Commencement Convocation

2012

Friday, May 4
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.
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of May
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Alma Mater
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 ACTING PRESIDENT TEAL

To the Class of May 2012

Congratulations to the South Carolina State University Class of 2012 for reaching a major milestone in your life. Graduation from college signifies the beginning of the rest of your life. Choosing to pursue and obtain a college degree has afforded you the opportunity to be competitive in a global and technological society. SC State University has provided you with all the necessary skills needed to be successful in your field.

There is no greater time at the University than today, Commencement. As nearly 500 students graduate today, this clearly indicates that the University has maintained its mission and accomplished its goal of educating students and ensuring that they are well-prepared. As the world awaits you, you will encounter several opportunities. Some of you may choose to further your education through post-graduate study, while others may elect to utilize your knowledge and skills to pursue an immediate career. Regardless of the path you choose for your journey, you will ultimately live up to the name you bear – Alumni of South Carolina State University.

Graduates, you have achieved your quest for a college education and your investment has paid off. Because you have performed well, you have made so many people proud of you. You should not take lightly this accomplishment, for it is a cause for celebration. As you continue your lifelong journey always remember to support your Alma Mater. Thank you for allowing SC State University to serve you. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Rita J. Teal, Ed.D.
Acting President
The Program
Dr. Rita J. Teal, Acting President
Presiding

PRELUDE ................................................................. Symphonic Band

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

POSTING OF COLORS ........................................ Bulldog Battalion Color Guard

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

SCRIPTURE AND INVOCATION ......................... The Reverend Dr. John H. Corbitt
Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees

MUSIC – “Battle Hymn of the Republic” ...arr. Peter Wilhousky ........ Concert Choir
Dr. Richard E. Beckford, Director

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER .................... President Teal

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..................... Mr. Terrence Dashon Howard
Renowned Actor

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE ........ President Teal and Dr. Barbara Adams
Interim Associate Vice President for Faculty and Programs

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Terrence Dashon Howard
Humanitarian
CONFERRING OF DEGREES ........................................ President Teal and Dr. Adams

READERS:
Ms. Ursula Robinson, Associate Professor of Drama, Department of Visual and Performing Arts
Dr. Harriette Gregg, Associate Professor of Speech Pathology and Audiology

SPECIAL RECOGNITION.......................................................... President Teal

INDUCTION OF GRADUATES INTO THE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ........................................ Mr. Nathaniel Howard, President South Carolina State University National Alumni Association

REMARKS .................................................................................. President Teal

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

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

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**Keynote Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient**

**TERRENCE HOWARD**

**RENOWNED ACTOR**

The multi-talented Terrence Howard is best known for his Golden Globe and Academy Award nominated work in *Hustle & Flow*, as well as for his supporting role in *Crash*, for which he received a National Board of Review Award for Best Breakthrough Performance. Born in Chicago, IL, Howard began his acting career as Jackie Jackson in the ABC miniseries *The Jacksons: An American Dream*, which was quickly followed by several notable TV appearances on shows such as *Living Single* and *NYPD Blue*. He made his film debut in 1993 in *Who's the Man?* which he followed with a role in the period saga *Dead Presidents*. In 1995, Howard was noticed for his role as a star high school athlete in *Mr. Holland's Opus*, and soon after was offered a lead role in the UPN TV series *Sparks*. In 1999, Howard was honored with the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Supporting Actor, an Independent Spirits Award nomination and a Chicago Film Critics Association Award nomination for his role as Quentin in *The Best Man*. He also won an NAACP Image Award in 2011 for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series for *Law and Order: Los Angeles*.

Howard is known as one of the most prolific actors of his generation; his feature film credits include diverse roles in *Valerie Flake*, *Best Laid Plans*, the Academy Award nominated *Ray*, *Pride*, *The Brave One*, *August Rush*, and *Ironman*. In 2008, he made his Broadway debut in an all-African-American production of Tennessee Williams’ *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. A self-taught musician, Howard plays both the piano and the guitar. He displays his musical talents in *Ray* as Ray Charles’ one-time guitarist Gossie McKee, and in *Hustle & Flow* as the rapper Djay. For the movie, Howard performed all the tracks for his character, including “It’s Hard Out Here For A Pimp,” which won the Academy Award for Best Original Song.

