



PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

George E. Cooper, Ph.D.
Tenth President

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
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TWO THOUSAND AND NINE
ELEVEN O'CLOCK
SMITH-HAMMOND-MIDDLETON MEMORIAL CENTER
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“Embracing Excellence: Meeting Tomorrow’s Challenges”

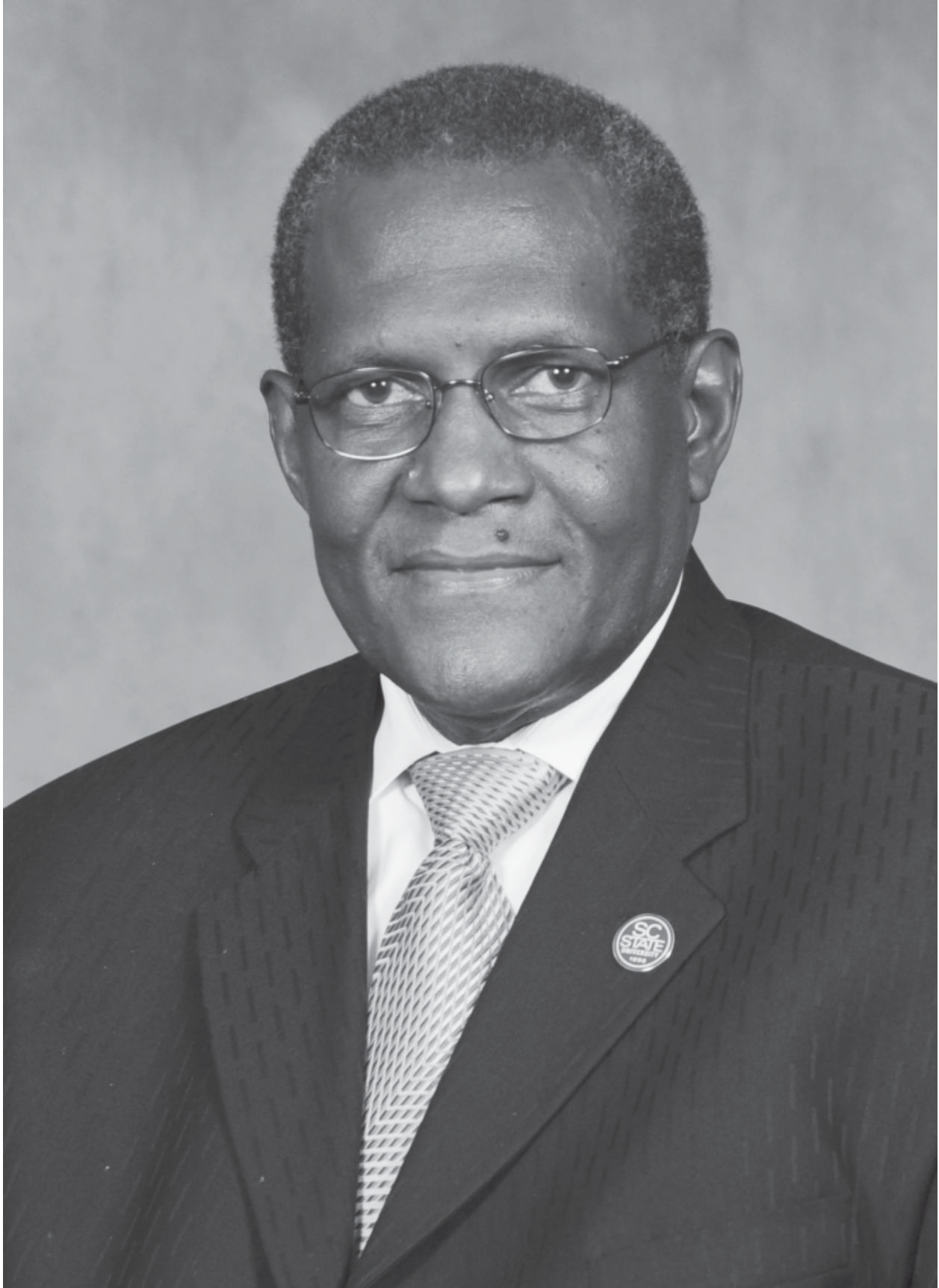
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On July 16, 2008, Dr. George E. Cooper became the 10th President of South Carolina State University. Dr. Cooper holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Husbandry from Florida A&M University, a Master's of Science in Animal Science from Tuskegee University, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Animal Nutrition from the University of Illinois at Urbana. With over 40 years of professional service in Higher Education, Dr. Cooper brings to the position of President notable administrative, academic, and finance experiences.

