

# Commencement *Convocation*

# 2009



FRIDAY, MAY 8

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.

FRIDAY EVENING, THE EIGHTH  
OF MAY  
TWO THOUSAND AND NINE  
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 as well as three certificate programs. 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 seventeen NCAA varsity sports, which have brought the Institution more than eighty-five conference championships and seven national titles.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT COOPER

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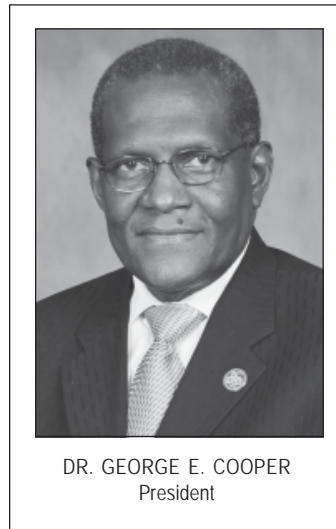
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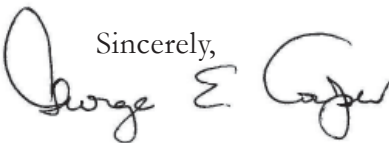
Dear Graduates:

Congratulations to our Spring 2009 Graduating Class. South Carolina State University through its administration, faculty, and staff has provided you with the tools necessary to succeed in your future endeavors. Today is evidence that you made a commitment and stayed the course during your matriculation at SC State University.

You have come to the end of this educational journey that prepares you for the next phase in your life through the challenges provided by our dedicated faculty and staff. With the preparation you have received, there are no limits to where you can go or what you can achieve. I encourage you to go forth as ambassadors for SC State University, and make your mark in society.

Again, I congratulate you on your achievement and ask that you continually support SC State University. The world awaits you! Hail, Hail Dear Alma Mater!



Sincerely,  
  
George E. Cooper  
President

# Commencement Convocation Program

## The Program

Dr. George E. Cooper, President ~ Presiding

PRELUDE . . . . . Symphonic Band

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL – *War March of the Priests* Mendelssohn . . . . . Symphonic Band  
(Audience is requested to remain seated)

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER Francis Scott Key . . . . . Audience  
Concert Choir and Symphonic Band

SCRIPTURE AND INVOCATION . . . . . The Reverend Dr. Eddie C. Williams  
Pastor, North Orangeburg United Methodist Church

MUSIC – “Hallelujah” from the Mount of Olives . . . by Ludwig van Beethoven . . . . . Concert Choir  
Dr. Richard E. Beckford, Director  
Mrs. Kay Crawford, Piano

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER . . . . . President Cooper

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS . . . . . Ms. Terry McMillan  
International Best Selling Author

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE . . . . . President Cooper and Dr. Rita J. Teal,  
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

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



SPECIAL RECOGNITION . . . . . President Cooper

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

ALMA MATER . . . . . Audience  
Concert Choir and Symphonic Band

BENEDICTION . . . . . The Reverend Williams

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

<b>Mace Bearer</b>	<b>Concert Choir</b>	<b>University Bands</b>	<b>Marshal</b>
Dr. Angela Shaw-Thornburg	Dr. Jimmy A. Check, II, Director	Mr. Eddie Ellis, Director	Dr. Rita J. Teal



## TERRY McMILLAN

INTERNATIONAL BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

Terry McMillan was introduced to literature while shelving books at the library. Stung by James Baldwin's spotlight eyes, she remembers this milestone moment as the one that introduced her to the possibility that black folks wrote books too.

Since her breakout novel "*Waiting to Exhale*" surged onto *The New York Times* bestseller list, critics and readers alike have been captivated by her irreverent, often-hilarious take on the issues faced by contemporary African-American women. With several of her bestsellers, including *Waiting to Exhale*, *How Stella Got Her Groove Back*, and

*Disappearing Acts* made into hit movies, McMillan has made her mark on both the literary world and in Hollywood.

McMillan began her career in fiction with the New Renaissance Writers' Guild. As a single mother, she started her days before dawn, writing as much as she could before it was time to get the baby ready and take the train to work. She edited her morning's work on the subway and rewrote during her lunch break, editing again on the ride home.

She eventually expanded her short story, "*Mama*" into her first breakout novel, winning the Doubleday New Voices in Fiction Award in 1986 and an American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation in 1987. "*Mama*" initially followed standard practice, a short print run with little or no book tour budget. McMillan put her data entry and entertainment industry skills to work, contacting every black college and bookstore in the country, and assembled her own nationwide book tour that prompted the printing of additional books before the first copy hit stores.

