McDonald’s Global Chief Diversity Officer, Patricia Harris, Keynotes SC State University’s Spring Commencement

SC State University will award nearly 500 academic degrees during its Spring Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 7, 2010 at 7 p.m. The commencement ceremony will be held in the Oliver C. Dawson Stadium on the campus of SC State.

The keynote address will be given by Patricia Harris, global chief diversity officer for McDonald's Corporation, LLC. As Global Chief Diversity Officer, Harris is responsible for the development and implementation of diversity strategies throughout McDonald’s Corporation, including 31,489 restaurants in 118 countries. (Click here for full story).

Three Committed SC State University Alumni Inducted into the 2010 ROTC Army Hall of Fame

With more than 2016 minority officers and 14 general officers in the U.S. Army, SC State University’s ROTC Army Program continues to build upon the legacy and commitment to service. SC State University’s Department of Military Science’s ROTC Program hosted the 2010 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Friday, April 16, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the K.W. Green Student Center's Bulldog Lounge located on SC State’s campus.

The Department of Military Science was established at SC State University (formerly South Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College) during the 1947-48 academic school year. From 1947 to 1968, enrollment in the ROTC Army Program was mandatory for all able-bodied freshmen and sophomore male students. The first graduating class in 1949 consisted of six cadets, five who received regular army commissions and one received a reserve commission. (Click here for full story).

SC State University Successfully Launches the Student Leadership Academy

Approximately 125 students gathered in the Belcher Hall Auditorium for the kick-off of SC State University’s Student Leadership Academy. Danielle Murphy is a member of the University’s Honors Program, and she is ecstatic about the opportunity to acquire skills that will help her thrive in a global society upon graduation. “I’m excited to hear from all of the different people in the business and industry cluster,” stated Murphy. “I’m sure they will help us get the information that we need, information that can set us apart from other applicants.”

That’s what SC State University’s Student Leadership Academy is all about, preparing students by teaching them the soft skills needed in order to ensure a smooth transition into the corporate environment. “Today represents the beginning of what I hope will become a model center of excellence for student leadership and professional development,” noted Dr. Jackie Epps, program director for the leadership academy. (Click here for full story).

SC State Women, Men Win 2010 MEAC Tennis Titles

The South Carolina State women’s and men’s teams captured the 2010 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Tennis Championship titles at the Millbrook Tennis Center in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Lady Bulldogs earned their sixth consecutive MEAC crown and seventh overall with a 4-1 victory over the Howard Lady Bison. SC State won the number one doubles 8-1 and the number three doubles 8-4 to take the 1-0 lead. Howard came back to tie the match at one a piece with a victory at the number two singles position.

SC State rallied back with wins at the three and six positions. The Lady Bulldogs clinched the championship title with a win by Sarai Torres over Alyssa Works 7-6, 6-3 at the number four singles spot. (Click here for full story).

May Weekend Events

CELEBRATING 2010 Classes in Reunion
and 1985 (Silver)

Friday, May 7, 2010
9 am–5 pm SC State Bookstore Open
12 pm–4 pm Registration, Reunion Picnic, Live Music
Location: K.W. Green Student Center

9 am–2 pm Class of ’60
Registration - Lunch & Fellowship
Location: I.P. Stanback Museum

(Click here for full schedule of events)