112th Founders’ Day Program

“SC State: A University With A New STATE of Mind”

Sunday, March 2, 2008
Four O’clock p.m.
Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center
Orangeburg, South Carolina
In 1920 White Hall became the new academic building on South Carolina State’s campus. It contained twelve well equipped classrooms and an auditorium which seated one thousand persons. It was built on the site where Morrill Hall, which was destroyed by fire in 1916, previously stood. Student labor was used in the construction of this building. It was named in honor of the late C. B. White of Chester, South Carolina, a former Board of Trustee Member. Through the years, statewide educational and cultural events were held in White Hall. For twenty-seven years the auditorium was the venue for the College’s Annual Easter service featuring Dr. Benjamin E. Mays as speaker.

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Today, South Carolina State University celebrates one hundred and twelve 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

2008  Mr. Eugene H. Robinson
2007  Mr. Thomas W. Dortch Jr.
2006  The Honorable James E. Clyburn
2005  Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie
2004  Brigadier General Abraham J. Turner
2003  Willie E. Gary, Esquire
2002  The Honorable Merl F. Code
2001  The Honorable Melvin L. Watt
2000  Martin Luther King, III
1999  The Reverend J. Herbert Nelson, II
1998  Dr. Dolly Desselle Adams
1997  Major General (Retired) James R. Klugh
1996  Judge Paul R. Webber, III
1995  Bishop Joseph Benjamin Bethea
1994  The Reverend Joseph E. Lowery
1993  Associate Justice Ernest A. Finney, Jr.
1992  Judge Matthew J. Perry, Jr.
1991  Dr. Leonard H. Haynes, III
1990  The Honorable Richard Arrington
1989  Mr. John E. Jacob
1988  Brigadier General (Retired) George Price
1987  Mr. Sammy Davis, Jr.
1986  Dr. John H. Johnson
1985  Dr. Joffre T. Whisenton
1984  Mrs. Marva N. Collins
1983  Mr. Lerone Bennett, Jr.
1982  Mr. Max Robinson
1981  The Honorable Richard W. Riley
1980  Cancelled
1979  The Honorable Milton Kimpson
1978  Ms. Carole Simpson
1977  Mr. Alex Haley

Occasion

Pageant—Eighty Years of Pride and Progress Presented by Henderson-Davis Players “Second Alumni Band Concert” Bishop James S. Thomas Dr. William Holmes Borders Dr. Benjamin E. Mays “An Afternoon of the Arts” “First Alumni Band Concert” Mr. James E. Clyburn The Honorable James L. Felder The Honorable Maynard H. Jackson Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Dr. Edward Brice Cancelled Dr. Frank P. Lloyd Mrs. Lottye Washington Russell Dr. Sherman Webster Dr. Charles J. Walker The Reverend Reginald J. Daniels Dr. Samuel E. Duncan Dr. Rufus P. Perry Dr. Annabelle Spann Sherman Boykin Dr. Benjamin F. Payton Dr. James Thomas Mr. Allard Allston Dr. Mordecai Johnson Dr. Helen Edmonds The Reverend Sam Miller Dr. J. C. Parler The Reverend C. Bernard Crawford Dr. W. Edward Farrison
“SC State: A University With A New STATE of Mind”

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. M. Maceo Nance, Jr.
1968-1986

Dr. Albert E. Smith
1986-1992

Dr. Barbara R. Hatton
1992-1995

Dr. Leroy Davis, Sr.
1996-2002

Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr.
2003-2007

Dr. Leonard A. McIntyre
Interim President
2007-Present
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. Donna 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 Algenron 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 1, 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, expansion 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. In 2006, the 755-bed state of the art Residence Hall was opened for student occupancy. Likewise, the 1890 building was dedicated and named in honor of graduate and senior South Carolina Senator John W. Matthews, Jr. In addition, the University was among six colleges to participate in the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Africa initiative to provide textbooks and other learning materials to the students in Africa. Specifically, South Carolina State University is partnered with the country of Tanzania in USAID initiative. Continuing with its level of excellence, the University was ranked by the national publication, Washington Monthly Magazine, number nine as a national university and number one in the area of social mobility.