Prior to joining SC State, Dr. Cooper served as Deputy Administrator for Science and Education Resources Development at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Washington, DC. In this role, he was responsible for the coordination of over \$140 million in grant programs in the areas of education, research and extension for land-grant universities and other eligible institutions. Dr. Cooper's duties also included the coordination of projects in international development that promoted collaboration between faculty and staff from partner institutions. During his tenure at USDA, Dr. Cooper previously served as Deputy Administrator for the Partnerships Unit, Acting Deputy Administrator for Communications, Technology and Distance Learning, Principal Animal Nutritionist, and Coordinator of Strategic Planning.

Further, Dr. Cooper served as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Animal Science at Alabama A&M University, Associate Professor and Dean of the School of Applied Sciences at Tuskegee University, Associate Professor and Dean of the School of Agriculture and Home Economics at Tuskegee University, Animal Nutritionist with Winrock International Livestock Research and Training Center, and Animal Nutritionist with USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service.

Under Dr. Cooper's leadership, South Carolina State University has reassessed its land-grant mission and will execute its mission in the context of changing societal needs, thus reaffirming the university's covenant with the public and expanding its focus on globalization. His broad responsibilities include leadership in the coordination and implementation of planning, development and assessment of all university activities. The President exercises complete and total direction of the Institution and the administration of its affairs; ensures efficient, orderly and progressive development in all initiatives and affairs of the University; has general supervisory responsibilities over all university activities and personnel; and ensures completeness, efficiency, and accountability in all university matters.

While at USDA, he served on the Advisory Committee of the Joint Experiment Station Committee and the Organization, Policy and Academic Committee on the Organization and Policy Leadership Development Program. Dr. Cooper continues to participate on a number of advisory committees serving the needs of academic, research and extension programs at land-grant colleges and universities. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce. He has traveled extensively in Africa, Central and South America and the Caribbean—reviewing, planning and evaluating efforts related to agriculture.

Dr. Cooper is a member of Andrew Chapel Baptist Church in Orangeburg, SC. He is married to Diane Shaw Cooper, and they have two daughters, Nikki and Carey.

The Inaugural Ceremony

Mr. Lumus Byrd, Jr., *Chairman*
Board of Trustees of South Carolina State University
Presiding

PRELUDE-*Come Sunday* Duke Ellington South Carolina State University Wind Ensemble
Mr. Eddie Ellis, *Conductor*

*THE INAUGURAL PROCESSION – *War March of the Priests* (from *Athalie*) Felix Mendelssohn
South Carolina State University Symphonic Band
Mr. Ellis, *Conductor*

POSTING OF COLORS Bulldog Battallion Color Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM – *The Star Spangled Banner* Francis Scott Key. Audience
South Carolina State University Wind Ensemble
South Carolina State University Concert Choir
Mr. Ellis, *Conductor*

ANTHEM – *Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing* James W. Johnson/Rosamond Johnson Audience
South Carolina State University Wind Ensemble
South Carolina State University Concert Choir
Mr. Ellis, *Conductor*

SCRIPTURE AND INVOCATION The Reverend Donald E. Greene, Jr.
Pastor, Andrew Chapel Baptist Church, Orangeburg

WELCOME Mrs. Linda K. Edwards-Duncan
Member, Board of Trustees

MUSIC – *Festival Finale “God of Our Fathers”* Joseph E. Maddy. South Carolina State University Wind Ensemble
South Carolina State University Concert Choir
Mr. Ellis, *Conductor*

GREETINGS

The Students Ms. Whitney McCrea
President, Student Government Association

The Faculty Dr. M. Evelyn Fields
President, Faculty Senate

The Staff Mr. Derrick Green
President, Staff Senate

The Alumni Ms. Patricia B. Lott
President, National Alumni Association

Meeting Tomorrow's Challenges”

The Community The Honorable Paul A. Miller
Mayor, City of Orangeburg

Colleges and Universities. Dr. Henry N. Tisdale
President, Claflin University, Orangeburg

THE INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Presentation of Dr. George E. Cooper as the
 Tenth President of South Carolina State University. Dr. Colien Hefferan
Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)
 United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC

The Presidential Robing Mr. Robert M. Nance
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Mrs. Martha Scott Smith
Member, Board of Trustees

Mr. Maurice G. Washington
Member, Board of Trustees

The Presentation of Charter and Seal Dr. John H. Corbitt
Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees

The Presentation of the Medallion Dr. Leroy Davis, Sr.
Eighth President

The Presentation of the Mace. Mr. Jonathan N. Pinson
Member, Board of Trustees

The Investiture. Mr. Byrd

The Inaugural Address. Dr. George E. Cooper
President, South Carolina State University

MUSIC – *The Testament of Freedom (Excerpts I and IV)* Randall Thompson
 South Carolina State University Wind Ensemble
 South Carolina State University Concert Choir
 Mr. Ellis, *Conductor*

THE PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT. Dr. Rita Jackson Teal
*Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and
Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness*

Audience in unison:

We, the faculty, staff, students, alumni, friends, and supporters of South Carolina State University, pledge our support to the Tenth President of the University: Dr. George E. Cooper.