Howard was recently seen in *Law and Order: Los Angeles*, where he won an NAACP award for best supporting actor in a drama series. The show had a limited run, but Terrence’s character garnered a great deal of praise from critics and fans of the show.

Howard has also been seen recently playing Nelson Mandela alongside Jennifer Hudson in the film, *Winnie*, which premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in 2011 and will have wide release this year. He also starred alongside Cuba Gooding Jr. and Bryan Cranston in George Lucas’ *Red Tails*. Later this year, Howard will appear in *On the Road* alongside Garrett Hedlund and Vigo Mortensen, as well as, Robert Redford’s, *The Company You Keep*, alongside Shia LaBeouf. Howard is currently filming, *Dead Man Down*, with Colin Farrell.

When not acting, Terrence has involved himself in a great deal of other projects. He is a self-taught musician, philanthropist, and father of three. Terrence has become an ambassador for EIF and Stand Up 2 Cancer. He has been very involved in cancer research, and done many public service announcements for the cause.
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.

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

Bachelor of Arts
Speech Pathology and Audiology
Regina Yvonne Barton-Jones
Jocelyn Marie James
Melissa Corinne Jamison
Sha'Von Tenay Johnson
Joy Renee Pendavris
Tyren Ambreá Russell
Janoah S. Sallie
Lauren Elizabeth Scott
Morgan Amanda Starling

Bachelor of Science
Accounting
Nicole Lauren Anderson
Shantarria Sharie Benn
Victor Emanuel Berry
Bria DeShae Brimmer
Christopher Patrick Brown
Carleisha Marie Byers
April Christina Cook
Curtis Dix, Jr.
Erika Phenesch Drummond
Noel Darron Facey, Jr.
Quinton Lavaris Green
Philip James Ivy
Gwendolyn Evette Love
Katrina Nicole Muller
Carla Tonya Payne
Ricky Louis Sampson, Jr.
Darrell Demond Snell
Ramel Rashard Taylor
Demetris Lamar Wilson

Bachelor of Science
Agribusiness
Russell Jamaal McCants
Donovan Cordenial McDaniel
Joshua Lamar Smith

Bachelor of Science
Business Economics
Brittany Nicole Hardy
Cody Sellers
Claudia Ivette Tavera Servin

Bachelor of Science
Family and Consumer Sciences
Anthony Augustus-Owens Beckett
Jalisa April Blocker
Kellie Latrice Darien
Jessica Marie Davis
Sabrina Méndez Domínguez
Oxzavia Demetrius Finley
Chantell Sinear Graham
Joy D’Nette Greene
Rakeesha Kalondra Hopkins
Joseph Ikhinmwin
Suhaila Jad
Genevieve Jean
Shakima Lanique Jenkins
Jessica Simone Kinard
Pamela Rog-Relle King-McRae
Ja’Vonna Lauriell Lewis
Alvin Carl Lumpkin, Jr.
Shakedra YaShonda Mack
Amanda Reneé McDowell
Kalisha Agnes Middleton
Dominique Joaquine Montgomery
Ashley Elizabeth Nelson
Maleksa Cakelia Profit
Santana Elaine Smiling
Brittany Maesha Smith
Elizabeth Janaé Smith
Edith G. Stroman
LaGwenda Shante Thomas
Asia Caress Walters
Tyon Lakie Williams
Joseph E. Wright

Bachelor of Science
Management
Jamelia Aisha Alston
Sha’Nic Me’Shal Asbury
LaToya Rochelle Brunson
Latricia Monique Burgess
Akeem Jamal Butler
Michael Rashad Carnegie
Nicholas Darien
Anthony Nagee Ford
Leroy Anthony Graddick
Cadillah Michelle Green
Devin Lovell Johnson
Tyrus Joel Leach
Justin Terrell Martin
Zana Simone Matthews
Quentin Marqus Reid
Shamire Janelle Rothmiller
Marcus A. Stephens
Britney Elizabeth Stewart
Darnell Jamal Stokes
Brijan LaTrelle Turner
Tommy Lashawn Walker
Tierra Sha’dai Whitener