In 2007, South Carolina hosted the first candidates’ debate of the 2008 Presidential cycle on Thursday, April 26th. The Democratic Presidential candidates’ debate was produced by NBC News and hosted by SC State. MSNBC’s signature political program, “Hardball with Chris Matthews,” aired live from South Carolina State University. The new 755-bed residence hall was dedicated and named in honor of the University’s Ninth president, Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr. In addition, construction began on Phase I of the James E. Clyburn Transportation Research and Conference Center Complex. The University also realized a record enrollment of 5,000 students. On December 13, 2007, Dr. Leonard A. McIntyre was named Interim President.
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Dr. Leonard A. McIntyre – Interim 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

NATIONAL ANTHEM – The Star Spangled Banner  Frances 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.  The Reverend Dr. George E. Hicks
Associate Professor, Department of Education
Pastor, Ebenezer A.M.E. Church
St. Matthews, South Carolina

OCCASION  Miss Portia N. Gifford
Miss South Carolina State University

GREETINGS  Mr. Jonathan Pinson, ’93
Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees

Ms. Patricia B. Lott, ’63
President, National Alumni Association

Mr. Jeremy J. Rogers
President, Student Government Association

SELECTION – Gloria  Antonio Vivaldi
South Carolina State University Concert Choir
Dr. Richard E. Beckford, Director

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER  Belinda Davis-Branch, Esq.
Law Office of Belinda Davis-Branch
Orangeburg, South Carolina

FOUNDERS’ DAY ADDRESS  Mr. Eugene H. Robinson
Associate Editor and Columnist
The Washington Post

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SELECTION – *I Can Tell the World*  
arr. Moses Hogan  
South Carolina State University Concert Choir  
Dr. Richard E. Beckford, Director

**AWARDS**

**READER:**

Dr. Rita J. Teal, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

Faculty and Staff Service Awards  
Quarter Century Club Awards

Distinguished Alumna Award  
Mrs. Gracia Watermann Dawson, ’37

Distinguished Alumnus Awards  
Class of 1957  
(Accepted by Mr. Thurman D. Shuler)

Dr. Jonas T. Kennedy, ’37  
(Accepted by Mrs. Diedre Hepburn, Daughter)

Distinguished Community Service Award  
Mrs. Eddie Andrews Bellinger, ’47

Outstanding Accomplishments and Achievements Award  
Dr. Harold Powell, ’61

Education  
Mr. Eugene H. Robinson  
*Journalism*

Thomas E. Miller Society  
Class of 2008  
Dr. Harold Powell, ’61

Professor of the Year Awards  
Staff Employee of the Year Awards

**REMARKS**

Interim President McIntyre

**ALMA MATER**  
Symphonic Band, Choir, Audience  
Mr. Ellis, *Conductor*

**BENEDICTION**

The Reverend Dr. Hicks

**POSTLUDE**  
South Carolina State University Symphonic Band  
Mr. Ellis, *Conductor*  
*NINE*
Eugene Robinson uses his twice-weekly column in The Washington Post to pick American society apart and then put it back together again in unexpected, and revelatory, new ways. To do this job of demolition and reassembly, Robinson relies on a large and varied tool kit: energy, curiosity, elegant writing, and the wide-ranging experience of a life that took him from childhood in the segregated South – on what they called the “colored” side of the tracks – to the heights of American journalism.

In a 25-year career at The Washington Post, Robinson has been city hall reporter, city editor, foreign correspondent in Buenos Aires and London, foreign editor, and assistant managing editor in charge of the paper’s award-winning Style section. He has written books about race in Brazil and music in Cuba, covered a heavyweight championship fight, witnessed riots in Philadelphia and a murder trial in the deepest Amazon, sat with presidents and dictators and the Queen of England, thrusted and parried with hair-proud politicians from sea to shining sea, handicapped all three editions of “American Idol,” acquired fluent Spanish and passable Portuguese, and even reached an uneasy truce with the noxious hip-hop lyrics that fester in his teenage son’s innocent-looking iPod.