We recognize your tremendous task as President; therefore, we pledge ourselves to embrace your leadership as you work diligently to execute the University’s mission of instruction, research, and service to the people of this state, nation, and the world.

Our prayers are with you in bringing to fruition the vision of a University that values access, opportunity, integrity, excellence and respect. May God be with you as you lead this great University to a new pinnacle in its long history and heritage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Mr. Byrd

ALMA MATER . Robert.Shaw Wilkinson – T.D.Phillips Audience
South Carolina State University Wind Ensemble
Mr. Ellis, *Conductor*

Sing the praise of Alma Mater, Let us rally to her calls
Lift our voices, send them ringing, Thru the groves and classic halls.

REFRAIN

Hail! Hail! Dear Alma Mater, Hail! Hail! Dear SCC.
We’ll defend and honor, love and cherish thee.

We are loyal sons and daughters, Proud to own the name we bear
For the truth that thou hast taught us, Ready all to do or dare.

RETIRING OF THE COLORS. Bulldog Battallion Color Guard

BENEDICTION. The Reverend Greene

*ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL – *Triumphant March (Aida)* Giuseppe Verdi
South Carolina State University Wind Ensemble
Mr. Ellis, *Conductor*

*The audience is requested to remain seated.

RECEPTION

President and Mrs. Cooper invite you to a reception in the
Kirkland W. Green Student Center immediately following the ceremony.

On March 3, 1896, the South Carolina General Assembly enacted legislation establishing South Carolina State College. Thomas E. Miller, a former Congressman from South Carolina, became the first president (1896-1911). During Dr. Miller's tenure, and that of his initial faculty of thirteen South Carolinians, the College plant consisted of 135 acres, eight small buildings, a minimal dairy herd, and a few other farm animals. Because of the meager facilities, academic instruction was given primarily on logs hewn from the campus forest—logs that were later made into lumber for the first dormitory and classroom buildings.

Upon President Miller's retirement, Dr. Robert Shaw Wilkinson, a Charlestonian and Professor of Physics at the College, succeeded to the presidency. His twenty-one year administration witnessed an increase in faculty and student enrollment, an established income from both federal and state sources, an expansion in the building program, a cooperative working relationship with Clemson College and Claflin University, the initiation of a State Teacher Summer School, and the celebration of the College's twenty-fifth birthday.

The death of President Wilkinson on March 13, 1932 catapulted Dr. Miller F. Whittaker, former Director of the Mechanical Department at the College, to Acting President and, subsequently, to President in May 1932. Among the milestones under the aegis of President Whittaker (1932-1949) were: the establishment of a Law School, the establishment of a South Carolina State College Extension School, the establishment of a Reserve Officers' Training Corps Infantry Unit, and in 1933, accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

From 1950 to 1967, Dr. Benner C. Turner, former Dean of the Law School, effected these developments in the College: a rapid growth of both the undergraduate and graduate enrollments, an increase in the number of faculty and staff, an increase in the number of doctoral faculty, the reorganization of the administrative and structural areas, major improvements in the physical plant to include the renovation of buildings and construction of many new buildings such as a new academic building, dormitories for both men and women, and a cafeteria. New walkways, drives, roads and attractive landscaping added to the beauty of the campus and the comfort of its inhabitants.

On June 23, 1968, Dr. M. Maceo Nance, Jr., former Vice President for Business and Finance, succeeded to the presidency of the College after a one-year tenure as Acting President. His tenure was replete with burgeoning physical expansion. Most outstanding among the large number of additions to the physical plant under the administration of President Nance were the following: Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center, a Health and Physical Education Building (1968); addition to Hodge Hall Science Building (1968); addition to Kirkland W. Green Student Center (1970); Ko W. G. Donma Administration Building (1970); housing for married students, Queens' Village, Phase 1, 12 Apartments (1971); 20 Apartments (1975); Sojourner Truth Hall, Women's Residence Hall (1972); Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium (1974); M. Maceo Nance, Jr. Classroom Building (1974); John H. Mitchell Hall, Men's Residence Hall (1975); I. P. Stanback Museum & Planetarium (1979); the Crawford-Zimmerman Service Complex (1983); and the School of Business Algernon S. Belcher Complex (1986).

