

Commencement *Convocation*

2009



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

NINE O'CLOCK A.M.

SMITH-HAMMOND-MIDDLETON
MEMORIAL CENTER

ORANGEBURG,
SOUTH CAROLINA

The University Seal is comprised of the following carefully sculptured symbols: a palmetto tree, a miniature building and a torch. The Palmetto Tree stands in the center of the seal and represents the official tree of South Carolina. At the base of the tree, on the left, is a miniature of Morrill Hall symbolizing education and history. Morrill Hall, one of the first buildings constructed on the campus was named in recognition of the Morrill Act which established land-grant colleges in the United States. South Carolina State University is a member of the land-grant system. On the right side of the tree is a torch which connotes a deep devotion to truth: “Scientia, Officium, Honos,” meaning **Knowledge, Duty, Honor**. The Seal is used on all official documents of the University. The Seal was designed for the Inauguration of Dr. M. Maceo Nance, Jr. as fifth president of South Carolina State University in 1968 by Dr. Leo F. Twiggs, Professor of Art at the Institution.

The Mace has an ancient history as a symbol of authority. During the thirteenth century, it was used for civil purposes and during the processions of royalty and other dignitaries.

The Mace symbolizes the autonomy and authority of the University, the Board of Trustees, the administration, and the faculty to grant degrees to graduates and represents one of the oldest traditions in academia. The University Mace was designed by Dr. Clarence W. Hill, School of Engineering Technology and Sciences, during the Fall Semester of 2003. The Mace is carried before the president and other dignitaries of the platform party during commencement and other formal processions.

The University Mace was commissioned by Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr. and presented during his inaugural ceremony as the ninth President of South Carolina State University. Dr. Hugine’s vision for the design of the mace included “full capture of the strength of the University, as evidenced in its history.” He envisioned the Mace representing “the significant growth, prosperity and vitality for the future of the University.” The Mace design is reflective of and captures the rich history of the University while embracing the challenge to preserve its legacy as a land-grant institution.

A brass multi-ring base supports the 42” elegantly crafted walnut fluted staff with brass rings bearing the names of former University presidents. This ornate feature presents eight bronze engraved panels. Engraved on four of the eight panels are the three historic seals of the University and the seal of the State of South Carolina. On three of the remaining panels are the names of the University from beginning to present. One panel is blank to capture future developments. Two marble plates, one garnet and one blue, serve as the base and top plate for the uppermost part of the Mace. The pinnacle of the Mace is a sphere, having two faces: one face with Morrill Hall, one of the first buildings on the campus, and the second having the President’s Seal, representing the University’s leadership and global presence in higher education.



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SATURDAY MORNING, THE TWELTH
OF DECEMBER

TWO THOUSAND AND NINE

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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

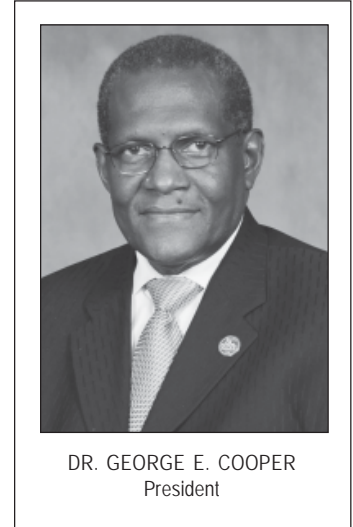
December 12, 2009

Dear Graduates:

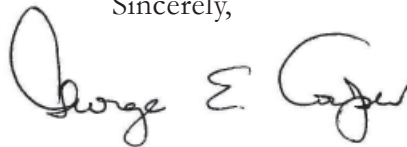
Congratulations to the Graduating Class of December 2009. You have come to the end of your educational journey here at South Carolina State University. You are now among the many graduates who have gone on to make major contributions to our society and nation. The knowledge you have gained at SC State will serve you well.