Robinson was born and reared in Orangeburg, S.C. He remembers the culminating years of the Civil Rights Movement – the “Orangeburg Massacre,” a 1968 incident in which police fired on students protesting a segregated bowling alley and killed three unarmed young men, took place within sight of his house just a few hundred yards away. He was educated at Felton Laboratory School and Orangeburg High School, where he was one of a historic group of black students on the previously all-white campus; and the University of Michigan, where during his senior year he was the first black student to be named co-editor-in-chief of the award-winning student newspaper, The Michigan Daily.

He began his journalism career at the San Francisco Chronicle, where he was one of two reporters assigned to cover the trial of kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst which arguably set the pattern for all the saturation-coverage celebrity trials that have followed. F. Lee Bailey, at the time the most celebrated lawyer in America, was lead counsel for the defense. He lost the case, which taught Robinson a valuable lesson he has never forgotten: Reputation and performance are two different things.

Robinson joined The Washington Post in 1980 as city hall reporter, covering the first term of Washington’s larger-than-life mayor, Marion Barry. For the first time since Orangeburg, race became a dominant issue in Robinson’s life – as city hall reporter, he was the de facto emissary of a powerful white institution, The Post, to an ambitious, race-conscious, black-run government of a majority-black city. There he learned another important lesson: Man-in-the-middle is never a comfortable role, but sometimes it’s a necessary one.

Robinson became an assistant city editor in 1981, and in 1984 was promoted to city editor, in charge of the paper’s coverage of the District of Columbia. During the 1987-88 academic year, on leave from The Post, Robinson was a Nieman Fellow in Journalism at Harvard University. Upon his return to the paper he was named The Post’s South America correspondent, based in Buenos Aires, Argentina, a post he held from 1988 to 1992 (which let him cover the trial in Amazon and also research his first book, the one about Brazil, Coal to Cream: A Black Man’s Journey Beyond Color to an Affirmation of Race, published in 1999). For the subsequent two years, he was London bureau chief (affording him the opportunity to sit in one of the gilded state rooms of Buckingham Palace as Queen Elizabeth II committed the investiture of a new crop of knights of the realm; and also to cover a championship prize fight between heavyweights Lennox Lewis and Frank Bruno, and to lose the option of ever becoming a full-time sportswriter by turning his head to scan the crowd at the precise instant of the blow that laid poor Bruno out on the canvas). In February 1994, Robinson returned to Washington to become The Post’s foreign editor. That same year he was elected to the Council on Foreign Relations.

In January 1999, Robinson became an assistant managing editor of The Post, in charge of the Style section – where he learned that hip-hop and “American Idol” are as relevant to people’s lives, in their way, as the “serious” news that gets reported on the front page. His appointment as associate editor and columnist took place January 1, 2005. Robinson is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and has received numerous journalism awards. His second book, Last Dance in Havana: The Final Days of Fidel and the Start of the New Cuban Revolution – an examination of contemporary Cuba, looking at the society through the vibrant music scene – was published in 2004.

Robinson lives in Arlington, Virginia, with his wife Avis and their two sons.
Mrs. Gracia Watermann Dawson, an Orangeburg native, attended elementary school at Claflin College, and graduated in the last high school class at SC State. She is a 1937 graduate of SC State where she earned a B.S. degree in Education; a 1938 graduate of Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia with a B.S.L.S degree; and further study was done at the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado.

The decision to elect a queen to represent the University at banquets, football games and other events began at the State A&M College of South Carolina early in 1934. Mrs. Dawson, the oldest living Miss SC State (1936-37), said, being elected queen is an experience she’ll never forget. Although it has been more than 70 years, she still remembers her reign. According to Mrs. Dawson, the only fanfare and showcase for Miss SC State back then, “was the Homecoming parade, because at that time, there was not a Homecoming queen. Miss SC State and her attendants rode on the float in the homecoming parade.”

Mrs. Dawson said being Miss SC State certainly helped her as she followed her dreams. She admitted that being the queen at the University she called “home” played a pivotal role in her decision to return to SC State in a professional role serving as librarian. Mrs. Dawson retired in 1978 after thirty-one years at SC State working as an instructor in the Department of Library Services and reference and serials librarian in the College library. She also worked at Claflin College as head librarian and Wilkinson High School as librarian, both in Orangeburg.