Her second novel, "*Disappearing Acts*," received critical acclaim, selling more than two million copies after its release in 1989, Wesley Snipes and Sanaa Lathan appeared in *Disappearing Acts* to HBO. McMillan next wrote *A Day Late and a Dollar Short* which also became a *New York Times* bestseller.

McMillan wrote "*Waiting to Exhale*" during her tenure as a professor at the University of Arizona in Tucson. No one could predict how it would change publishing and film. The hardcover release spent more than 38 weeks on *The New York Times* bestseller list. Forest Whitaker brought the book to great success on the big screen, winning seven Grammy Awards and an MTV Movie Award.

In 1995, McMillan's Jamaican vacation inspired her novel, *How Stella Got Her Groove Back*. A departure from her prior work, the stream-of-consciousness fantasy was completed in 30 days. *Stella* was met with critical acclaim, debuting at #1 on *The New York Times* bestseller list, where it remained for weeks. In 1999, McMillan co-wrote the screenplay for the film which appeared on the big screen to sold-out audiences.

In 2002, McMillan won an NAACP Image Award and an Essence Award. She released her first non-fiction effort in 2006 under the title, "*It's Okay if You're Clueless, and 23 More Tips for the College Bound*". Her most recent work of fiction is "*The Interruption of Everything*". McMillan is currently at work on her next book and is also working on a signature household line.

## Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees

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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.

### **Summa Cum Laude**

Gold Tassels and Gold Stoles

### **Magna Cum Laude**

Gold Tassels and Gold Honor Cords

### **Cum Laude**

Gold Tassels

## College of Business and Applied Professional Sciences—Dr. Robert T. Barrett, Dean

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### **Bachelor of Arts**

#### **Speech Pathology and Audiology**

Jacqueline Michele Dingle  
Tiphany Lamai Jamison  
Sakethia Charlene Liggins  
Emily Murdaugh Morris

### **Bachelor of Science**

#### **Accounting**

Tymeisha Lovelette Renee Cheeks  
Ashley Raquel Conyers  
Irran Duncan  
Sade Renee Hinton-Morris  
Kristin DeSarà Johnson  
Lasherah Monique King  
Lamesha Praylow  
Letia Sherrelle Servance

### **Bachelor of Science**

#### **Agribusiness**

Edward Bernard August  
Robert Marcel Jackson  
Marvis Jevéz President  
Earl Alexander Wilson

### **Bachelor of Science**

#### **Business Economics**

Leonard Anthony Coaxum  
Keisha Glasgow- Pierre  
Taurean David Hutchinson  
Dmitry Lomakin  
Tyrell Jamar McPherson  
Ebony Nicole Oree  
Abdalla Kayode Straker

### **Bachelor of Science**

#### **Business Management**

Crystal Lynette Anderson  
Wesley Jamont Bellamy  
Larry Eugene Bowden, Jr.  
Justin Herbert Boykin  
Brandon Torrell Brown  
Ryan Joshua Brewster

Jeffrey Charles Coan, Jr.

Byron Troydel Davis  
Ashley Dominic Dublin  
Kameron Beniamen Frasier  
Quinton Antwan-Javar Gant  
Krystal Reneé Gooden  
Donita Alexis Hamilton  
Brandon Jácaín, Nikey Hanna  
Kimberly LaChelle Harris  
Jermaine Miquel Heyward  
Brenda Hiers  
Christopher Andtrion Johnson  
Mary Elizabeth Jones  
Cory David Jozefiak  
Sarah Ann Kinney  
Gisela Eliane Kloess  
Whitney Ladia  
Dontá Jovon Legette  
Bryan Sheldon Mickens  
Shakahn Denise Montgomery  
Dedrick Rayshawn Outlaw  
Antoine Jovan Scott  
Amber Joy Sease  
Travis Shider  
Clarissia Renee Simmons  
Guy Elijah Simmons, Jr.  
Taejonia Marie Slater  
Nakeia Mechelle Staley  
Kellima Therese Thompson

### **Bachelor of Science**

#### **Family and Consumer Sciences**

Kim Jamaica Brown  
Lillie Belle Cleckley  
Charlotte Ayesha Collins  
Joyce Ann Murphy Cooper  
Octavius Tavaris Darby  
Megan Alexandria Davis  
Paris Davis  
Alicia Hope Dowdy  
Theresa Gamble  
Carlton Adel Glenn  
Jessica Shardáe Hosey