Bachelor of Science
Marketing
Latoya Juané Adams
Philip Maurice Burk
Akeem Javier Christopher
Preston Hester Clinkscales
La’Kiesha Monane Coleman
Quincy Samuel Creamer
Carla Blondell Crooks
James Henry Dowling, Jr.
Lester Antwan Elmore
Clarence Darryl Freeman, II
Darien Michelle Grant
Lauren Ashley Harris
Garique N. Jeffers
College of Business and Applied Professional Sciences–Continued

Brienna JaMel Jones
Tenaja Mona’ Minick
D’angelo Leo Moore, Sr.
Clifton Darrell Parker, II
Michael Paul Priester
John Henry Simmons, Jr.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Chiquita Precious Simone Anderson
Dexter Anthwone Austin
Aricia Dierra Binder
Belinda Ann Boyd
Judy Ann Brooker
Velma Rae Butler
Shatericka Angelique Campbell
Porsha Antwanette Canzater
Dominique Lashae Chesteen
Yolanda O. Cohen
Sharnell Lakita Commander
Courtney Etienne Crumlin
Angelica Charlette Dozier
Kenia Tamika Edwards
Kimberly Rose Gamble
Conea Lorraine Huger
Charlena Rosemary Monique Hunter
Kalu Ben Iroha
Rebecca Lynn Jackson
LaTricia LaTaye Kearse Jamison
Jessica Catherine Lewis
Stephanie Nicole Louis-Jacques

Ashley Zimmerman Mars
Leocadie Tchekangoua Mougang
Crystal Danielle Murphy
John Kalu Odeghe
Tochukwu Jude Onyekwelu
Comeslia Anna Deshay Owens
LaKeisha Barnes Prioleau
Melody Jeannette Sampson
Carol Ann Scoon
Yalena Georgette Talley
Kerrera Tindal
Shawanda Latrice Trapp
Demetria Guy Ward
Alexia Camille Watkins
Brittney Denice Weaver
Shannon Nicole White
Mia Charnay Williams
Jennifer Alexandria Woodard
Antinesha Lanette Wyatt

Bachelor of Science
Nutrition and Food Management
Celeste Rochelle Dickerson
Candice Orreder Necole Harmon
Bonnie Sade
Natasha Kelly Smith

Bachelor of Science
Physical Education/Activity Management
Tony Ashford
Jamar Antonio Brown
Daryl Oshea Clark
Eryk Dwight Jackson
Jake Ronrandolph Johnson
Juavahr Akeem Patrick Nathan
Pharis Tyrell Singleton
Patrick Lamar Washington

Bachelor of Science
Physical Education/Health Education Services
Alton Jermaine Allen
Toby Allen Goodson
Jamiaus Tarquin White

Bachelor of Science
Physical Education/Sport Communication
Oslin Copeland Brown
Bennie Louis Brundidge, Jr.
Gregory Rodrickus Drummond
Kevin Jamel Gilliard
Dmytro Kovalevych
Brianna Jarvé Oates
Melissa Andrea Robinson
Anthony James Singletary

College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences–Dr. Ronald E. Speight, Interim Dean

Bachelor of Arts
Drama
Briauna Chariece Perry

Bachelor of Arts
English
Dashan Jamel Axson
Whitney Sharee Gooden
Tia ShaVonne LaBoard-Brown
India Natavia Lowry
Kiara Darlyce Marshall
Antia Monique Martin
Ashleigh Elizabeth Martin
Lakeya Deanna McDaniel
Lakeisha Rose Miller
Jasmine Ariell Mitchell

Kenneth Olando Sass
Eric William Shattuck
Verbenna Iona Soodoo
Stephanie Denice Wilson
Patrick Terrell Wise

Bachelor of Arts
English Education
Eden Cherell Muller

Bachelor of Arts
History
Tiffany Michelle Atwater
Larry James Frazier, II
Iris Ekuap Quarshie

Bachelor of Arts
Music Industry
Quenton Lamar Atterberry
Shyrli Jané Harmon
Darrol Wayne Weston, Jr.