Mrs. Dawson, 92 years young, returns each year for the coronations of new queens.

Her father, Mr. Charles E. Watermann came to the college in 1908 as an instructor in tailoring. His exceptional talent for fitting and assembling garments was recognized by South Carolina’s elite, and he was commissioned to provide suits to state governors from Coleman Blease to Strom Thurmond.

Mrs. Dawson has seen many changes over the years at the campus. She was born in campus housing for faculty where Bethea Hall is now located.

Mrs. Dawson resides in Orangeburg and is a member of St. Luke Presbyterian Church (USA). She was married to the late legendary Coach Oliver C. Dawson, for whom the Bulldog Stadium is named.

The Class of 1957 held its Golden Class Reunion during Alumni Weekend 2007. At that time, the class donated $122,000 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. This gift is a positive example of how teamwork, tenacity, and Bulldog spirit can produce a winning team. The South Carolina State University Family salutes the Class of 1957.
Distinguished Award Recipients (continued)

Dr. Jonas Thomas Kennedy, a SC State alumnus, is a generous philanthropist, who has buildings named in his honor in the United States as well as Africa. Born in Bennettsville, South Carolina to parents who were both graduates of Claflin College, as well as two sisters, Kennedy also entered Claflin in the 1930s, but later transferred to South Carolina State College where he studied agriculture. After graduating from SC State in 1937, Dr. Kennedy combined teaching and farming. While serving as a teaching principal in McBee, South Carolina, he also found the time to raise chickens and turkeys, as well as teach agriculture in Clio and Spartanburg and work as a soil conservationist in Greenville.

In 1939, Dr. Kennedy began to manage his family’s farm, and quickly mastered turkey farming. Recognized internationally as an expert in turkey production, Dr. Kennedy has served as a farming consultant to countries throughout Africa. He has traveled to every continent except Australia to observe farming techniques. In the 1960s he was the only South Carolina farmer invited by President Lyndon Johnson to attend a national farm policy conference. He was voted Farmer of the Year in 1977 and has been featured in Ebony magazine, Turkey World and Progressive Farmer.

In addition to being a farmer, Dr. Kennedy is a generous philanthropist. His donations to Claflin College made possible the construction of the Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Physical Education Center. From 1969 to 1983, he was a trustee of the college. In 1975, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree, and he is a member of the college’s Hall of Fame.

“An education in an environment where moral values are nurtured along with intellectual growth is to be highly prized in today’s world,” says Dr. Kennedy.

Dr. Kennedy has also sponsored the education of two African students at Claflin; and his commitment to the development of education in Africa has helped Zimbabwe to establish its “School of Dreams.” Africa University has been the recipient of three major donations by Dr. Kennedy, including a $250,000 gift to build a dormitory, which is named in honor of Odette Kennedy, his wife.

Dr. Kennedy is a member of Bennettsville’s Level Green United Methodist Church. He also served as president for the Marlboro County NAACP and he has also been a member of the county’s highway commission and general hospital board.

Mrs. Eddie Andrews Bellinger is a 1947 graduate of South Carolina State where she earned a B.S. degree in Home Economics. Mrs. Bellinger is a retired educator, who was driven by her desire to help others make a better life for themselves. She was active in school, community, and church. Mrs. Bellinger gave back to her community through her dedicated work as a teacher. Her career includes teaching at the Naval Base in Charleston, South Carolina for a number of years. Her commitment to community service is evidenced by her affiliation with the NAACP. Mrs. Bellinger was an active member of the NAACP for over 30 years. She is a lifetime Golden Heritage member of the Orangeburg branch where she served as secretary for a number of years. Presently she holds the title of Secretary Emeritus of the Orangeburg Branch of the NAACP.

Mrs. Bellinger is a member of Williams Chapel A.M.E. Church in Orangeburg. She was a dedicated church worker. She considered her work in the church as a way of giving back to the community and as a way to help others in their spiritual growth. She was a true “willing-worker” who gave of herself unselfishly. Her service to her church showed that she believed in leading and teaching by example. When she was actively involved in church work she served on many committees and organized many church activities. She has served on various committees in the church including the Steward Committee, Endowment Committee, Building and Improvement Committee, and the Women’s Auxiliary.