Joshua Lenard Jackson

Kendra Shenetta James-Johnson  
Deidra Juanita Jeffcoat  
Juliet Jones  
Ida Renee Kearse  
Angel Laquaine Morton  
Joann Mcknight  
Frances Gail Oliver  
Courtenay Danielle Scott  
Shontay Nicole Siders  
Marsha Agonta Sanders Sligh  
Deidre Jamelle Thomas  
Ivorydell Tindal  
Darrah Anna Elizabeth Weston  
Tameshia Lorean White

### **Bachelor of Science**

#### **Marketing**

Justin Ashworth Blackmon  
Eugene Tremaine Frank Booker  
Sharaledon Douglas Brave  
Talesha Lynnell Cobbs  
Erin DeShawn Corbett  
Martyn Lloyd Flowers  
Tashana Latoya Francis  
Corneilus Renard Green  
Vanessa Jones  
Yana Olegovna Lytkina  
Stephanie Tanae McDuffie  
Adaeze Jeannette Oputa  
Laura Bettina Waters-Brown

### **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

Sabrina Simone Adams  
Esther Chika Ajukwa  
Veronica Williams Anderson  
Takena Shuntay Booker  
Joyce Denise Canty  
Shanté Sherika Carter  
Melissa Donnalynn Collins  
Ashley Nicole Cooper  
Glenda Reneé Edwards

College of Business and Applied Professional Sciences—continued

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Kadeidra Gadson  
ShaRhonda LeKeitha Hampton  
RaMonica LoRenzia Hill  
Tomeka Jennings  
Isis Mack  
Shay Laneé Mack  
Brandy Naketa Manigo  
Kenyetta Dorlean Middleton  
Denise Monique Richardson  
Grace Aquita Simmons  
Nhajiyah RaHessia Simmons  
Tiffany Sharone Thompson  
Kerisha Lavette Williams  
Cassandra Juanita Wright

**Bachelor of Science  
Nutrition and Food Management**

Nicholas Dwayne Blocker  
Tereza Adelaide Govrik  
Jessica Diana Kelly  
Yolanda Smith

Kathlyn Orissa Stephenson  
Amber Corrine Williams

**Bachelor of Science  
Physical Education/Activity  
Management**

Ned Wayne Berry  
Tyler Michelle Drayton  
Stephon Hurrii Gore  
Artell Maurice Green  
Maurice Jamaal Lloyd  
Christopher Everett Nelson, Jr.  
Montae Rahman Seabrook  
Samuel Antonio White  
Eric Antron Young  
Walter Kenneth Young, III

**Bachelor of Science  
Physical Education/Health  
Education Services**

Domonique Maria Coleman  
Kristi Lynette Foster

**Bachelor of Science  
Physical Education/Sport  
Communication**

Jaime Danylle Dicks  
LeQuinn Shantel Ellerbe  
Troy Jermaine Gill, Jr.  
Elizabeth Ilona Govrik  
Daipai Nehemiah Horace  
Thomas Derrell Mackey, III  
Ambra DéOnca Magwood  
Kristen Simoné Miller  
Ryan Asapansa Potts  
Danielle Evette Williams

College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences—Dr. Gail Joyner-Fleming, Interim Dean

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**Bachelor of Arts  
Drama**

Keisha Yvonne McAllister  
R'yesha R'me Stradford  
Martin Yeboah

**Bachelor of Arts  
English**

Brian David Hart  
Kandi Larissa Huggins  
Collette Tabatiere Johnson  
Sitha Tom Lam  
Adolph Meggett, Jr.  
Tomika Miller  
Je'Ana Markeisha Oliver  
Jessica Santana Toomer

**Bachelor of Arts  
English Education**

Cara Danielle Dowling  
Valencia LaToya Johnson

**Bachelor of Arts  
History**

Marvin James Dagin, Jr.

**Bachelor of Arts  
History /Social Studies Education**

Johnerra O'Harriette Alford  
Robert Leon Grant, III

**Bachelor of Arts  
Music**

Jamaal Sequann Brown  
Clyde Frazier, III  
Darris Pasley Jackson

**Bachelor of Arts  
Political Science**

Cindaia Lenita Ervin  
Amber Le'Tyra Freeman  
Megan Celeste Martino  
Whitney Searra McCrea  
Georgia Mercedes Mitchell  
Chiquita Nicole Roberts  
Demar Lamont Roberts  
DáVeda Lakeitha Sistrunk  
Konishia Nakita Watson

**Bachelor of Arts  
Sociology**

Katrina Artise Gardner  
Tiara Charday Harris  
Whitney Noël King  
Jessica Delaine Scott  
Clemson Jerome Wright, Jr.