On July 1, 1986, upon the retirement of President Nance, Dr. Albert E. Smith became the sixth President of South Carolina State College. During President Smith's tenure, the College established working relationships with several major corporations, created the School of Freshman Studies and an Honors Program. Fundraising efforts brought nearly \$3 million to the College, and ground was broken in late 1991 for a new women's residence hall. President Smith was instrumental in efforts to gain university status for the College.

On January 13, 1992, the Board of Trustees named Dr. Carl A. Carpenter, Interim President of South Carolina State College. During his tenure, the New Master Plan for Facilities was finalized and approval was given for

the construction of the Fine Arts Building, improvement of Oliver C. Dawson Stadium, expansion of the 1890 Research facility and new conference center at Camp Harry Daniels. The Intercollegiate Athletics Program was re-organized with the employment of the first full-time Athletics Director. The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) was approved by the Commission on Higher Education and the institution was designated South Carolina State University on February 26, 1992.

On September 30, 1992, the Board of Trustees elected Dr. Barbara R. Hatton as the first woman to assume the presidency of South Carolina State University, and she began her duties on January 4, 1993. During her tenure she was instrumental in converting Felton Laboratory School into a state-of-the-art professional development school, initiating successful legislation allowing engineering technology graduates to sit for the engineering licensure examination in South Carolina, opening an Office of State and Community Relations in Columbia, and increasing collaborations and projects with other colleges, universities and federal and private agencies. Capital improvement projects included the 1890 Extension Office Complex (named for Senator John W. Matthews, Jr.), the completion of the Oliver C. Dawson Bulldog Stadium, and the Student Center Plaza.

On June 13, 1995, the Board of Trustees named Dr. Leroy Davis, Sr., Interim President, and on April 10, 1996, Dr. Davis was named the eighth President of South Carolina State University. President Davis established Centers of Excellence in Transportation and Leadership as part of a plan to have a Center of Excellence in each of the five academic schools. Under his leadership, scholarship support increased to recruit more academically talented freshmen, the first University Staff Senate was established, a new tenure and promotion policy was developed, university partnerships were increased, new community service programs in the areas of health care and economic development were implemented, and the Stateite Creed was developed. In December 2000, the University's accreditation was reaffirmed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

In 2001, the School of Business was first accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), annual private fundraising exceeded \$2 million for the first time, and the Office of Environmental Health was established. Capital improvement projects included the Fine Arts Center (1999) and the Unity Wall (2001). Also, approval was given for the construction of privatized housing, a science building annex, and an interdisciplinary research center. An updated long-range facilities Master Plan was approved. Dukes Gym was re-opened and The STATE Room was opened at Columbia Metropolitan Airport.

On July 1, 2002, the Board of Trustees named retired Chief Justice Ernest A. Finney, Jr. Interim President of South Carolina State University. During his tenure, the the only undergraduate Nuclear Engineering program at an HBCU was developed in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin. The University received funding in the amount of \$9 million to construct a state-of-the-art transportation research facility and became the lead institution to provide statewide coordination for the South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (SCAMP), a \$5 million grant to increase the number of minority students participating in mathematics, science, engineering and technology.

On May 16, 2003, the Board of Trustees named Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., the ninth President of South Carolina State University. President Hugine developed an Alumni Heritage Endowment, a perpetual fund for scholarships, capital improvements, and endowed chairs. Faculty, Staff, and Student Cabinets were established. The front entrance to the campus was renovated and upgraded; a security booth was constructed; and a new, enormous Bulldog mascot was unveiled to adorn the front entrance. Major renovations and improvements were made to selected dormitories, academic buildings, and the Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center.

Under President Hugine's leadership, an agreement with the University of South Carolina launched a faculty/student exchange program in nuclear engineering; the University Transportation Center was named the James

E. Clyburn Transportation Center, and the Walnut Room was named the Robert S. Evans Walnut Room. In addition, the Real Estate Foundation 501(c)3, the Research and Development Foundation and the Advancement Foundation were established. Also, the 1890 Extension Office Complex was completed. The Student Success and Retention Program was developed, and the five undergraduate schools within Academic Affairs were reorganized and elevated into three colleges.