The SC State University family joins me in congratulating each of you on a successful tenure. We thank you for choosing this institution to provide you with a quality education that will spawn a successful career. We are confident that you will go forth as premier representatives of your Alma Mater, South Carolina State University.

I challenge you to continue to provide support to SC State University. The time, talent and resources of our Alumni help to sustain our institution and provide opportunities to those who come after you. Best wishes for a prosperous future.



Sincerely,



George E. Cooper
President

Commencement Convocation Program

The Program

Dr. George E. Cooper, President ~ Presiding

PRELUDE	Symphonic Band
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL – <i>War March of the Priests</i> Mendelssohn	Symphonic Band (Audience is requested to remain seated)
STAR-SPANGLED BANNER Francis Scott Key	Audience, Concert Choir and Symphonic Band
SCRIPTURE AND INVOCATION	Dr. James Stukes Associate Professor, Biological Sciences
SONG – “Behold A Star from Jacob Shining” arranged by Felix Mendelssohn	Concert Choir
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	President Cooper
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Dr. John Silvanus Wilson, Jr Executive Director White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	President Cooper and Dr. Joyce A. Blackwell Vice President for Academic Affairs
READERS:	
Dr. Ethel Jones, Associate Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences	
Dr. Dwight Varnum, Associate Professor of Physical Education	
SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS	President Cooper
INDUCTION OF GRADUATES INTO THE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	Mr. Nathaniel Howard South Carolina State University National Alumni Association (Page sixteen)
REMARKS	President Cooper
ALMA MATER	Audience Concert Choir and Symphonic Band
BENEDICTION	Dr. Stukes
RECESSIONAL - <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> Edward Elgar	Symphonic Band

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

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

Mace Bearer	Concert Choir	University Bands	Marshal
Dr. Angela Shaw-Thornburg	Dr. Richard Beckford, Director	Mr. Eddie Ellis, Director	Dr. Joyce A. Blackwell

Keynote Speaker

JOHN SILVANUS WILSON, JR., PH.D.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE ON HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

President Barack Obama and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan have appointed Dr. John Silvanus Wilson, Jr., as executive director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

“We’re delighted to have someone with the breadth and quality of experience that Dr. Wilson brings to address the challenges our HBCUs face,” President Obama said. “His expertise and insight will be invaluable to the Department.”

As executive director of the White House Initiative on HBCUs, Wilson will work with the presidentially appointed HBCU Board of Advisors and assist the Secretary as liaison between the executive branch and HBCUs. He also will work with 32 federal agencies that support HBCUs through federal grants and contracts.

Wilson has been an associate professor of higher education at George Washington University (GWU) since 2006, when he took research leave as executive dean of GWU’s Virginia campus, a post he has held since 2002.

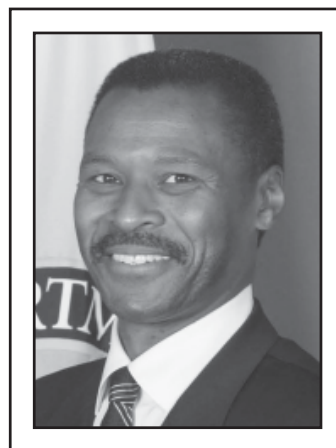
He joined the staff at George Washington in 2001 to help develop a strategic plan for the university. Previously, he spent 16 years at MIT, where he served as director of foundation relations and assistant provost. As director, Wilson helped to lead two major capital campaigns that raised a combined total of nearly \$3 billion. In that context, he more than doubled the productivity of the office he managed and reached a record annual revenue stream of more than \$50 million.

“This is a superb appointment. As a graduate of Morehouse College, John Wilson knows well the contributions, strengths and heritage of our nation’s HBCUs,” said Dr. Michael L. Lomax, president and chief executive officer of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). “In this position, he can now play a central role in ensuring that these institutions are strengthened in their capacity to help us all meet the challenging goal that President Obama has set—that America will regain its position as the number one nation in the world in producing college graduates.”