**Bachelor of Arts  
Studio Art**

Montel Andrea Brown  
Jekela Sade Burgess  
Jasmine Rawsheen Crawford  
Joshua Vincent. Davis  
Tremayne Quentez Fritz  
Robyn Nicole Hemby  
Kristian Elijah James  
Tawana Marie Jenkins  
Andrea Michelle Pugh  
Adrian Nicole Simmons  
Johnathan Andrew Smith  
Tarus DeMarcus Stills  
Trevor Blease Sweat  
Eric Tranard Waring  
+Brittñy Valencia Wilder

**Bachelor of Science**

**Biology Education**

Victoria Dawson

**Bachelor of Science**

**Criminal Justice**

Arka Monique Abney  
Maurice Alexander Bellingier  
Danielle Shanté Callender  
Scott Lee Epps, Jr.  
Robert Anthony Gill  
Cervantez Shaheen Glenn  
Domonique Elise Gordon  
Danielle Theresa Grant  
Carlton Lamar Harris  
Olivia Jelene Holloway  
Allen Reginald Hunter  
Esther Jenkins  
Ashley Ryan Lattimore  
Jerome Anton Mikell  
Sherita Latoria Smalls  
Sidney Lavadajec Smalls, III  
Andria Deonta Wadsworth  
Patrick Gregory Watson  
Vanessa Ashley Woodbury

**Bachelor of Science**

**Early Childhood Education**

Brittani Janay Hampton  
Kari Candace James  
Tiffany Trenelle Murrill  
Courtney Thomas

**Bachelor of Science**

**Elementary Education**

Samantha Jane Boyd  
Candace Michelle Gordon  
Jessica Cheryl Johnson  
Amy Elaine Miller  
Ivania Jenice Peoples-Lockhart

**Bachelor of Science**

**Mathematics Education**

LaDaisia Renee Glen  
Enchanté Lauren Lawson  
Kawaii Sherouise Magwood  
Marvin Ray Robinson, Jr.

**Bachelor of Science**

**Music Education**

Kendra Patrice Hodges

**Bachelor of Science**

**Physical Education**

Aimee Michelle Whittaker

**Bachelor of Science**

**Psychology**

Dorothy Crystal Bethea  
Toni Alise Chisolm  
Christine Marie Dingle  
Sierra Patrice Flynn  
Jerrett Michael Fulton  
Ashley Marie Jackson  
Stacey Marie-Antoinette Jackson  
Derrick Lamont Jordan  
Tara Mintz Lee  
Darion Quinn Lemon  
Brandon Jamal Lillienthal  
Chad McFadden  
Antwanique La'Shea Middleton  
FàKeisha Danyelle Minton  
Jasmine Shareka Moss  
Tylette Newkirk  
Taryn Vinet Richardson  
Jataya Tameika Sanders  
Cloressa Yolanda Seltzer  
Crystal Rebecca Shaw  
Kionna Sharda Singleton  
Priscilla Benzena Singleton  
Banetta Nasiya Sweat  
Sadé Shanay Willis

**Bachelor of Social Work**

Anjail Monique Abdual-Haqq  
Ja'hyaika Bra'nay Boykins  
Lakheetah Danielle Allen  
Tomeka Dominique Banks  
Jessica Nicole Dewese  
Brenda Faye Frazier  
Marsha Lachelle Frazier  
LaDonna Reneé Gaillard  
Tymyra Dannielle Greene  
Tiffani Sharmell Hamer  
Arthur Jonathan Harrell

LaToya Fashella Harrell  
Belinda Hiers  
Donica Nicole Jordan  
Deon Cassandra Lambright  
Katherine Sledge Lampkin  
Tabertha Limone Long  
Ashley Nicole McCray  
Jessica Michelle Moody  
Kia Michelle Myers  
Ashley Marie Ravenell  
Bathsheba Gabriela Rooks  
Brittany Danielle Singletary  
LaGreasha Shawnta Singletary  
Antreana Romanda Singleton  
Anthony Jamal Smith  
Erica Denise Smith  
Janice Reneé Smith  
Raessha Latrice Tisdale  
Chakia Shanai Thompson  
William Denard Tyson  
Tiffany Anchinette Vogt  
Arnetta Sharese Washington  
Tasonja Berna Weaver