Other university accomplishments during Dr. Hugine's presidency include: the Computer Science program received its initial accreditation by the Computing Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (CAC/ABET), a Master of Business Administration degree with concentrations in Agribusiness and Entrepreneurship was approved. The 1890 Research and Extension Division purchased a mobile technology unit and the University Board of Visitors was established. Additionally, the nursing program received accreditation from the Commission for Collegiate Nursing Education.

In 2005, the University began work on a \$42 million apartment-style residence hall. The new 772-bed living facility (Hugine Suites) was the largest construction project in the history of the University. The University completed multi-million dollar renovations to the Pitt and Washington Dining Hall facilities; alumni giving reached a record \$1 million; the Master's in Transportation degree program was established; and the Thomas E. Miller Society was established to recognize \$100,000 lifetime givers.

In addition, through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Africa initiative, SC State partnered with the country of Tanzania to provide textbooks and other learning materials to the students in Africa. The University also was ranked by *Washington Monthly Magazine*, as number nine as a national university and number one in the area of social mobility. In 2007, South Carolina State hosted the first debate of the 2008 Presidential cycle on Thursday, April 26th. It was produced by NBC News and hosted by SC State. MSNBC's signature political program, "Hardball with Chris Matthews," aired live from South Carolina State University.

Dr. Leonard A. McIntyre was appointed Interim President on December 14, 2007. Under his seven-month leadership, the University instituted the Bridge Project to recruit high school students to the Education Program; an agreement was established with Virtual Education Software, Inc., to offer distance courses; and the University instituted a Smoke Free Campus policy. Under his administration, SC State also received its third Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, "Eye on America" featured SC State as a 'Hidden Gem in Higher Education,' and the Tom Joyner Foundation named SC State as its School of the Month. Additionally, the University was selected to host Tavis Smiley's Talented Tenth HBCU tour. Dr. McIntyre spearheaded a \$5 million grant, sponsored by USAID to provide textbooks for secondary school students in Zanzibar, Tanzania. Dr. McIntyre conferred honorary degrees upon Senator Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr., SC Supreme Court Justice Donald Beatty and President Amani Karume of Zanzibar, who delivered the Spring 2008 commencement address.

On June 6, 2008, the Board of Trustees named Dr. George E. Cooper the 10th President of South Carolina State University. Under his leadership, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College and South Carolina State University signed an agreement creating "The Gateway Program" between the two-year college and the four-year university. In addition, the Dr. Clemmie Embly Webber Educational Resource Center was named and dedicated at the I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium. Construction began on the Hodge Hall Annex.

Other notable achievements include capturing the 2008 MEAC championship and a berth in the prestigious Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoff, and the the 2009 world premiere of the documentary, "Scarred Justice: The Orangeburg Massacre 1968."

Past Presidents

Thomas E. Miller	1896-1911
Robert S. Wilkinson	1911-1932
Miller F. Whittaker	1932-1949
Benner C. Turner	1950-1967
M. Maceo Nance, Jr.	1968-1986
Albert E. Smith	1986-1992
Barbara R. Hatton	1993-1995
Leroy Davis, Sr.	1996-2002
Andrew Hugine, Jr.	2003-2007

Interim Administrators Serving the Institution in the Office of President

Interim Committee – Kirkland W. Green, *Chairman*
J.I. Washington, II, F. Marcellus Staley, Frank A. DeCosta, and Harold W. Crawford
1949-50

M. Maceo Nance, Jr.
1967-1968

Carl A. Carpenter
1992

Leroy Davis, Sr.
1995-1996

Ernest A. Finney, Jr.
2002-2003

Leonard A. McIntyre
2007-2008

Announcer

Dr. George E. Hicks

Associate Professor, Department of Education

DIVISION I

Chief Marshal
Former Presidents
Interim Presidents
Student Organizations
Alumni Delegates
Public Schools

Grand Marshal
The Marshals

Dr. Rita Jackson Teal
Dr. Robert T. Barrett
Dr. Gail Joyner-Fleming

DIVISION II

Colleges and Universities
Learned Societies and Associations

The Marshals

Ms. Adrienne C. Webber
Dr. Charles W. Zeigler

DIVISION III

Faculty and Staff

The Marshals

Dr. Jesse Kinard
Dr. Octavio Miro

DIVISION IV

President's Cabinet

The Marshals

Dr. Ethel G. Jones
Dr. Ronald E. Speight

DIVISION V

Board of Trustees
Mace Bearer
Chair, Board of Trustees
Platform Party
International Students
President

The Marshals

Captain Norman K. Garvin
LTC Heyward Stackhouse

Chief Marshal

Dr. Rita Jackson Teal

Former Presidents

Dr. Leroy Davis, Sr.

Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr.

Interim Presidents

Dr. Carl A. Carpenter

The Honorable Ernest A. Finney, Jr.

Dr. Leonard A. McIntyre

Student Organizations

Campus Activity Board	Brandon Davis
Family and Consumer Sciences	Deondra Roper
Honors Program	Treasure Holland
Miss SC State	Uchechi C. Egbuhuzo
Pre-Alumni Council	Courtney Burgess
Senior Class	Robert Caldwell, Jr.
Student Government Association	Whitney McCrea
Student Orientation Leaders	Jessica A. Lesaine
United Voices of Christ Gospel Choir	Julia Jones
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.	Sierra D. Wilson

Alumni Delegates

National Alumni Association Officers

President	Ms. Patricia B. Lott, Orangeburg Chapter
First Vice President	Col. (Ret.) Jerry A. Hubbard, Washington, DC Chapter
Second Vice President	Mrs. Vernell T. Brown, Charleston, SC Chapter
Recording Secretary	Ms. Mary L. Wade, Washington, DC Chapter
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Ramona Bowden Manning, Central Florida Chapter-Orlando
Financial Secretary	Mr. Carl Johnson, Jr., Charlotte, NC Chapter
Treasurer	Mr. Curtis A. Stevens, Washington, DC Chapter
Parliamentarian	Col. (Ret.) Ned E. Felder, Washington, DC Chapter
Chaplain	Reverend Dr. Willie J. Heggins, II, Orangeburg, SC Chapter

Alumni Chapter Presidents

Aiken, SC	Dr. Barbara J. Bing
Atlanta, GA	Mr. Teddy Carter
Beaufort County, SC	Mr. James L. Gilliard
Berkeley County, SC	Mr. Joel K. Crawford
Charlotte, NC	Mr. Detrick Fennell

Alumni Delegates

Baltimore, MD	Ms. Joyce Richardson
Greenwood, SC	Reverend Fred M. Armfield
Orangeburg, SC	Mr. Hercules Busby
Savannah, GA	Dr. LeRoy Zimmerman
Summerville, SC	Mr. Bill Goodwin, Jr.
Sumter, SC	Ms. Theresa M. Gregory
Tidewater-Peninsula-VA	LTC (Ret.) Barry Hodges

Public Schools

Edgefield County School District	Mary Rice-Crenshaw, Ed.D.	Superintendent
Fairfield County School District	Samantha J. Ingram, Ph.D.	Superintendent
Florence County School District Four	Bertha Williams McCants, Ed.D.	Superintendent
Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five	Helena L. Tillar, Ed.D.	Chief Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Officer
Rock Hill School District Three	Sylvia M. Berry, Ed.D.	Director, Teacher Recruitment and Evaluation
Sumter School District 17	Erthlay Witherspoon, Ph.D.	Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Support Services

Colleges and Universities

1636	Harvard University John B. Hagerty, J.D. <i>Alumnus</i>	1801	University of South Carolina Harris Pastides, Ph.D. <i>President</i>
1740	University of Pennsylvania L. John Clark, MBA <i>Charter Trustee</i>	1804	Ohio University Tyrone M. Carr, M.Ed. Director of The Interlink Alliance
1793	Williams College Kendrick A. Clements, Ph.D. <i>Alumnus</i>	1819	University of Virginia Charles A. Roberts, Ed.D. <i>Alumnus</i>
1794	Bowdoin College Oscar W. Harrell, III, B.A. <i>Alumnus</i>	1820	Indiana University Patricia A. Frye, Ph.D. <i>Alumna</i>
1801	University of Georgia James L. Myers, Ph.D. <i>Alumnus</i>	1824	Medical University of South Carolina Raymond S. Greenberg, M.D., Ph.D. <i>President</i>