Bachelor of Arts
Political Science
Courtney Denise Brunson
Dominique Mancini Cheatham
Shaquana Monique Shanay Cuttino
Austin Bernard Floyd, Jr.
Eileena Trell Fowler
Janique Nayo Sarah Francis
Corey Lamar Frasier
Shandease Francesca Haygood
Shemeika Monai Hudson
Abraham Limus Hutchinson
Roanna Lalimsongh
A’Janéé D’Lynn Landingham
Brittney Nicole McDaniel
Angel Kayla McMillan
Krystal Angelica Kantrell Roberts
Deon Terrell Tedder
Azrielle Done’t Washington
Larry Douglas Williams, II

Bachelor of Arts
Social Studies Education
Mara Jené Thomas

Bachelor of Arts
Sociology
Solomon Gerome Addison
Katrina Latasha Robinson
Jeffrey S. Stroman
Brendell Studnicka
John David Ondrelle Washington, III

Bachelor of Arts
Studio Art
Kendrick Eugene Clark
Branden Alphonso Fabers-Rouse
Andrew Fedrick, Jr.
Robin Michelle Govan
Brittney La’Dawn Williams

Bachelor of Science
Art Education
Harriett Eades Hilton

Bachelor of Science
Business Education
Jentifer Berna Smith

Bachelor of Science
Criminal Justice
Adriana Curecia Allen
Sharlene Michelle Summers Anderson
Gerald Shaquan Bynum
Thaddeus Jerome Coe, Jr.
Mondele Candacy Collins
Christen Ashley Cox
Ashton Dravie Farmer
Reginald Sterling Garvin, Jr.
Destiny Unique Hamilton

Antuanne Jermaine Kerr
Danielle Denise McCray
Jazzmen Cadeezea McCrea
Sandy Angelo McNeil, Jr.
Tanisila Racquel Salley
Whitney Nichole Sanders
Tiffany LaShae Sims
Jasmine Latisha Temple
Xavier Jonté Thompson
Crystal Dawnyle Wallace
LaQuanda Shamon Washington

Bachelor of Science
Early Childhood Education
Jasmine Shanae Brown
Ketara Renee Daniels
Ivy Robin Jones
Patrice Yvette McRae
Rodney Dwight Watters, Jr.

Bachelor of Science
Elementary Education
Faith Maria Jones
Jake Jason Lee
Kendra Dalicia Lingard

Bachelor of Science
Mathematics Education
Lyndasha Johnise Brittian
LEE Belton Tobin
William Ramon Whitehurst
Brittany Gerrelle Wright

Bachelor of Science
Middle Level Education
Chantal De’Anne Johnson
Traci Shaunta Williams

Bachelor of Science
Music Education
Brittany JaNay Salley

Bachelor of Science
Physical Education
Lenard Sarge Hudnal, Jr.

Bachelor of Science
Psychology
Shontavis Sherese Barnette
Kiah Nicole Bouie

Caleb Brown
Henderson Henry J. Charley
Darius O’Neal Daniels
Kyla Marie Davidson
Felicia Shanika Davis
Tracey Michele Goldson
Breanna LaTeya Gore
Courtney Lorraine Graham
De’Shawn C.H. Heyward
Dejanee Seymone Hooks
Danielle Ayasha Jack-James
Raven Simone Johnson
Destiny Chanell Kirkland
+Larry Donald Lee
Shawanda Toneatha Mack
Tabitha Renee Morris
Amy Nicole Ramírez
Natalie Nicole Rennie
Edwin James Riley
Nikia Cymone Robinson
Alexandria Simone Samuels
Tracy Simmons
Kenneth Donnell Smith
Vianca Chanele Smith
Brittani Sherrika Stokes
Brooke Dominic Thomas
Rasia Dior Williamson-Steadman