**Bachelor of Science**

**Biology**

Natalee Allen  
Krystal Lynn Anthony  
Kyle Bowrin  
William Levar Bright  
Chanta Renee Brooks  
Rosco Travis Chandler  
Sherwin Zacchaeus Cohen  
Gabrielle Patrice Davis  
Roxanne Q. G. Duncan  
Maria Alicia DuPree  
Ulysses Brandon Edmonds  
Uchechi Chidinma Egbuhuzo  
Emerald Renee Freeman  
Ashley Monique Gamble  
Aaron Bernard Haire  
Lauren Ashley Hall  
Kendall Lamar Hampton  
Ni'cole Dessiré Harlen  
Erica Shaquan Haynes  
Treasure JaQuata Holland  
Julia Nicole Jones  
Lemeisha Denise Jones  
Nickeya La-Toya Kennedy  
Sharonda Latrice Littlejohn  
Renee Natalie McWilliams  
Jenell Rashea Moore  
Quinton Antwan Moore  
Cierra De'Andre Murdaugh  
ShaRhonda Lafayee Nesbitt  
Frederick Da'Nerra Parker  
Lanita Aquila Peterson  
LeKenneth Rackins  
Rékia Shaquandra Ravenel  
Tamara Lashay Rivers  
Melody Jeannette Sampson  
Te-Niece Annee Stevens  
Frené Nichole Adkins Steward  
Tempest Shanee Vance  
Matthew Christopher Washington  
Charles Lamont Wells  
Nichole Lasha Williams  
Vernisha Don'nell Wilson  
William Matthew Wooten

**Bachelor of Science**

**Chemistry**

Jernika Mátike Byers  
Travis Kirshan Davis  
Nicole Marie Hamilton  
Venetia DeNae Lyles  
Lynda Michelle Johnalee McFarlin  
Shauna La'Shonte Sprinkle  
Dana-Marie Leslie-Ann Telesford  
Amid Hamidi Vadeghani

**Bachelor of Science**

**Civil Engineering Technology**

Michael Markease Cooper  
Theodore Lenard Hamilton, Jr.  
Kwame Baila McLeod  
Benjamin Isaiah Middleton, Jr.  
Tandia Dona Ann Taylor

**Bachelor of Science**

**Computer Science**

Aracio Jerron Daniel  
Chanta Elizabeth Davis  
Shanteka Shantel Glover  
Derrick Roman Hare  
Javone Harry Holloway  
Tameka Nicole Jackson  
Kashif Alexander McCasline  
Jarvis Lepéz Miller  
Christiana Hope Scott  
Teon Singletary  
Veronica Sherese Smith  
Michael Bradley Turner  
Charlie James Williams

**Bachelor of Science**

**Electrical Engineering Technology**

Kristopher Burton  
Christopher Jamal Carter  
Jason Johnson  
Andell Kevan Marsh  
Dranawn Andromeche Strother  
Rodrecus Frederick Thompson

**Bachelor of Science**

**Industrial Engineering Technology**

Travis Markallen Ashford  
Rodney Maurice Austin

Emma Carson

Jeramie Shane Haynes  
Brandon Torrey Miller  
Andre Donnel Sweat  
Jermaine Dontrel Williams

**Bachelor of Science**

**Industrial Technology**

Terrence Antwain Allen  
Cornelius Burroughs  
Maurice Gevell Suber  
Ryan Joseph Wise  
Charles Kajuan Zeigler

**Bachelor of Science**

**Mathematics**

Marquita Natasha Dean  
Yovonda Holmes  
Jessica Ashley Lesaine  
Leonard Tremaine Montgomery  
Larry Nieves  
Jessica Marie Segres  
Justin Eugene Segres

**Bachelor of Science**

**Mechanical Engineering Technology**

Gerald Kahseem Bookhard  
Robert Lewis Caldwell, Jr.  
April Nia-Nicole Cox  
Williycce Latron Davis  
George Donald Fogle, III  
Tony Footé  
Michael Jovan Garrett  
Brian Lee Hare  
Javier Lane Holloway  
Quincy Franklin Mack  
Garrett Callahan McDaniel  
Jaupa Prakash Patel  
Andre Peter Prescod  
Sherwood Lydell Smith  
Michael Earl Weathersbee

**Bachelor of Science**

**Physics**

Joy Chrystal Epps

**Master of Arts**

**Rehabilitation Counseling**

Natasha Willette Bracey  
Cheryl Bing Gadsden  
Melody Devon Gilmore  
Alicia Kearse  
Barbara Ann Williams  
George Edward Williams  
Lynn Williams