Wilson also held several teaching positions during more than a decade in Harvard University’s Afro-American Studies Department, as well as in their Graduate School of Education. His primary research and teaching interests include advancement and finance in higher education, and the transformation of aspiring college and universities, especially HBCUs.

Wilson has served as a board member for Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga., and for the Independent Federal Savings Bank in Washington, D.C. He also has served as an official advisor to a variety of efforts to improve black colleges, including initiatives led by the Kresge Foundation, the Mott Foundation, and the United Negro College Fund. He has received distinguished alumni awards from Morehouse College and from the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

Wilson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehouse College, a Master of Theological Studies degree from Harvard University, and both master’s and doctoral degrees in educational administration, planning, and social policy, also from Harvard University.



Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees

The academic honors of Summa Cum Laude (3.75-4.00), Magna Cum Laude (3.50-3.74), and Cum Laude (3.00-3.49) are designated in the commencement program for undergraduate students with outstanding scholastic records based on their current cumulative grade point averages where A=4, B=3, C=2 (See page 10).

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

Bachelor of Arts

Speech Pathology and Audiology

Courtney LaTasha Steele

Bachelor of Science

Accounting

Gavin Jermaine Abraham

Travis Almond

*Byron Nelson Bush

Tamieca Lary

Charles Junior Lott, II

LaShan Latrea McMillan

Sequita Latoya Streater

Héctor Manuel Arróyave Vázquez

Bachelor of Science

Agribusiness

Reggie Hayes Dozier, Jr.

Brian Dwight Ellison

Maurice Simmons, Jr.

Bachelor of Science

Business Economics

Tyler Anthony Carson

Ivan Milivojevic

Bachelor of Science

Family and Consumer Sciences

Shirley Durant Allison

Teriny Canswalo Bailey

Michelle Amber Brown

Diane Burgess

Lillie Belle Cleckley

Rickey Christopher Gathers, Jr.

Chiquitta Nysha Glenn

Tiffany Nicole Goodwin

Denna Patrice Harrison

Linda Kaye Sanders Hasty

+Joshua Jackson

Karen Deloris Jackson

Jason Alexis Johnson

Ida Renee Kearse

+Lakia Shannon King

Mary Helen Gibson King

Whitney Shonté McCrea

Jada Latrice McDowell

Yvonne Deneice McQuire

*Spencer Miller, Jr.

Jennifer Elisa Moultrie

Kortney Ashleigh Ragin

Henry Rahming

Camila Renéé Robinson

LaQuilla Elishea Simmons

*Cheryl Lavelle Singletary

Katara Denise Singletary

Kendra Simone Stevenson

*Ivorydell Tindal

Aysha LaShay Washington

Kamica Dorian Wilson

Sierra Danielle Wilson

Crystal LaShon Young

Bachelor of Science

Management

Crystal Lynette Anderson

*Wesley Jamont Bellamy

Chee' Tara Koteria Bluefort

Carla Brown

DaVaul Wadae Carter

Darren Rashad Cloud

Deloris Alexandra Conyers

+Lamonte Edwards, Jr.

Ashley Lavonna Greene

Brittney LaShay Jones

Kristy Eunique Lewis

Dwayne Tyrone Middleton

Kisien Ramell Reeder

Jeffrey Roberts, Jr.