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| <p>1835 Marietta College
Ross W. Lenhart, M.Ed.
<i>Trustee Emeritus</i></p> | <p>1887 Troy University
Phyllis J.S. Crooms, M.S.M.
<i>Site Director, Orlando, FL</i></p> |
| <p>1842 The Citadel
Kathy Laboard Brown, Ed.D.
<i>Associate Professor</i></p> | <p>1889 Clemson University
John W. Kelly, Ph.D.
<i>Vice President, Public Service and Agriculture</i></p> |
| <p>1845 Wittenberg University
Nancy Lane, Ph.D.
<i>Alumna</i></p> | <p>1889 State University of New York, College at Oneonta
Mary G. Milmore, Ed.D.
<i>Honorary Alumna</i></p> |
| <p>1856 Newberry College
Wendell Davis, M.A.
<i>Alumnus</i></p> | <p>1891 North Carolina A&T State University
Henry W. Fleming, M.S.
<i>Alumnus</i></p> |
| <p>1858 Kansas State University at Manhattan
Howard D. Hill, Ph.D.
<i>Alumnus</i></p> | <p>1894 Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Charles Little, M.Ed.
<i>Alumnus</i></p> |
| <p>1865 Talladega College
Mary E. Cheeseboro, Ph.D.
<i>Alumna</i></p> | <p>Mildred Depelteau Little, M.Ed.
<i>Alumna</i></p> |
| <p>1866 University of Kansas
Margaret Felder Wilson, Ph.D.
<i>Alumna</i></p> | <p>1897 Voorhees College
Cleveland L. Sellers, Jr., Ed.D.
<i>President</i></p> |
| <p>1869 Trinity University
Leon H. Ginsberg, Ph.D.
<i>Alumnus</i></p> | <p>1918 Seton Hill University
Elizabeth R. Durishan, M.S.
<i>Alumna</i></p> |
| <p>1870 Wellesley College
Carol Jillson Barker, M.A.T.
<i>Alumna</i></p> | <p>1923 Columbia International University
Patrick A. Blewett, Ph.D.
<i>Dean, Undergraduate Studies</i></p> |
| <p>1885 St. Edward's University
Thomas G. Brune, B.A.
<i>Alumnus</i></p> | <p>1933 Wilkes University
Robert A. Byrne, Ph.D.
<i>Alumnus</i></p> |
| <p>1886 Winthrop University
Jane C. Shuler, M.Ed.
<i>Alumna</i></p> | <p>1948 Denmark Technical College
Joann Boyd-Scotland, Ph.D.
<i>President Emerita</i></p> |

Colleges and Universities

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| <p>1954 Coastal Carolina University
David A. DeCenzo, Ph.D.
<i>President</i></p> | <p>1965 University of South Carolina - Union
Hugh C. Rowland, Ed.D.
<i>Regional Campus Dean</i></p> |
| <p>1959 University of South Carolina-Beaufort
Rayburn Barton, Ph.D.
<i>Professor, Political Science</i></p> | <p>1966 Piedmont Technical College
Peggy C. Prescott, Ed.D.
<i>Dean, Laurens County Higher Education Center</i></p> |
| <p>1961 University of South Carolina – Aiken
Thomas L. Hallman, Ph.D.
<i>Chancellor</i>
<i>State Commission Chair for South Carolina, Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)</i></p> | <p>1967 University of South Carolina - Upstate
John C. Stockwell, Ph.D.
<i>Chancellor</i></p> |
| <p>1962 Midlands Technical College
Marshall (Sonny) White, Jr., Ph.D.
<i>President</i></p> | <p>1968 Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
Walter Alfred Tobin, Ph.D.
<i>Vice President for Academic Affairs</i></p> |
| <p>1965 University of South Carolina - Salkehatchie
William A. Sandifer, Ph.D.
<i>Director, Human Resources</i></p> | |

Learned Societies and Associations

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| Mrs. Annie R. Belton | American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers |
| Dr. Ruth A. Hodges | Association of College & Research Libraries |
| Dr. Sheila M. Littlejohn | Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society
National Council on Family Relations |
| Dr. Rizana M. Mahroot | Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society
American Association for the Advancement of Science |
| Ms. Connie N. Portee | International Association of Administrative Professionals |
| Ms. Erica S. Prioleau | Sigma Tau Delta - International English Honor Society
Public Relations Society of America |
| Mrs. Giselle L. White-Perry | Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences |
| Dr. Gwendolyn D. Wilson | American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
National Black Association for Speech-Language-Hearing |

President's Cabinet

Mr. John E. Smalls
Dr. Valerie S. Fields
Dr. Jackie Epps
Dr. Carl E. Jones

Mrs. Charlene M. Johnson
Attorney Edwin D. Givens
Ms. Joyce A. Green

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Dr. Angela Shaw-Thornburg

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Dr. M. Evelyn Fields
Mr. Derrick Green
Ms. Patricia B. Lott
The Honorable Paul A. Miller

Dr. Henry N. Tisdale
Dr. Colien Hefferan
Mr. Robert M. Nance
Mrs. Martha Scott Smith
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Modern academic regalia evolved from the kinds of apparel worn by monks and students in the Middle Ages to keep warm in the medieval castles and halls in which they studied. From these practical origins, traditional caps, gowns, and hoods worn in colleges and universities today have come to symbolize scholarly achievement.