**Master of Arts**

**Speech Pathology and Audiology**

Waretha Clarell Butler  
Tiffany Bonnette Grant  
Ashley Nicole Locklear  
Rosalynd Webb Merriweather

**Master of Arts in Teaching**

Latarsha Lynn Adams  
Alicia Reneé Gibson  
Yolanda Vernetta Guinyard  
Wisley McCray Hamilton  
Tomalyn Jamison  
Shayla Paul Johnson  
\*Osiris Sahu-Nefer Kafu  
Shandra LaShea Koger  
Jennifer Lynn Melton  
Linda Carden Murray  
Mashid Ghalili Najafabadi  
Mariam Felicia Young

**Master of Education**

**Counselor Education**

Sandra Marshall Adgeron  
Chandler Virginia Atkins  
Martha Blankenship  
Angela Gaines Bright  
Beverly Brown Campbell  
Tina Levette Heyward-Hart  
Melissa Morrison Howard  
Shelia Rena Inabinet  
Evelyn Inez Kitt-Wilson  
Hirleen Laurel- Mack  
Kevin Lewis  
Shayla Diane Newton  
Chrissundra Proctor-Smith  
Katrina LaShann Shivers

Latonia Yvette Simmons  
Sanquetta LaToya Williams  
Fedrick Allen Wilson

**Master of Education**

**Early Childhood Education**

+Cindy Shealy

**Master of Education**

**Special Education**

Franceann Hallman

**Master of Science**

**Individual and Family Development**

Ashley Nicole Adams  
Reneé Michelle Bell  
Ta'Meka LaQuane Gethers  
Tara Denise Sheard  
Charity Beth Simmons

**Master of Science**

**Nutritional Sciences**

Myra Denise Williams

**Master of Science**

**Transportation**

Teresa Parker-Hightower  
Lakia Shená Mustipher

**Educational Specialist**

Chandra Monic Bell  
Martha Brothers  
N'Kia Jones Campbell  
+Vickie Carter-Blocker  
Desmond Leon Cato  
Jacquelyn Gamble  
Rebecca Robinson Ginn  
Terry Lennette Grant  
Patrice Tolbert Green  
+Amanda M. Hayes  
Nieka Lashoun Huggins  
Brenda Hughes  
Natasha Faye Jeffreys  
Myra Elaine Key  
LeConte' Richardson Middleton  
Wanda Mouzon  
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Samina Iqbal Alimohamed  
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Tonya Burns Belton  
Janice Zissette Bishop  
Ovanual Carlton Bush  
Marty Conner  
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Debbie Kay Jordan  
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Wanda Nikita McMichael  
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Lorraine Peeples  
Katrina Postell  
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Constance Eason Stokes  
LaNisha Chantéle Tindal  
Antwon Marquette Sutton  
Christa Melinda Williams  
Cheryl Yvette Willis

LaNisha Chantéle Tindal  
Dissertation:

*A Comparison Perspective of Female  
and Male Educational Leaders in Urban  
K-12 Schools in Midland South Carolina  
Dr. Kevin Rolle, Advisor*

Alice Tucker Pretlow

Dissertation:

*A Study of the Predictive Value of Oral  
Reading Fluency Benchmarks to Student  
Success on the Georgia CRCT in  
Reading Comprehension for Struggling  
Readers  
Dr. Jesulon Gibbs, Advisor*

## School of Graduate Studies—continued

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Shontier Prescott Barnes

Dissertation:

*The Impact of Teacher Preparation on Student Achievement in Rural Secondary Schools*

*Dr. Jesulon Gibbs, Advisor*

Antwon Marquette Sutton

Dissertation:

*The Impact of Single-gender Classrooms on Student Achievement in Seventh Grade Math Classes*

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Lutricia Lockhart Parkman

Dissertation:

*An Investigation of the Impact of Early Intervention-Reading Programs on the Academic Achievement of Third-Grade Students in Reading*

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*An Investigation of Teacher Induction and Mentoring Programs in a Rural School District in South Carolina*

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Dissertation:

*An Investigation of the Influence of Scantron Math Test Results on Student Achievement*

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Dissertation:

*High School Reform: The Impact of Nontraditional Educational Programs on the Academic Achievement of Ninth Grade Students in South Carolina*

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Constance Eason Stokes

Dissertation:

*A Review of Students' Perceptions of Technology Usage and Its Relationship to Student Achievement in the High Schools Language Arts Program in Selected Schools in Georgia*

*Dr. Michael Boatwright, Advisor*

Janice Zissette Bishop

Dissertation:

*Teacher Perceptions on the Impact of a State Takeover on Academic Achievement and Leadership*

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Debbie Kay Jordan

*An Investigation of Leadership Practices That Promote Academic Achievement and Success of Schools in the Upstate Region of South Carolina*

*Dr. Casimir Kowalski, Advisor*

Costa Peter Lempesis

Dissertation:

*The Relationship Between Principal Leadership Effectiveness and School Performance in South Carolina High Schools*

*Dr. Casimir Kowalski, Advisor*

Franklin Odell Jordan, Jr.

