Inc. and the Congressional Black Caucus Education Braintrust’s 2006 Great Points of Light Award. Weaver also received the USAction Progressive Leadership Award, the National Conference of Black Mayors President’s Award, the Ebony Magazine Influential Black Educators Award, and the Illinois Education Association’s Human Relations Award.

Back home, Weaver is listed on the Danville (Ill.) High School Wall of Fame and serves as an honorary member of the Advisory Board for the Department of Educational Leadership at Roosevelt University, which is his alma mater.

Weaver earned his bachelor of science degree in special education for the physically challenged at Illinois State University. He received a master’s degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago.
Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees

The academic honors of Summa Cum Laude (3.75-4.00), Magna Cum Laude (3.50-3.74), and Cum Laude (3.00-3.49) are designated in the commencement program for undergraduate students with outstanding scholastic records based on their current cumulative grade point averages where A=4, B=3, C=2 (See page 13).

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Industrial Technology
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Dominic Anthony Harvey
Gerald McCloud

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Cedric Rashad Suttle

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Mautisha Jenkins
Devonie Middleton
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Charlene Pama
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Carrue Scrivner
Shawn Dwayne Sergeant
Chavonne Nakia Shaw
Nicholas Singleton

April Nicole Snipes
Quentin F. Stewart
LaShawna Willena Tukes
Irene Uwitonze
Janique Shantan Walker
Schuyler Dennard Williamson

College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences
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Marvin Raphael McClean
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Priscilla Marie Segres
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Ava Amanda Cain
Kim Thawann Carroll
Chasity Marie Fralix
Milton Ian Howard
Toney Rashawn Mealing
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Karla Michelle Pearsall

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Rank of Second Lieutenant Commissioned Officers from the Class of May 2007

Jason Alston (Branched Infantry)
Terrell McNichols (Branched Infantry)
Christina Apraez (Branched Nursing Corps)

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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Honorary Degree Recipients

Philip Simons  Doctor of Fine Arts  2006
Inez M. Tenenbaum  Doctor of Laws  2005
George H. Grace  Doctor of Humane Letters  2005
John Hope Franklin  Doctor of Humane Letters  2005
Henry Nehemiah Tisdale  Doctor of Laws  2004
Lindsey Olan Graham  Doctor of Laws  2004
Harry Briggs*  Doctor of Laws  2004
Eliza Briggs*  Doctor of Laws  2004
Levi Pearson*  Doctor of Laws  2004
Essie Mae Washington-Williams  Doctor of Education  2004
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Mrs. Crandall C. Bowles  Doctor of Laws  2001
Kay Patterson  Doctor of Laws  2000
James F. Barker  Doctor of Education  2000
Charles P Austin  Doctor of Public Service  2000
John Hurst Adams  Doctor of Humane Letters  2000
James Hovis Hodges  Doctor of Laws  1999
Albert Gore, Jr.  Doctor of Laws  1998
Kenneth L. Chenault  Doctor of Humane Letters  1997
Joel A. Smith, III  Doctor of Humane Letters  1996
Ernest Finney, Jr.  Doctor of Laws  1996
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William E. Simms  Doctor of Humane Letters  1995
John E. Jacob  Doctor of Humane Letters  1995
Reatha Clark King  Doctor of Humane Letters  1995
Carl A. Carpenter  Doctor of Humane Letters  1994
Johnnetta B. Cole  Doctor of Humane Letters  1994
L. Douglas Wilder  Doctor of Laws  1994
Trudelle Willetta Wimbush  Doctor of Education  1994
Rodell Lawrence  Doctor of Laws  1992
John W. Matthews, Jr.  Doctor of Laws  1990
Harold J. Mackey  Doctor of Humane Letters  1990
Maude E. Callen*  Doctor of Humane Letters  1990
Earle E. Morris, Jr.  Doctor of Public Service  1990
A. Barry Rand  Doctor of Public Service  1990
Abelle Palmore Nivens  Doctor of Education  1989
Marshall Burns Williams  Doctor of Laws  1989
Matthew J. Perry, Jr.  Doctor of Laws  1989
John C. Marous  Doctor of Public Service  1989
Ruby Middleton Forsythe  Doctor of Education  1988
J. Strom Thurmond  Doctor of Laws  1988
M. Maceo Nance, Jr.  Doctor of Laws  1988
Ernest Frederick Hollings  Doctor of Laws  1988
Henry Doctor, Jr.  Doctor of Laws  1988
Sammy Davis, Jr.  Doctor of Humane Letters  1988
Walter Ivey  Master of Farmer  1946
Ernest A. Grant  Doctor of Agriculture  1946
W. H. Aiken  Doctor of Science  1946
Robert Shaw Wilkinson, Jr.  Doctor of Science  1946
Benjamin E. Mays  Doctor of Letters  1946
George W. Howard  Master of Arts  1924
J. B. Pierce  Master of Science  1924
John T. Williamson  Master of Arts  1922
Marion B. Wilkinson  Masters of Arts  1922
Miller F. Whittaker  Masters of Arts  1922
Herbert U. Seabrook  Master of Arts  1922
Celia D. Saxon  Master of Arts  1922
Martin A. Menafee  Master of Arts  1922
William C. Nance  Master of Arts  1922
Isaac S. Leevy  Master of Arts  1922
Lucy C. Laney  Master of Arts  1922
Louise F Holmes  Master of Arts  1922
Bessie E. Green  Master of Arts  1922
Otis D. Council  Master of Arts  1922
Cora S. Boykin  Master of Arts  1922
Mary McLeod Bethune  Master of Arts  1922
J.C. Whittaker  Doctor of Laws  1922
J.J. Starks  Doctor of Laws  1922
Ernest E. Just  Doctor of Laws  1922
Nelson C. Nix  Doctor of Laws  1922
Lewis M. Dunton  Doctor of Laws  1922