Kevin Wakeem Eugene Shine

James Venning, III

Ivan Arlo West

Bachelor of Science

Marketing

Denise LaShea Brown

Brittney Chantrese Carr

Brandon Marquis Collins

Otis Willie Johnson, III

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Molivia Grace Bright

*Shanté Sherika Carter

Nishika Robinson Cooper

Melody Amber Curry

Melandie Lucinda Davis

Anna Helena Jackson

*Shay Laneé Mack

Christal Michelle McCormick

April LeAndra Rivers

Nettie Monique Shuler

Bachelor of Science

Nutrition and Food Management

Bachelor of Science

Nutrition and Food Management

Santana Sabrina Hayward

Bachelor of Science

Physical Education/Activity

Management

Bachelor of Science

Physical Education/Activity Management

*Tamara Lucie Alexis

Brittany Aleshia Bonaparte

Jamar Booth

Kendric Anthony Crawford

Markee Otis Hamlin

Billy Don Jennings

Adriann Tomyll Simmons

Brandon Christopher Williams

Bachelor of Science

Physical Education/Health

Education Services

Domonique Maria Coleman

Bachelor of Science

Physical Education/Sport

Communication

Manuela LeeAnn Brown

Shaunta Emily Cleveland

Ranaisha Lathroplors Gates

Marshall McFadden

*Kristin Simoné Miller

Shari Toni Sampson

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

Bachelor of Arts

Drama

Latoya Masha Heyward
Joy Noel Vaughn

Bachelor of Arts

English

Teiya Lachet Chamberlain
Ashley Chanel Hughes
Charika Shalea Mack
Brittney Connisha Rogers
Jessica Santana Toomer

Bachelor of Arts

English Education

Valencia LaToya Johnson

Bachelor of Arts

History

Mikala Denise Choice
*Marvin James Dagin, Jr.

Bachelor of Arts

History/Social Studies Education

Johnerra O'Harriette Alford
Jeremy Latoine James
Brian Walls Paschal

Bachelor of Arts

Music

Antwane Shermaine Harrison
Chris Omega Odom

Bachelor of Arts

Political Science

Lorna Faye Saylor

Bachelor of Arts

Sociology

Courtney Shantá Johnson
+Tomeka Lotroy Washington

Bachelor of Arts

Studio Art

Michael Keith Cherry
*Jessica Tawanda Gerald
John Jermont Johnson
Ronnie Travon Lee
Brandon Lejuan Matthews
*Johnathan Andrew Smith

Bachelor of Science

Art Education

Tremelia Danzonias Burns

Bachelor of Science

Biology Education

Mironda Nicole Scott

Bachelor of Science

Business Education

Jentifer Berna Smith

Bachelor of Science

Criminal Justice

Basil Nickeylon Bain, II
Breana Denise Bussey
Loyd Markell Davis
Jason Juvone Flagler
Candace Racquelle Hall
Carlton Lamar Harris
Allen Reginald Hunter
Ashley Ryan Lattimore
Lymia Sierra McArthur
Brian Thomas Payton
Kendra Nicole Peake
Kenneth Allen Smalls
Mark Stoney

Bachelor of Science

Early Childhood Education

Dana Ashley Garrett
Diandra Sondreater Hilliard
Janice Renee Smith
Amari Rashad Winds

Bachelor of Science

Elementary Education

Rhonda Rene Alston
Christen Latreshe Cheevers
Charles Richard Jeffcoat
Alma Marie Jones
Fatieka Tierra Meggett
Deana Sierra Scott
Marvin Taylor, Jr.

Bachelor of Science

Mathematics Education

Brendan Theotis Glaze
LaDaisia Renee Glen

Bachelor of Science

Middle Level Education

Amann Rashaun Holden

Bachelor of Science

Music Education

Yolanda LaNora Bennett
Thomas Benjamin Davis
James Lorenzo Patterson
Amy Alexandria Simmons

Bachelor of Science

Psychology

Robert Biggers, Jr.
KiJha Shammek Brown
Ashley Jicole Byam
Lauren Chrishawn Daly
Justin LaDean Hicks
Seandra Nicole Kelly
Donell Antwan Lewis
**Deborah Smith
Kenyetta Amaz Taylor
*Angela Denise Young

Bachelor of Social Work

Katrice Latoya Benyard

College of Science, Mathematics and Engineering Technology—Dr. Kenneth Lewis, Dean