Dissertation:

*The Impact of the Primary Years Program of the International Baccalaureate Organization on the English Language Arts State Test Scores of Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade Students in South Carolina*

*Dr. Necati Engec, Advisor*

### Transportation

Teresa Parker-Hightower

Thesis:

*Attracting a Diverse Population into the Transportation Workforce: An Analysis of Best Practices for Recruitment and Retention Strategies*

LaKia Shena' Mustipher

Thesis:

*A Comparative Analysis of the Statewide Aviation Economic Impact Study of South Carolina For 2006 and 2008*

Otukile Lekote

Thesis:

*The Development of a Real-Time GIS Hydrology Flood Warning System for First Responders on Rural South Carolina Roadways*

### Family and Consumer Sciences

Tara D. Sheard

Thesis:

*An Exploration of Children's Perspective on the Effectiveness of Family Discipline and Physical Punishment*

Charity B. Simmons

Thesis:

*The Frequency and Intensity of Mother-Daughter Conflict During Middle and Late Adolescence*

+ In absentia

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Tomeka Jennings  
Kristin DeSara Johnson  
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Veronica Williams Anderson  
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Kyle Bowrin  
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## *T*he Symbols of Learning

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### **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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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
Rev. Joseph Armstrong DeLaine*	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
Earl G. Graves	Doctor of Laws	2004
Mark Sanford	Doctor of Laws	2003
Leroy Davis, Sr.	Doctor of Laws	2002
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Henry Doctor, Jr.	Doctor of Laws	1988
Sammy Davis, Jr.	Doctor of Humane Letters	1988
Walter Ivey	Master of Farmer	1946
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Marion B. Wilkinson	Masters of Arts	1922
Miller F. Whittaker	Masters of Arts	1922
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Martin A. Menafee	Master of Arts	1922
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Bessie E. Green	Master of Arts	1922
Otis D. Council	Master of Arts	1922
Cora S. Boykin	Master of Arts	1922
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J.C. Whittaker	Doctor of Laws	1922
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Ernest E. Just	Doctor of Laws	1922
Nelson C. Nix	Doctor of Laws	1922
Lewis M. Dunton	Doctor of Laws	1922

\*Posthumously

## Concert Choir

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Anderson, Rashaad	Darby, Shonte	Mitchell, Clarence	Singleton, Isaiah
Ball, Sherica	Davis, Thomas	Money, Isaiah	Singley, Mckenze
Bridges, Dakara	Evans, Chavonne	Reed, Willie	Smith, Amber
Brooks, Finee	Green, Sabrina	Richards, Tyrus	Thompson, Travis
Brooks, Lionel	Jackson, Darris	Richardson, Gerell	Watkins, Chelsea
Brown, Eric	Jenkins, China	Robertson, Tiffany	Webb, Shaylah
Brown, Jamaal	Jones, Derell	Sangster, Kadina	Weston, Darrol
Calloway, Andrea	Lewis, Kiara	Scott, Deana	Weston, Jocelyn
Cherry, Michael	Miller, Stephon	Shuler, Albert	Woods, Edward
Daniels, Lakeatra			

