Alumni Honors and Awards Banquet 2009

Saturday, May 9
Six O’clock p.m.
Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center
Orangeburg, South Carolina

SC State: A University With A New STATE of Mind
## Alumni Weekend Activities

### Classes in Reunion

### Friday, May 8, 2009
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
SCSU Bookstore Open

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Class of 1934, '39, '44, '49, '64, '69, '74, and '84
Registration, Reunion Picnic, Live Music
Location: KWG Student Center

11:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Class of 1959
Registration - Luncheon & Fellowship
Location: I.P. Standback Museum

6:00 pm
Golden Class of 1959 Board Bus for Commencement Exercises
Location: Crawford-Zimmerman Parking Lot

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Class of 1964 Social
The Home of Sandye Spann
1386 Belleville Road

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Class of 1954
Registration and Class Social
Alumni House
1921 Russell Street

7:00 pm
Commencement Exercises
Location: Oliver C. Dawson Stadium

9:00 pm -12:00 am
Class of 1974 Social
Music and Memories
Best Western Hotel (Citadel Rd)

10:00 pm
Class of 1959 After Glow Social
Location: KWG Bulldog Lounge

### Saturday, May 9, 2009
8:30 am – 9:00 am
Registration Continues for Reunion Classes
Location: Belcher Hall, 4th Floor Atrium

8:30 am – 9:00 am
Continental Breakfast
Location: Belcher Hall, 4th Floor Atrium

9:00 am – 11:30 am
SCSU National Alumni Association Meeting

### Sunday, May 10, 2009
8:00 am
Alumni Farewell Breakfast
Location: Washington Dining Hall
Dutch treat

8:00 am
Class of 1959 Fellowship Service and Breakfast
Robert S. Evans Walnut Room

10:00 am
Class of 1974 Worship service (New Mt. Zion Baptist Church)
Amelia St.

### Reunion Class Hotel Headquarters
- Class of 1959, '69 Country Inn & Suites
  Location: 731 Citadel Road, Orangeburg
- Class of 1974 Best Western
  Location: 746 Citadel Road, Orangeburg
- Class of 1954 Jamison Inn
  Location: 2350 Chestnut Street, Orangeburg
- Class of 1964 Holiday Inn Express
  Location: 118 Sleep Inn Drive, Orangeburg
- Class of 1934, '39 '44, '49, & '84 Comfort Inn & Suites
  Location: 3671 St. Matthews Rd, Orangeburg

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SATURDAY EVENING, THE NINTH
OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND NINE
SIX O’CLOCK P.M.
SMITH-HAMMOND-MIDDLETON MEMORIAL CENTER
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Today, South Carolina State University welcomes home her loyal sons and daughters.

The South Carolina State University Office of Alumni Relations is proud to sponsor the 2009 Annual Alumni Honors and Awards Banquet. By doing so, we provide a forum for the delivery of support and love to our Alma Mater. The featured classes for this year are the Golden Class of 1959, and the Silver Class of 1984. Also spotlighted are the classes of 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, and 1969.

The Banquet also gives honor to the outstanding alumni chapters and to individuals who have distinguished themselves during the year. We give them the recognition they so richly deserve for their productive efforts on behalf of our Association and our University.

Whether it’s called May Weekend, Alumni Weekend or Reunion Weekend, the weekend of May 8-10, 2009 can best be described as a Family Reunion Weekend. A momentous occasion – when Families, Alumni and Friends return home. It is a time to reminisce about the good ole’ days at our Alma Mater; a time to renew old acquaintances; a time to reflect on past experiences; and yes a time to give back! Whatever this weekend means to you, please know that President Cooper and the entire University Family are happy and proud to welcome you back to South Carolina State University! As the saying goes, there is no place like home – Welcome Home!

Office of Alumni Relations
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT COOPER

Dear Honorees:

I am pleased to express my appreciation to the Alumni of South Carolina State University for your unwavering support of Alma Mater. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and contributions to an institution that has given so much. Of all the wonderful benefits we offer to our students, your support is one of the most important as it provides much needed financial support.

Having many of you grace our campus during May Weekend gives us an opportunity to experience first-hand what the future of current students should look like. We are very fortunate to have you as Alumni who serve as ambassadors for the institution.

I hope that during May Weekend, you take away a renewed sense of our legacy, history, and heritage of South Carolina State University. Again, welcome home and we extend best wishes for a wonderful and enjoyable weekend.

Sincerely,

George E. Cooper
President
Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is with great pride that members of the Executive Committee welcome you to the 2009 Alumni Honors and Awards Banquet. This affair is the highlight of May Weekend and brings eleven reunion classes together to share in memories of South Carolina State University.