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**Concert Choir**

Kristen Allen  
Rashaad Anderson  
Chris Andrews  
Sherica Ball  
Diandra Britton  
Crystal Brown  
Jamaal Brown  
Tavares Brumfield  
Andrea Calloway  
Michael Cherry  
LeKeatra Daniels  
Thomas Davis  
Denise Gaymon  
Candice Harmon  
Derrell Jenkins  
Amadi Jones  
Derrell Jones  
Chasity Lamb  
Claude Lockhart  
Kenneth Magwood  
Stephon Miller  
Demetria Peyton  
Kadina Sangster  
Deana Scott  
Thomas Sherman  
Mckenzee Singley  
Robert Stukes  
Travis Thompson  
Thurayya Umbayemake  
Darrill Weston  
Jocelyn Weston  
Erica Williams  
Edward Woods

**Amphonic Band**

Flute & Oboe  
Quanti Mims  
Jasmine Cooper  
Doniesha Reynolds  
Joy Vaughn  
Venetia Lyles  
Stephon Miller  
Clarinet/Bassoon  
Mark Watts  
Syliva Lee  
LeQuita Alford  
Xyvina Williams  
Jennifer Goodwin  
Quentin Turner  
Sherica Ball  
Kendra Elder  
Denise Rivers  
Casceal Cruz  
Lanishia McClintock  
Auriel James  
Candace Gordon  
Bass Clarinet  
Larissa Jones  
LeKretia Gonzales  
David McLeod  
Alto Saxophone  
Gabriel Anderson  
Chris Odom  
Allen Holmes  
Madison Scriven  
Treasure Holland  
Kenny Braham  
Brittany Salley  
Tenor/Baritone Saxophone  
Yewston Myers  
Brandis Howard  
Amy Simmons  
Terian Marley  
Devlin Boswell  
French Horn  
Candace Hall  
Megan Martin  
Krystal Singletary  
Isum Ellison  
Tar-Shae Odom  
Trumpets  
Mark Wilson, II  
Darion Breland  
Chris Simpson  
Austin Massey  
Terrence Ransom  
Kevin Charles  
Albert Shuler  
Marvis President  
Taurus Stills  
Jennifer Buie  
Steven Mazycz  
Marion Murphy  
Otis Wright  
Benjamin Jones  
Larry Bowden  
Baritone/Euphonium  
Joseph Rouse  
Taylor Harrison  
Candace Grier  
Larry Frazier  
Robert Witherspoon  
Carlin Witchard  
Trombone  
Mark Robinson  
Tiara Vaught  
Latronick Hunter  
Rogers Baxter  
Jonathan Whitfield  
Brandon Miller  
Bianca Watts  
Zelverick Gordon  
Roderick Holland  
Russell Riley  
David Norman  
Tuba  
Kyles Lewis  
Brandon Hopkins  
Desmond Williams  
Brendan Glaze  
Yolonda Bennett  
Garrick Ribers  
Nathaniel Simmons  
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Announcements

RECEPTION
A Reception has been planned immediately after the Commencement Convocation in the Felton Laboratory School Gymnasium to congratulate graduates and welcome families and guests.

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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