Mrs. Bellinger is a lifetime member of Zeta Phi Beta Inc. and a member of Alpha Omicron Zeta Chapter in Orangeburg. She is the widow of Mr. Robert Bellinger.
Dr. Harold Powell, Speech-Language Pathologist and retired University Professor, gives new meaning to the term “Renaissance Man.” His contributions to his profession transcend cultural, social, economic, and geographical boundaries. His efforts have enabled the speech and hearing impaired to receive services and provisions to enhance the quality of their lives by helping to remove stigmas, thus enabling them to transition into mainstream society. For more than forty-two (42) years, Dr. Powell has distinguished himself as a pioneer, innovator, visionary, facilitator, educator, administrator and more, in the field of Speech Pathology and Audiology. He spent thirty (30) of those years as an administrator and educator preparing students to become professionals who serve the communicatively handicapped and providing and overseeing the provision of clinical services to persons with speech, language, and hearing disorders through the development of an accredited undergraduate and graduate training program.

Dr. Powell’s pioneering efforts in service provision for the communicatively impaired are numerous. The driving force behind his efforts can be attributed to his belief that it does take a “village” to educate and serve the speech and hearing impaired throughout the state of South Carolina. He established the first speech, hearing, and language clinic on a college campus in South Carolina at South Carolina State College (University), and the only such facility in what was at the time a seven-county area. He initiated services in Orangeburg County for children with impaired hearing and autism. He was instrumental in providing a service for screening the speech and hearing of all of the children enrolled in the public schools of Calhoun County (SC) to support the need for public school speech clinicians in the public schools (1971). This initiative resulted in the practice of screening the speech and hearing of Head Start children in South Carolina, and as a result over 5,700 children in the state were screened. Dr. Powell’s efforts in this arena are unparalleled. They were accomplished during his tenure at South Carolina State College (University) from 1965-1994 with twenty-nine (29) of those years (1971-94) being spent as Chairman of the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Dr. Powell is a native of Jacksonboro, South Carolina, and a 1961 graduate of South Carolina State College (University) where he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Speech Correction. In 1963, he received a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Speech from Pennsylvania State University. Shortly thereafter (1966), he received his Ph. D. in Speech Pathology and Audiology from Pennsylvania State. While at Pennsylvania State University, Dr. Powell worked as a Graduate Student Speech Clinician (1961-65). The multi-talented Dr. Powell also served in the United States Air Force as a Teletype Operator from 1950 to 1957.

Dr. Powell’s professional affiliations on the local, state, and national levels are extensive. His current affiliations include American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA), Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech Pathology; South Carolina Speech and Hearing Association; South Carolina License in Speech Pathology; National Association for Hearing and Speech Action; College of Hearing and Speech Administrators; American Association of University Professors; Board of Directors, Orangeburg Association for Retarded Citizens; Chairman, Board of Directors, Orangeburg County Disabilities and Special Needs Board; Treasurer, Orangeburg Sertoma Club.

Additionally, Dr. Powell has received numerous honors and awards for his contributions and services to humanity. These include Distinguished Service Award (National Black Association for Speech); Distinguished Alumnus of South Carolina State University, National Association Equal Opportunity in Higher Education; Frank R. Kleffner Clinical Career Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Field of Speech-Language Pathology; South Carolina Speech–Language–Hearing Association; Who’s Who in the South and Southwest, 22nd Edition, 1991-92; Professor Emeritus, South Carolina State University, 2002; Special Award for Lifetime Contributions to Exceptional Children, Orangeburg CEC Chapter 451.