Bachelor of Science

Biology

Le'Quilla Shanta Bailey
Alechia Judge Brothers
Iesha Shavon Brown
Xiomara Sha'Vonn Burns
Clarrissa Nikole DuPree
Maria Alicia DuPree
*Kathrina Viona Ellis
Andrea Nicole Foster

Brandis April Howard

Catherine Elaine Miller

Tremayne Kendell Mitchell

LaToya Naomi Palmer

Erica Lauren Morgan Riley

Jacqueline Wearing Robinson

Samuel André Sojourner

Robert Lee Woods, II

Bachelor of Science

Chemistry

Ryan Alexander Kerr

Bachelor of Science

Civil Engineering Technology

Michael Chauncey Cooper
William Anthony Moseley
Chris Undrae' Sumrell, Jr.

College of Science, Mathematics and Engineering Technology—(continued)

Bachelor of Science

Computer Science

Jamal Boyd
Justin Whaley Boyd
Quentin DeAngelo Curry
Brittany Renay Green
Jarvis Lepéz Miller
Brandon Ryan Sistrunk
Moriell Mikell Smalls
Phillip Di'shan Suber
Jeremy Terell Tucker
Samuele Donald Whaley

+Demond Lee Murray
+William Robert Phillips
Nathaniel Lee Simmons
*Timothy Scott Stevens
Geron Gomar Stokes
William David Zorn, Jr.

Bachelor of Science Industrial Engineering Technology

Kelvin Montrea Colclough
Ronald Alexander Greene, Jr.
Timothy Milton Stoddard, II

Bachelor of Science Mathematics

LaPortia Antoinette Chisolm
Rochelle Moneak Smith

Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering Technology

*Russell Irvin Boyce
Glenn Revelle Jamison
David Ronnie Robinson, III
Charlie Kiandra Wright

Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering Technology

Dusten Deon Dubose
Casey Renaldo Fortune
Angela Denise Franklin
Michael Jermaine McWilliams

Bachelor of Science Industrial Technology

*Terrance Antwain Allen
Jeremy Darrell Behlin
Christopher Allen Butler, Sr.
Raquel Drayton
Antwann Travonne Gamble

Bachelor of Science Nuclear Engineering (In conjunction with the University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Jamika Tjasha Harris

School of Graduate Studies—Dr. Thomas E. Thompson, Dean

Master of Arts Rehabilitation Counseling

LaQuine LaVette Bradley
Tanisha Michele Colter
Darline Graham
Yolanda Denise Green Hanton
Annette Hazzard-Jones
*Lucien Henry
Sharkea Edwards Hicks
Toney Rashawn Mealing
Bridget Wendel Middleton
Matthew Jermaine Pressley, Sr.
*Kevin Radford
Jonathyn Neal Szczechowski
Linda Salley Thompson

Master of Arts Speech Pathology and Audiology

*Nanette Fralix Aycock
*Lisa Marie Benjamin
Tishana Shalice Cox
*Brittany Cherise Dennis
*Tanisha Patrice Elmore
*Farrah Rashon Flournoy
*Myshira Jihan Hart
*Marissa Shonté McLaurin
*Pamela Owens
*Faith Raulette Bradley Sherrod
*Melinda Snelgrove
*Sherdrell Washington

Master of Arts in Teaching

Patricia Marie Avant
Evelyn Denise Workman Dowling

Rachelle Gilmore
Wilsey McCray Hamilton
Lacole Pressley
Lakeshia Deshion West-Missouri

Master of Education Counselor Education

*Vernessa Ramsey Brooks
Dametrius Edward Byno
*Ykwanda Rachele Coakley
Maisha Shynell Dicks
*Melissa Morrison Howard
*Travia Emicko Levine-Myers
Hirleen Laurel Mack
*Ernest Frederick Mattison, Jr.
Shanika Lakesha McKinley
Gailia Monique Mercer-Brown
Michael Maurice Oliver
*Floyd Palmer-McLeod
Marilyn Michelle Nelson
LaSandra Althea Stinson Robinson
*Bernetta Nicole Sanders
Sydnie Rose Shaw
Latasha Reneé Simon
*Beverly Frierson Sowell
*Federick Allen Wilson
Antionette Langley Woodard
Jameka De'Anna Young