Alumni, I ask for your participation in the national association. For those present tonight, I ask that you make a promise to yourself to become a financial member and assist in growing our association into one of greater strength and support for “Our University”. South Carolina State stands at a pivotal time in its history, and it is an alumni responsibility to ensure that its greatness continues.

It has been with esteem honor to serve as your alumni president. Four years ago the Executive Committee and I created a new vision for the Association. We are proud that we were successful in accomplishing the majority of our goals and established new horizons for our membership. May the legacy of this team be remembered for years to come.

Again, I ask for your participation in the association and encourage others to do likewise.

With Enthusiasm,

Patricia B. Lott
President
South Carolina State University
National Alumni Association
On behalf of the Office of Alumni Relations, I want to thank you for your participation in Alumni Weekend 2009. Your presence demonstrates our shared commitment to improving education outcomes and opportunities for today’s students, especially those attending South Carolina State University.

Our ancestors struggled for the opportunity to have an education. Now, we have dedicated our efforts to the growth and continued development of our University. In the spirit of our ancestors, we must ensure that their struggles and ours are not in vain. Through meaningful educational support, collectively we are securing a strong foundation for our future and preparing our next generation of leaders.

Thank you for your service to our University and for your participation in Alumni Weekend 2009.

Sincerely,

Rodell Lawrence

Rodell Lawrence, ‘70
Assistant Vice President
Alumni Relations
Alumni Honors and Awards Banquet

Ms. Patricia B. Lott, ‘63 – President, SCSUNAA
Dr. Rodell Lawrence, ’70, Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations
Presiding

PROCESSIONAL .................................................................................................................. Program Participants
SCSUNAA Officers
Chapter Presidents
Silver Class of 1984
Golden Class of 1959

INVOCATION ...................................................................................................................... Reverend Dr. Willie Heggins, ’61
SCSUNAA Chaplain

WELCOME AND OCCASION ............................................................................................ Mrs. Iva Gardner
Reunion Manager
Office of Alumni Relations

GREETINGS ......................................................................................................................... Dr. George E. Cooper
President
South Carolina State University

GRACE ..................................................................................................................................... Reverend Heggins

~Dinner~

REFLECTIONS – THE GOLDEN YEARS ................................................................................ Mrs. Catherine Brown Braxton, ’59
Mr. Augustus L. Owens, ’59

CONFERRAL OF GOLDEN CERTIFICATES/HALF CENTURY CLUB INDUCTION ........ President Cooper

MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO THE DIVINE CLASS OF 1959. ..................................................... Roland Haynes Quintet

REFLECTIONS – THE SILVER YEARS .................................................................................. Ms. Aquilla Jones Causey, ’84

CONFERRAL OF SILVER CERTIFICATES ............................................................................ President Cooper

MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO THE CLASS OF 1984. ................................................................. Roland Haynes Quintet

EIGHT
GIFT PRESENTATIONS .............................................................. Reunion Classes

CLASS OF 1939        Mrs. Iva Gardner
CLASS OF 1944        Mrs. Iva Gardner
CLASS OF 1949        Mrs. Iva Gardner
CLASS OF 1954        Mrs. Josephine R. Evans
CLASS OF 1959        Mr. Ned E. Felder
CLASS OF 1964        Mr. Elester E. Townsend
CLASS OF 1969        Mrs. Sandra N. Whetstone
CLASS OF 1974        Mrs. Helen Corbett-Brandyburg
CLASS OF 1984        Mr. Stanley Smalls

SPECIAL PRESENTATION .......................................................... Dr. Lawrence

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS .................................................... President Cooper

SCSUNAA DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI ............................................. Mrs. Verna S. Wade, ’81
                                                          Co-Chairperson
                                                          SCSUNAA Awards Committee
                                                          Ms. Patricia B. Lott, ’63

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR
YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR
CROWNING OF MS. NATIONAL ALUMNI

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS .......................... Dr. Lawrence

CLOSING REMARKS ................................................................. Dr. Jackie Epps, ’69
                                                          Interim Vice President
                                                          Division of Institutional Advancement

ALMA MATER
2009 Reunion Classes

**Class of 1939**
Brown, MaeDe M.
Decosta Geraldine
Evans, Margaret
Harris, Geneva S.
Johnson, Verdelle
Kennedy, Minnie
McCallum, Julia G.
Nelson, Johnalee