Dr. Powell’s outstanding accomplishments and achievements are a testament to his passion for serving humanity.
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**Program Coordinator, Registrar’s Office**

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**Park Ranger, 1890 Extension**

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**Administrative Assistant, 1890 Extension**

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FIFTEEN
Faculty and Staff Service Awards

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Dr. Gwendolyn D. Wilson  Professor and Chair, Health Sciences and Coordinator, Speech Pathology and Audiology

2008 Professor of the Year Awards

College of Business and Applied Professional Sciences
   Dr. William H. Whitaker, Jr., Assistant Professor, Family and Consumer Sciences
College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences
   Dr. Bessie M. Powell, Associate Professor, Education
College of Science, Mathematics and Engineering Technology
   Dr. Rahina Mahtab, Associate Professor, Biological and Physical Sciences

2008 Staff Employee of the Year Awards

Academic Affairs
   Ms. Patricia McDonald, Administrative Assistant, College of Business and Applied Professional Sciences
Finance, Facilities and Management Information Systems
   Mr. Dennis Larrymore, Supervisor and Manager, Buildings and Grounds, Facilities Management
Institutional Advancement
   Mrs. Iva L. Gardner, Reunion Manager, Alumni Relations
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Student Affairs
   Mrs. Sandra S. Davis, Director, Financial Aid, Student Affairs
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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.

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.

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.

1930 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.

1931 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.

1932 The first formal observance of Founders’ Day was held in March.

1938 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.

1941 The Golden Anniversary of the founding of the College was celebrated.

1946 Honorary degrees were conferred upon Benjamin E. Mays, Robert Shaw Wilkinson, Jr., W. H. Aiken, Ernest A. Grant, and Walter Ivey.

1947 The Graduate Program began in September.

1949 The Law School was opened in Wilkinson Hall (the library) with Benner Creswell Turner as Dean.

1949/50 The ROTC Unit for State College was approved by the War Department.

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1950 - Dr. Benner Creswell 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. Betcher, 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 February 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.

1970/71 - Celebration of the Diamond Jubilee. 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.

1983 - A program leading to the Doctor of Education degree was begun at the College. Jacqueline E. Gilmore became the first black female to be elected to the Board of Trustees.

1985 - Dr. James A. Boykin was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of South Carolina State College. The Adult and Continuing Education Program was begun. 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.

1987 - The Deans’ Council was established and Dr. Lewie C. Roache was appointed as the first Chairman of the Council.

1988 - February 28, Albert Emanuel Smith was inaugurated the Sixth President of South Carolina State College. 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.

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

1990 - 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. An honorary doctorate was conferred upon Barbara Bush, wife of President George W. Bush.

1991 - 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.
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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.
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.
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.
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).
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. Satpathy selected the 2000/2001 Governor’s Professor of the Year; the first SCSU faculty...
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2002
- 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 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.
- 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.
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2005
- The Research and Development Foundation was incorporated.
- Felton Laboratory School earned the Palmetto Gold Award on January 12, 2005.

2006
- Major renovations were made to the Pittsburgh State Room and Washington Dining Hall facilities.
- Alumni giving reached a record $1 million.
- The new Master in Transportation Degree program was established.

2007
- Honorary Doctorate was conferred upon Philip Simmons.
- The University received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.
- The largest construction project, state-of-the-art Student Residence Hall was opened for occupancy.
- Honorary Doctorates were conferred upon A. James Hicks and The Honorable Robert Harrell, Jr.
- Major renovations were made to the University Bookstore.
- First two students, Patricia Diane Glenn and Aundrie Blanchard, graduated from the Nuclear Engineering Program.

2008
- Major renovations were made to the Robert S. Evans Walnut Room.
- An honorary doctorate was conferred upon Philip E. Moore.
- The I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium reopened with major renovation.
- On October 26, the dedication and naming ceremony of the Andrew Hugine, Jr. Suites was held.
- Construction of the $1.4 million Chestnut Street Entrance began.
- Acquired University Village through the Real Estate Foundation.
- Ranked in Tier 1 of US News and World Report among HBCUs.
- On December 13, 2007, Dr. Leonard A. McIntyre was named Interim President.
- Honorary Doctorates were conferred upon The Honorable Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr., and The Honorable Justice Donald Beatty.
- In December 2007, Grover M. Hickson, IV was the first student to receive the MBA in Business Administration/Entrepreneurship.
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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  
Thro’ 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.  
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