The attire differs in accordance with the academic degree the wearer has earned. The gown of the holder of the bachelor's degree has a long pleated front with shirring across the shoulders and back. It is distinguished by flowing sleeves pointed at the fingertips. It may be worn either opened or closed. The gown symbolizing the master's degree is worn open. The oblong sleeves are cut so that the forearms come through slits just above the elbows. The doctoral gown may be worn opened or closed. The gown has a broad, velvet panel down the front and three bars of velvet midway each full, round sleeve. The velvet trimming on the doctoral gown may be either black or the color associated with the field of study.

The mortar board or cap worn with the bachelor's or master's gown generally has a black tassel hanging from the center. The tassel on the doctoral cap is usually gold bullion. However, it should be noted that the black tassel is permissible for all degrees.

The hood, if worn, is the most distinctive feature of the academic attire. It is a black, crown shaped badger or adornment with an oval opening and it is worn down the back. It enables the viewer to determine quickly, not only the degree held by the wearer, but also the college or university from which he/she was graduated. The size and shape of the velvet strip on the master's hood is three and one-half feet long, faced with a three-inch velvet strip; and the doctor's hood is four feet long, faced with a five-inch velvet strip. The color of the strip of velvet on the hood indicates the field in which the wearer has studied. Hoods may be worn for only those degrees held by the wearers.

Although members of the governing body of a college or university (*and they only*) are entitled to wear doctoral gowns (with black velvet), whatever their degrees may be, their hoods must be representative of only those degrees held by the wearers or prescribed for them by their institutions. The chief marshals may wear specially designed academic regalia approved by the institutions.

Listed below are the colors associated with different subjects as prescribed by the revised American Intercollegiate Code to be used for all academic purposes, including trimmings of the doctoral gown, edging of hoods, and tassels or caps.

Agriculture	Maize	Medicine	Green
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White	Music	Pink
Business	Drab	Nursing	Apricot
Dentistry	Lilac	Oratory, Speech, Communications	Silver Gray
Economics	Copper	Pharmacy	Olive Green
Education	Light Blue	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Engineering	Orange	Physical Education	Sage Green
Fine Arts, Architecture	Brown	Public Administration, Public Policy, Foreign Service	Peacock Blue
Forestry, Environmental Studies, Sustainability	Russet	Public Health	Salmon Pink
Home Economics	Maroon	Science (Social and Natural)	Golden Yellow
Journalism	Crimson	Social Work	Citron
Law	Purple	Theology, Divinity	Scarlet
Library Science	Lemon	Veterinary Science	Grey

The Ceremonial Regalia

President George E. Cooper wears the traditional, custom designed doctoral regalia featuring the school colors – garnet and blue. The body of the gown is solid navy blue tropical wool with garnet velvet front panels adorning the neck and sweeping down the length of the gown. The front panels of the gown are framed on the outer edge with a double row of garnet and blue cording. Each front panel has the South Carolina State University seal embroidered at chest level in gold. The double bell sleeves have an inner cuff and four velvet sleeve chevrons outlined with garnet and blue cord edge braid. Four chevrons on the sleeve are unique only to presidents.

The hood is of tropical wool navy with garnet lining and a navy chevron. It is outlined with garnet velvet and a double row of garnet and blue cording. The four-corner style tam is garnet velvet accented with a gold tassel.

The Seal

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 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., fifth President of South Carolina State in 1968 by Dr. Leo F. Twiggs, former Professor of Art at the institution.

The Medallion

The Presidential Medallion, a symbol of the Office of the President, is to be worn at Commencement, Founders’ Day, Honors and Awards Convocation and other formal academic occasions. Since 1968, each president has received a medallion. At the 1997 inauguration, the University initiated a permanent sterling silver medallion with the names of eight presidents engraved and provisions made for successive presidents. This medallion was designed and executed by William Frederick of Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Leo F. Twiggs served as the design consultant.

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. Today, it represents one of the oldest traditions in academia.

The Mace symbolizes the autonomy and authority of the University, as well as the authority of the Board of Trustees, the administration, and the faculty to grant degrees to graduates. 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. The vision for the design of the Mace included “full capture of the strength of the University, as evidenced in its history. It should symbolize 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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12:00 noon

First Lady Scholarship Luncheon

Kirkland W. Green Student Center
(By subscription)

4:00 p.m.

Students' Inaugural Celebration

Cooper's Carnival
Student Center Plaza

Friday, March 27

11:00 a.m.

Inauguration of President George E. Cooper

Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center

Inaugural Reception

(Immediately following Inauguration)
Kirkland W. Green Student Center

*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.*

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