## Symphonic Band

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<b>Flutes</b>	Kiah Bouie	<b>Bari-Saxophone</b>	Jonathan Ruth	Jonathan Whitfield
Jasmine Cooper	Auriel James	Brittany Salley	Ricky Sampson	Reginald Garvin
Etochia Freeman	CHantia Kindle	French Horns	Ahmad Stephens	
Yosmin Hill	Felisha Livingston	Darius Davis	Olivia Whipple	<b>Tubas</b>
Danielle Pitts	Gwendolyn Love	Isum Ellison	Gwontreal Haigler	Charles Allen
Leah Taylor	Lanish McClintock	Walter Luckett	Euphoniums	Jonathan Armstrong
Sarah Thomas	Chris Smart	Jasmin Pope	Adrian Barnes	Taylor Arthur
Joy Vaughn	Monique Wilson		Joann Gates	Brendan Glaze
Shandrea Houser		<b>French Horns Cont</b>	Taylor Harrison	Jeremy Goodwin
	<b>Bass Clarinets</b>	Megan Martino	Rubin Scott-Green	Brandon Hopkins
<b>Oboe</b>	Brittany Ball	Tarshae Odom	Larry Frasier	Garrick Rivers
Stephon Miller	Lekretia Gonzales	Krystal Singletary		Kwame Stewart
David Kershaw	Renda Jackson	Audrey Smith	<b>Euphonium cont</b>	Brittany Barnwell
Venetia Lyles		Russell Willis	Jerome Lee	Hussein Davies
	<b>Contra Bass Clarinet</b>	Eugene Burden	Timothy Moore	Curley Wyman
<b>Bassoon</b>	Jasmine Stroman		Carlin Witcherd	Douglas Goethie
Ronald Tarrant		<b>Trumpets</b>	Robert Witherspoon	Ricardo Jackson
Candace Gordon	<b>Alto Saxophones</b>	Karl Benion	Candace Grier	SHavier Lester
	Brandon Belton	Larry Bowden	Michael Lawrence	Kyle Lewis
<b>Clarinets</b>	Andrew Brown	Brian Craig		Garion Williams
Sherica Ball	Rudolph Brown	Jasmine Fassett	<b>Trombones</b>	
Sylvia Lee	Brian Chambers	Jordan Haynesworth	Rogers Baxter	<b>Percussion</b>
Edvige Mbakoup	Myron Chestnutt	Austin Massey	Mitchell Drath	Joseph Dias
Monique McGowan	Brian James	Albert Shuler	Tilmond Graham	Thomas Davis
Jasmine Oliver	Curtis Johnson	Monica Weaver	Hamilton Grant	Malachi Ford
Ashley Roberson	Tasharia Johnson	Demetrius Addison	Latrondrick Hunter	Kacy Garrick
Brittany Smalls	Ashley Lowe	Victory Berry	James Patterson	Timothy Greene
Melanie Thomas	Joshua Webber	Quentin Copeland	Bobby Smith	Reginald Ratchford
Quentin Turner	Kenneth Brabham	Benjamin Jones	Kenneth Cooper	Irving Stegall
Dorothy Wheat	Dominique Brady	Marcus McLaurin	Bernard George	Calvin Washington
Atia Bostick	Treasure Holland	Justin O'souna	Alexis Hannah	Garrick Wilson
Porshia Davis	Sharod McNulty	Wesley Red	Gerard Lancaster	Fernandez Brown
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Michelle Hill	Madison Scriven	Nicholas Spurley	Shion Randolph	Jean Dia
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Jessica McCormick	Gabrielle Anderson	Evan Thomas	Issac Williams	Vincent Jenkins
Auriell Orridge	Alphonso Counts	Alton Allen	Caleb Howie	Freddie Land
Jessica Simons	Allen Holmes	Candrus Brown	Kellye Cuthbert	Jamaius White
Erica Spivey		Gerald Carter	Jarvis Ross	Anthony Neal
Johnika Stanton	<b>Tenor Saxophones</b>	Brandon Deas	Evan Summers	Brittany Davis
Courtney Thomas	Brandis Howard	Gabrielle Driscoll	Odis Thompson Jr	Neromi Horton
Mark Watts	Yweston Myers	Jerome Mikel	Michael Tolbert	Benjamin McMiller
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## *A*nnouncements

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### 2009 SUMMER TERM

Registration – Wednesday, March 25, 2009 – Monday, May 18, 2009

Classes begin – Session I – Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Late Registration, Wednesday, May 20, 2009

### 2009 FALL TERM

Registration – Thursday, April 1, 2009 – Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Late Registration begins - Thursday, July 16, 2009 – Monday, August 17, 2009

Classes begin – Tuesday, August 18, 2009

All tuition and fees are due Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> for the 2009 Fall Semester.

## *A*lumni Oath

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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.

## *The* Star Spangled Banner

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*Oh! say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
Oh! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

*On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,  
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,  
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,  
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?  
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,  
In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream.  
'Tis the star-spangled banner. Oh! long may it wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!*

*And where is that band who so vauntingly swore  
That havoc of war and the battle's confusion  
A home and a country should leave us no more?  
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.  
No refuge could save the hireling and slave  
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*

*Oh! thus be it ever when free men shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation,  
Blest with victory and peace, may the Heaven rescued land  
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.  
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
And this be our motto, "In God is our trust."  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*

**--Frances Scott Key (1814)**

## *Alma Mater*

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*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)

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