Bachelor of Social Work
Bailey Simone Adams
Jessica Taressah Akewright
Nicholas Charles Hamberg Artis
Kenyetta Montana Barnes
Shalisa R. Blocker
Mileya Triciá Brown
Bryant O.E Bynum
Judy Elizabeth Christian
Tamara Genise Cobin
Tacarra Jenise Cook
Tonita Antoinette Daniels
Terrance A. Eaddy
Tiffany Re’Nia Frazier
Brittany Patrice Graham
Maurice Lamelle Hunter
Brittany Tiera Ivy-Portis
Miriam LaRena James
Tiara Venise Knotts
Kitera Shavone Linen
Inidah Eu’Nicee McConnell
Shakeima G. McCray
## Bachelor of Science
### Biology
- Felicia Elaine Brooks
- Candrus Shar'vae Brown
- Ashlee Sara Bryant
- Shaynah Jacquell Bryant
- Laticia Monique Burgess
- LaShona Shoneé Cottingham
- Nisha Cherón Glasgow
- Joshua Denzel Goldsmith
- CoDanielle Dae Green
- Alexis Latrese Hannah
- Alicia Cierra Lamar
- Shaneé Annis Levi
- Peri Lynn Ligons
- Kamiya Kristyn Manzano
- Jasmine Alisia McClam
- Robin DeVora Moss
- Erika Deonne Owens
- Onika Patricia Pennant
- Deidriauna’ Victoria Rontevia Priest
- Chaniq Malavia Randle
- Shabree Monae Roberson
- Leanna Alyssa Sealey
- Sogbé Hadja Traore
- Erica Jeannean Tyus
- Charmaine Kimora Wells
- Oraell Shanese Yeargin

### Chemistry
- Eurshula Donyell Addison
- Kaliah Sha'ne Jackson
- Amett Douglas James, IV
- Vanessa Maria Nepomuceno
- Arielle Shaivaughn Oritidge
- Charlencia Denise Owens

### Computer Science
- Reginald Keith Brownlee, Jr.
- Akil Duve Clyburn
- Jequilah Lashonda Elmore
- Franklin Fulmore, Jr.
- Tempeсти Ja’Nice Neal
- Phillip Duane Robinson, Jr.
- Aaron Gerell Strong

### Electrical Engineering Technology
- Christopher James Amweg
- Jonathan Fitzgerald Chatman
- Warren Patrick Gillens
- Sheldon Lionel Lincoln
- Terrian Kendall Marley
- Daniel Middleton
- +Amanda Varner Moss
- Ashley Terrence Stoddard

### Industrial Engineering Technology
- Quentin Antonio Frazier

### Industrial Technology
- Joshua L. Harrison
- Darrian Antonio Hodges

## Bachelor of Science
### Chemistry
- Derek Moses Best
- Raymon Claybrooks, Jr.
- Cawaski Teress Covin
- +Jonathan Maurice Goff
- Darrell Lopez Ketchens, II
- Frankie Lee McCullough
- Ahmad Rashad Moore
- Willie Lee Hidalgo Page
- Fredrick Fitzgerald Reynolds, Jr.
- Jarvie De’Shawn Robinson
- Quinell Fredarica Ross
- Justin Ryan Shine
- Kelvin Jerome Simmons
- +Daniel Garett Sims
- Rashad D. Wilson

### Electrical Engineering Technology
- Jamar JeQuan Bennett
- Abraham Eric Georgia
- Damayne Dwayne Hyatt
- +Henri Francis Lee
- Olemule Thomas Owens
- Fransha’ V. Wagner

### Industrial Engineering Technology
- Stephanie Elizabeth Mitchum
- Herschel R. Roberts

### Industrial Technology
- Kyle Edward Childs
- Nieka Shanay Jackson

### Nuclear Engineering
- JuLeia Cuba Allen

### Physics
- Leah Ashley Stuart
- Shannon Vernay Tedder
- Jasmine Victoria Williams
School of Graduate Studies–Dr. Frederick Evans, Interim Dean