**Class of 1944**
Brown, Annie Ruth
Hall, Lilease R.

**Class of 1949**
Peterson, Benjamin

**Class of 1954**
Adams-Gadson, Ruth
Brown, Carolyn H.
Brown, L. Pearl
Dowling, Eugene
Evans, Beatrice S.
Evans, Josephine R.
Frazier, Leon
Glover, Mae B.
Glover, Parniest R.
Glover, Rudolph
Green, Hattie E.
Haynes, David W.
Haynes, Juanita A.
Hill, Jr. Walter
Issac, Jr. Henry
Jackson, Jr. James E.
Johnson, Charles H.
Leak, Lee Virn
Middleton, Leona
Roberts, Charles A.
Smiley, Phillip
Taylor, Isabelle A.
Thomas, Jr. Shellie
Thomas, Charles
Townsend, Barbara T.
Wallace, Gladys
Wallace, Lewis
Waller, Thomas E.
Washington, Ernestine
White, Ruth

**Class 1959**
Ayers, Martha Matthews
Barnwell, Jimmi Summers
Bonaparte, Jessie Richardson
Bracey, Sr. Cyrus L.
Braxton, Catherine Brown
Brewer, Barbara Kinard
Butler, Mattie Greer
Chavous, Barbara Jackson
Chavous, Leon G.
Christian, Shirley M.
Daniel, James M.
Davenport, George
Davenport, Milton
Davis, Deloris Reed
Dendy, Betty Jackson
Duncan, Jr. Barmore
Felder, Ned
Giles, Ruth Mae
Gilliam, Iola McClure
Glover, Barbara Cox
Glover, Vera M.
Graham, Mayo Melchesdek
Green, Mary McBride
Harris, Samuel R.
Harris, Sarah Smalls
Harrison, Lafayette
Herrin, Loretta Rasberry
Hunt, Betty Drakeford
Inabinette, Gloria Foster
Jackson, Eleanor Hubbard
Jackson, Matilda Washington
Jacobs, Mildred Weaver
Johnson, Sippie Smith
Jones, William O.
Kenny, George W.
King, Sr. Gilbert
Martin, Paul
Matthews, Vernelle Jackson
Murvin, Vera Brown
Murry, Myrtle Murray
Owens, Augustus L.
Owens, June Rice
Pearson, Lovie
Ransom, Leroy G.
Robinson, Irving S.
Robinson, Lorenzo
Robinson, Mollye Alford
Sanders, Vivian Boone
Scriven, Alma Cummings
Seays, Lillian Brown
Simmons, Dorothy Hilton
Smalls, Charles N.
Smith, Charles R.
Smith, Dorothy Harrison
Smith, Mary Robinson
Toles, Barbara Gallashaw
Wade, Jeanette Brown
Williams, Alex E.
Williams, Joyce Martino
Wright, Maudie L.
Woods, Lucious

**Class of 1964**
Alexander, Ollie Kilgore
Allen, Bessie Conyers
Banks, Mamie Jones
Boyd, Zeddie DeLee
Brooks, Anna L.
Byrd, Dorothy Echols
Chapman, Sara W.
Christian, Mable G.
Davis, Robert
DeWitt, Etta S.
Dysick, B. Doris
Edwards, Lannie S.
Edwards, Sarah N.
Edwards, Viola
Etheredge, Jr. Cortez
Fennell, Constance
Fullard, Henrietta Scott
Gilliard, Portia
Goff, Rosetta
Heggins, Martha J.
Hightower, Jr. Willar H.
Hilton, Frances King
Hoskins, Harry
Jarvis, Priscilla L.
Jeffries, Lynette C.
Jennings, Joyce Frazier
Johnson, Harold S.
Johnson, Judy Carol Gray
Johnson, Wayman J.
Klugh, Celissi Durant
Lipsey, Minnie Scott
McBride, William L.
McCollum, Gloria G.
Nesbitt-Alston, Clareetta
Pearson, Lina Hawkin
Rhodes, Miller F.
Robinson, Bob
Shell, Novia Lloyd
Sheppard, Veronica Cole
Spann, James
Spann, Sandye
Speight, Betty D.
Spells, John D.
Stephens, Daisy Doctor
Stephens, Lemeul C.
Thaniel, Ruth A.
Thaniel, Sr. John
Thomas, Lizzie F.
Tidwell, Claude
Tidwell, Doris Hamilton
Townsend, Elester C.
Wilford, Johnnie Martin
Williams, Anna Lee
Williams, Lois S.
Wynder, Claudia Echols
York, Frances Walker