Master of Education Elementary Education

Betty Fantah Hooker

Master of Science Individual and Family Development

Ashley Nicole Adams
Renee Michelle Bell
Ta'Meka LaQuane Gethers
Tameiko Richelle Lindsey

Master of Science Transportation

Zacourie Jackson
Warren Ritter

Educational Specialist

Rena Michelle Bowman
Michelle LaTrice Hook Cooper
+*L'Adiar Blake Franks
+*Traci Morris Hogan
Stephanie Cassandra Guy Jackson
*Judith Vonetta Jones
Georgetta Nicole Kennedy
+Tiffany Anne LaFerrara
Tomika Michelle Mitchell
LaTonya LaTrese Nelson
+Tim Andrew Newman
Audrey Yvonne Patterson
*Christi Ann Conkle Sauls
*James Cleveland Scott, II
*Diana Bernadette Simpson
+*Sarah McDade Slatton
+*Mark Shannon Smith
Miriam Beverly Smith
*Juliet Stoute
Gerald Wright

School of Graduate Studies—(continued)

Doctor of Education

*Samina Iqbal Alimohamed

*Janice Zissette Bishop

Angelica Rivers Collins

*Marty Conner

Mark Dewayne Dean

*Larry Darnell Derico

Jeanette Hardy Elam

*Harriet Mason Jackson

*Richard Allen Leonard, II

Jamie Treadwell McCord

Linda Clark Norton

Katrina Postell

*Diana Felix Smith

*Karmenlita LaShun Stevens

Christa Melinda Williams

Dr. Frederick M.G. Evans, *Advisor*

Marty S. Conner

Dissertation:

An Examination of South Carolina School Boards' Effectiveness Using Eugene Smoley's Board Effectiveness Model to Examine Its

Influence on Student Achievement

Dr. Jesulon S.R. Gibbs, *Advisor*

Jeanette H. Elam

Dissertation:

An Examination of Single-Gender and Coeducational Classes: Their Impact on The Academic Achievement of Middle School Students Enrolled in Mathematics and Science at Selected Schools in Georgia

Dr. Michael A. Boatwright, *Advisor*

Larry D. Derico

Dissertation:

The Effects of Bullying on the Academic Achievement of Bullies Enrolled at Selected Rural Middle Schools in Georgia

Dr. Michael A. Boatwright, *Advisor*

Katrina Postell

Dissertation:

The Impact of Principal Leadership Behavior on Elementary School Student Reading and Math Achievement in Prince George's County, Maryland

Dr. Michael A. Boatwright, *Advisor*

Linda C. Norton

Dissertation:

The Impact of Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) on Student Behavior and Academic Achievement

Dr. Necati Engec, *Advisor*

Angelica R. Collins

Dissertation:

A Comparison of Parental Involvement in a High Performing Elementary School and a Low Performing Elementary School in Rural Georgia

Dr. Vivian S. Brackett, *Advisor*

Jamie T. McCord

Dissertation:

The Impact of Culturally Responsive Curricula on At-Risk African-American Male Students' Behavior, Achievement, and Promotion Rate

Dr. Charlie G. Spell, *Advisor*

Diana Felix Smith

Dissertation:

A Study of School Counselor Effectiveness and Its Relation to Prior Teaching Experience and School Achievement

Dr. Charlie G. Spell, *Advisor*

Karmenlita L. Stevens

Dissertation:

A Study of Teacher Retention and Academic Performance in Public Elementary and Middle Schools in Georgia

Dr. Charlie G. Spell, *Advisor*

Christa M. Williams

Dissertation:

The Impact of Looping on the Academic Achievement of 5th Grade Students in Urban Elementary Schools in a Selected District in Eastern Georgia

Samina I. Alimohamed

Dissertation:

Dropout and Graduation Rates of High Schools in South Carolina: Does School Size Matter?