Master of Arts
Rehabilitation Counseling
Jamar Booth
Julia Bridges Cannon
Darrell L. Chaplin
Leif Justin Cook
+Bryan J. Days
Melanie Motley Dunham
Elaine S. Ellington
Nakeya LaShae Hall
Lauren Denise Harrison
Latisha Jackson Herriott
Michelle Smalls Hudson
+Courtney Monique Huggins
Zalla Tracey Jamison
Renard Fitzgerald Johnson, Jr.
+Brandi Leonard Knight
Clara Gillard Martin
Jessica Quinetta Matthews
Kenneth McCaster
Bridge Deon McGill
Brittany Gabrielle McKenzie
Mary Etta Montouth
Christy Kandi Patterson
Rosalyn O’Na Richardson
Taryn Vinet Richardson
Jatoya Tameika Sanders
Tracy Gray Sandifer
Pia LaShea Scott
Andrea Sinkler-Slaughter
Heather D. Steele
Jeannette Smalls Void
+Christine Krot White
Carol Yvette Wearing Williamson

Kimberly Nicole Pendergrass
Jasmine Alexandra Smith
Katherine Wilkinson Smith
Shakeitrice Reshea Stokes
Jada Renee Swann

Master of Arts in Teaching
Amanda Michelle Hicks Black
Joye Crum
Whitley Danielle Felder
Lisa Lee Ann Hart
Ashli Monique James
Reginald Jennings
Ashley Renee Lemon
+Melinda Mitchum Polin

Master of Business Administration
Business Administration/Agribusiness
Cheikh Amadou Diop
Raynette Amice Gregory
Quintone Otto

Master of Business Administration
Business Administration/Entrepreneurship
DeQuincey Stephon Edwards
Jamario Antron Lewis
Erica Nicole Salley
David White, Jr.
Kesha Lashwanda White

Master of Education
Counselor Education
Carletta Rochunteé Anderson
Elizabeth Bookhart Horton
Rebecca Lynn Hubbard
Trina L. Curry Jeter
Penny McCormick Ligon
Shirley Yvonne Nelson
Bridget Renee Pough
Latanya Vanetter Ravenell
Cheryl Anderson Russell
Sarah David Woods
Melvin Wright, Jr.

Master of Science
Transportation
+Carlos Eduardo Esteves Bonfim
Curtis Tremaine Bradley
Kayin Camel Jones
Beauregard Theo Marshall
Loren-Vaughn Morris
Da’Veda Lakeithia Sistrunk

Educational Specialist
Elaine Capers-Davis
Latonya Tyler Freeman
+Shan Goings
Felicia P. Glover-Lawrence
Franceann Hallman
Charlene Corley Heard
Tawana L. Nash

Doctor of Education
Myron Everette Davis
Tammy Faith Martin
John Alvin McMillan
William Brian Newsome
Charity Ezioma Ntiasagwe

ELEVEN
Carlos E.E. Bonfim
Thesis: A Comparative Analysis of the Production of Corn Ethanol in the United States Versus Sugarcane Ethanol in Brazil

Curtis T. Bradley
Thesis: An Analysis of the Feasibility of High Speed Rails in the Southeast Corridor

Beauregard T. Marshall
Thesis: Comparative Analysis of the Impact of Distracted Driving Laws: South Carolina versus Louisiana

Loren-Vaughn Morris

Da’Veda Sistrunk
Thesis: The Development of A Veteran Transportation and Community Living Initiative

Myron E. Davis
Dissertation: The Relationship of Technology Funding On Adequate Yearly Progress Objectives Met in South Carolina School Districts
Dr. Howard D. Hill, Advisor

Tammy F. Martin
Dissertation: An Examination of Principal Leadership Styles and Their Influence on School Performance As Measured By Adequate Yearly Progress at Selected Title I Elementary Schools in South Carolina
Dr. Charlie G. Spell, Advisor