Class of 1969
Adams, Leola
Anderson, Thomas M.
Artis, Marie H.
Bell, Byrdyne W.
Brown, Jr. Bennie
Buck, Ruth M.
Butler, Mary J.
Epps, Jackie
Fogle, Ann G.
Frazier, Julia K.
Glover, Edward T.
Green, Henry C.
Harrison, Phillip
Jackson, Jobe
Kennerly, Martha C.
Page, Linda G.
Preamer, Barbara G.
Pimble, E. Charles
Ragin, Barbara J.
Ragin, Watson T.
Reed, Vernell C.
Rhodes, Ruby B.
Shaw, Richard
Smith, Faye F.
Streater, Callie O.
Toney, William
Waymer, Emma
Whetstone, Sandra N.
Williams, Joseph

Class of 1974
Abson, James E.
Beatty, Donald W.
Booth Pee, Beneature
Brooks, Joyce M.
Browman Rice, Beryl
Brown, Maureen A.
Burton, Larry
Burton, Veronica
Cokley, John
Cooper, Myrtle R.
Cooper, Veronica
Corbett-Brandyburg, Helen
Doctor, David R.
Dorsey, Patrice P.
Evans Sherman, Melissa
Foster, Linda W.
Free, Carolyn G.
Friday, Harry J.
Gaillard, Elias T.
Graham, Jr. James
Grayson, Margaret T.
Gross, Juanita N.
Harrison, Gerald
Jackson, Cynthia L.
James, Teresa D.
Johnson, Zackary R.
Jones, Edward
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Kirk, Andrea Johnson
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Moorer, Anna S.
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Scott, Daniel B.
Simpson Sanders, Jerline
Smalls, Jr. Fred
Smalls, Mary L.
Smith, Earnest G.
Stover, Marie E.
Tucker, Dora L.
Wade, Janet
Washington, Alfred
Washington, Rhudine D.
Whitner, Dorothy R.

Class of 1984
Causey, Aquilla J.
Gillmore, Aidean
Heyward, Annette M.
McCants, Bertha W.
Murvin, Veronica L.
Owens, Augustus L.
Ross, Diane
Smalls, Stanley
Washington, Cheryl S.

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Mrs. Deborah Walker Joseph, a 1974 graduate, is a Past President of the National Alumni Association. She served as chair person to various committees before being elected Corresponding Secretary, Second Vice President, First Vice President and finally President. As a Past President, Debbie has continued to serve the Association and the University. As Second Vice President, she served as the National Chairperson for four conventions. Debbie has attended all of our National Conventions. A member of the Charleston Chapter for over thirty years, Debbie was President for five years and was honored in 1990 for dedicated services. She served on the committee for both conventions held in Charleston. A pillar in the chapter, Debbie continues to serve in various capacities, recruiting chapter members and students to attend SC State University. She was inducted into the chapter’s Circle of Honorees in 2006. Debbie is married, has two daughters (one of whom is a SCSU alum) and three grandchildren.

Mr. Detrick Fennell graduated from SC State University in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science. Detrick is a member of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity, an active member in both the Charlotte Chapter of SCSU National Alumni Association and the SCSU Alumni Band Association. Detrick has been a SC State Football season ticket holder since moving from Boston, MA to Charlotte, NC in 2002. He has been a member of the S.T.A.T.E. Club at the Millennium Level since 2004. Detrick has made donations and purchased instruments for the SCSU Marching 101 Band. He became a lifetime member of the SCSUNAA in 2005. Detrick has been recognized by the Charlotte Chapter by being awarded the chapter’s Alumni Newcomer of the Year Award in 2005 and Alumni of the Year Award in 2008. Detrick currently serves as President of the Charlotte Chapter and Co-Chair of the National Alumni Association Technology Committee. Detrick and his wife Jacqueline have two children, Isaiah and Penelope.

Ms. Cheryl “Ms. T.” Thompson, 2009 SCSU National Alumni Association Queen graduated in 1978 with a degree in Speech Pathology. Cheryl is a life member of SCSU National Alumni Association, attends national conventions, a season football ticket holder, served as Co-Chair for the Future Alumni Committee, charter member of the McDuffie County Alumni Chapter, and former member of Greater Augusta Alumni Chapter. She is presently a member of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter, served as 2nd Vice President, Parliamentarian, Membership Co-Chairperson, Scholarship Co-Chairperson, Homecoming Parade Chapter Representative, Homecoming Committee Chairperson, and (1995, 2004) Atlanta Convention Planning Committee. She participates and volunteers in community service projects such as Hands on Atlanta, Habitat for Humanities, and Atlanta Community Food Bank with the Atlanta Chapter. Cheryl distributes information about S.C. State to youth at schools, churches and community, helping to develop and implement recruitment activities.
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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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