Dr. Mary L. Grimes, *Advisor*

Mark Dean

Dissertation:

A Leadership Behavior Study of African American Middle School Principals in South Carolina

Dr. Mary L. Grimes, *Advisor*

Harriet M. Jackson

Dissertation:

A Comparative Study of the Perceptions of the Impact of Effective Teacher Mentoring Practices on the Retention of Beginning Teachers in Two Select Southeastern North Carolina Middle School

Dr. Kevin Rolle, *Advisor*

Janice Zissette Bishop

Dissertation:

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

Dr. Casimir Kowalski, *Advisor*

Individual and Family Development

Ashley Adams

Thesis:

Factors Related to Abusive Mothers' Parenting Skills After Completing a Parenting Program

Ta'Meka L. Gethers

Thesis:

Adjudicated Adolescent Males: Behavioral Self-Concept and Their Perceptions of Parent-Child Relationship

Transportation

Warren B. Ritter

Thesis:

A Comparative Analysis of Trip Generation Models in Predicting Freight-Truck-Trips

+ *In Absentia*

* *July 2009*

Appearance of a name in this program is presumptive evidence of graduation and graduation honors, but it must not be regarded as conclusive. The signed and sealed diploma of South Carolina State University remains the official testimony of the possession of the degree. The names in this program list the graduation candidates for December 2009.

South Carolina State University Salutes Its Honor Graduates!

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 quality point averages where A=4, B=3, C=2.

College of Business and Applied Professional Sciences

Summa Cum Laude

Héctor Manuel Arróyave Vázquez
Jamar Booth

Magna Cum Laude

Shirley Durant Allison
Teriny Canswalo Bailey
Nishika Robinson Cooper
Linda Kaye Sanders Hasty
Shari Toni Sampson
Katara Denise Singletary

Cum Laude

Gavin Jermaine Abraham
Molivia Grace Bright
Diane Burgess
Byron Nelson Bush
Lillie Belle Cleckley
Shaunta Emily Cleveland
Brandon Marquis Collins
Melody Amber Curry
Melandie Lucinda Davis
Lamonte Edwards, Jr.
Chiquitta Nysha Glenn
Anna Helena Jackson
Mary Helen Gibson King
Tamieca Lary
Christal Michelle McCormick
Jada Latrice McDowell
LaShan Latrea McMillan
Yvonne Deneice McQuire
Ivan Milivojevic
Henry Rahming
April LeAndra Rivers
Nettie Monique Shuler
Maurice Simmons, Jr.
Chequita Latiff Snow

College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences

Magna Cum Laude

Tremelia Danzonía Burns
Dana Ashley Garrett
Ashley Chanel Hughes
Jeremy Latoine James
Valencia LaToya Johnson
James Lorenzo Patterson
Deana Sierra Scott
Marvin Taylor, Jr.

Cum Laude

Johnerra O'Harriette Alford
Basil Nickeylon Bain, II
Yolanda LaNora Bennett
KiJha Shammek Brown
Christen Latreshe Cheevers
LaPortia Antoinette Chisolm
Thomas Benjamin Davis
Brendan Theotis Glaze
LaDaisia Renee Glen
Latoya Masha Heyward
Diandra Sondreater Hilliard
Amann Rashaun Holden
Charika Shalea Mack
Fatieka Tierra Meggett
Chris Omega Odom
Brian Walls Paschal
Amy Alexandria Simmons
Joy Noel Vaughn
Amari Rashad Winds
Angela Denise Young

College of Science, Mathematics and Engineering Technology

Summa Cum Laude

Raquel Drayton

Magna Cum Laude

Christopher Allen Butler, Sr.