McMillan, John
Dissertation: The Impact of Freshman Academies on the Academic Achievement of At-Risk Students in the Midlands of South Carolina
Dr. Charlie G. Spell, Advisor

William B. Newsome
Dissertation: The Impact of Professional Learning Communities on Selected Middle and High Schools Performance in the State of South Carolina
Dr. Casimir J. Kowalski, Advisor

Charity E. Ntiasagwe
Dissertation: A Comparative Study of the Academic Success of Students Placed in Alternative Suspension/Expulsion Programs, Students Without Alternative Suspension/Expulsion Programs, and Students Never Suspended/Expelled in Selected South Carolina High Schools
Dr. Vivian S. Brackett, Advisor

+ In absentia

Appearance of a name on 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 May 2012.
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
Bria Brimmer
Shatericka Campbell Dominique Chesten Courtney Crumlin
James Dowling Brianna Oates Carla Payne

Magna Cum Laude
Velma Butler April Cook Lenard Hudnal Kalu Iroha Suhaila Jad
Dmytro Kovalevych John Odeghe Tochukwu Onyekwelu
Comeshia Owens Shamiire Rothmiller Claudia Tavera-Servin Alexia Watkins Antinesha Wyatt

Cum Laude
Chiquita Anderson Nicole Anderson Regina Barton-Jones Anthony Beckett Aricia Binder Jalisa Blocker Belinda Boyd Judy Brooker Oslin Brown
Latoya Brunson Porsha Canzater Yolanda Cohen Kellie Darien Kenia Edwards Noel Facey Kimberly Gamble Darien Grant Ra'Keisha Hopkins Charlena Hunter Rebecca Jackson Genevieve Jean Shakima Jenkins Shavon Johnson Jessica Kinard Tyrus Leach Jessica Lewis

College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences

Summa Cum Laude
Janique Francis Danielle Jack-James Roanna Lalmansingh Eric Shattuck
Brendell Studnicka Rodney Watters Brittany Wright

Magna Cum Laude
Tiffany Atwater Lyndasha Brittan Harriett Hilton Eden Muller Antionette Nipper Amy Ramirez Tiffany Sims Stella Smalls Deon Tedder Lee Tobin

Cum Laude

College of Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology

Summa Cum Laude
Nicole Barclay Sirrena Favors Codanielle Green Damayne Hyatt Kamika Manzano Tempest Neal Shabree Roberson Leanna Sealey

Magna Cum Laude
JuLeia Allen Joseph Bennett Nisha Glasgow Kaliah Jackson Nieka Jackson Peri Ligons Strefanie Mitchum Vanessa Nepomuceno Arielle Orridge Fransha' Wagner

Cum Laude

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The 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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SUMMER SCHOOL 2012

Registration:
March 19 to May 16  First Three-Week Courses, Session I Courses, Six-Week Courses, and Special Note:  Full Term Courses. Classes are Monday – Thursday for these courses.

May 17 - 22  Late Registration and Late Fee charged - ($200): First Three-Week Courses, Session I Courses, Six-Week Courses, Full Term Courses and Session II Courses

May 21  Classes begin: First Three-Week Courses, Session I Courses, Six-Week Courses and Full Term Courses

June 11 -20  Registration for Second Three-Week Courses and Session II Courses. Special Note: Classes are Monday–Thursday for these courses

June 22 – 27  Late Registration and Late Fee charged – ($200): Second Three-Week Courses and Session II Courses

June 26  Classes begin for Second Three-Week Courses and Session II Courses

FALL TERM 2012

March 28 – July 16  Registration ends at noon
July 16 – August 20  Late Registration begins at 1pm
August 21  Classes begin

All tuition and fees are due no later than Monday, July 16, 2012 at noon for the 2012 Fall Term

Alumni 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.

NINETEEN
The Star Spangled Banner

Oh! say, can you see, by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O’er the ramparts we watched 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 it 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 harem of war and the battle’s confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footstep’s 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

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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