Cum Laude

Jeremy Darrell Behlin
Casey Renaldo Fortune
Brittany Renay Green
Jamika Harris
Brandis April Howard
Johneatha Aquella Irby
Glenn Revelle Jamison
Jarvis Lepéz Miller
Samuel André Sojourner
Samuele Donald Whaley
Charlie Kiandra Wright

*R*ank of Second Lieutenant Commissioned Officers from the Class of December 2009

Katara D. Singletary (Adjutant General Corp)
Rashad S. Gross (Quartermaster Corp)

*T*he Symbols of Learning

The Academic Procession

The academic procession of today's commencement exercises is made up of candidates for degrees, members of the faculty, members of the Board of Trustees, and members of the platform party marching in that order. After the ceremony, the order of march is reversed except that graduates are dismissed at their seats.

The order of march is in accordance with academic protocol which was established centuries ago when academic ceremonies were predominantly directed by the clergy. In keeping with the familiar order of the religious procession, the younger and newer groups precede the older, and the place of highest honor is at the end of the procession.

Academic Attire

The academic costume worn at American college exercises today dates back in its essential features to the Middle Ages. The oldest universities of northern Europe, such as Paris and Oxford, grew out of church schools. Students and faculty wore clerical garb, largely borrowed from the monastic dress of their day.

The head-covering of the academic costume developed out of the skull cap worn by the clergy in cold weather. In the universities, this skull cap acquired a point on top which gradually evolved into a tassel. In this country, it has been replaced by the familiar mortar-board, which still retains the medieval tassel.

The hood was originally worn over the head, and otherwise dropped onto the shoulders, like a cowl. Today, each college or university has its distinctively colored hood-lining, by which its graduates may be recognized in academic processions.

The gown worn today seems to have been borrowed from the habit of the Benedictine monks. At medieval institutions of higher learning, undergraduate and graduate degree candidates could be distinguished by the simplicity or elaborateness of their gowns. The graduate degree candidates' gowns were often furred, a feature that survives today in the ornamentation found on doctoral gowns.

In keeping with long established traditions, graduates of South Carolina State University continue to wear black robes with an Oxford mortarboard cap and a black tassel. Baccalaureate students graduating with the distinctive honors of cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude wear gold tassels, stoles, and honor cords, as appropriate. Candidates for the bachelor's and master's degrees wear color hoods designating their academic disciplines, and Doctor of Education candidates wear the light blue hood of their discipline, as well as fur-ornamented robes, which display three stripes on each sleeve.

The colors for academic disciplines, established by the American Council on Education, include white for arts, letters, and humanities; drab for business administration, commerce and accountancy; crimson for communication and journalism; copper for economics; light blue for education; brown for fine arts; purple for law; lemon for library science; green for medicine; pink for music; apricot for nursing; silver gray for oratory; dark blue for philosophy; sage green for physical education; peacock blue for public administration; golden yellow for science; citron for social science; and scarlet for theology and divinity.

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RECEPTION

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

2009 SPRING TERM

All tuition and fees for Spring 2010 must be paid by Tuesday, January 5, 2010

Registration – Tuesday, October 27, 2009 – Tuesday, January 5, 2010

Late Registration and Late Fee begin Wednesday, January 6, 2010

Classes begin – Tuesday, January 12, 2010

*A*lumni Oath

I hereby solemnly pledge allegiance to my Alma Mater in appreciation of the opportunities for development afforded me at South Carolina State University. I pledge active membership in the National Alumni Association wherever I may be. Through association with my fellow alumni, I shall forever do my best to uphold the ideals and traditions of my Alma Mater. I pledge to exemplify high ideals by rendering positive and dignified service to the community, state, nation, and world, thus living to bring honor and respect to my Alma Mater.

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

*Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring.
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise,
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stoney the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way 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
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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