Message from the Chairman of the Board

Dear SC State University Family & Friends:

In light of the recent events that have taken place at our University, it is of great importance that we continue to strive towards creating a positive future for our students—a future that is driven by success and integrity. Additionally, we must all work together to maintain the rich heritage and legacy upon which our University was built. Since its inception in 1896, SC State University has produced thousands of prominent and notable citizens who have made a mark on society, changing the lives of countless individuals. The fulfillment of this goal is continuous as we strive to uphold our longstanding educational history.

The months ahead may prove challenging, but affords us the opportunity of creating an enriching and sustainable future for our beloved university. Together we can ensure our impact is one of admiration. Moving forward I ask for your continued support and encourage each of you to continue to promote a spirit of excellence at SC State University.

Thank you,

Jonathan N. Pinson, '93
Chairman, SC State University Board of Trustees

SC State University Announces First Corporate Naming on Campus

New engineering building receives donations from Fluor and Savannah River Nuclear Solutions

The Board of Trustees of South Carolina State University has approved the first corporate naming rights opportunity in the University’s history in connection with the planned construction of its new engineering and computer science building this fall.

During the recent commencement ceremony, SC State’s President Dr. George Cooper announced that the Board formally accepted two donations totaling $180,000 from the Fluor Corporation and Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, a Fluor-led partnership that is managing and operating the Savannah River Site in Aiken, SC. (Click here for full story).

“One Individual Can Change the World”

Thirteen Year Old to Assist Deserving Student

Most 13 year olds save their money for bracelets, creamy treats, games for their technical gadgets, or presents for Christmas. Recently, Katarina Judge, a 13-year-old, wasn’t trying to save money for anything that she needed. Instead, she wanted to assist a deserving student from the tennis team with a $585.00 scholarship.

Katarina is currently a student at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School, an independent, coeducational college preparatory day school in Columbia, S.C. “I would like to give students the opportunity to learn more,” said Katarina Judge. “To me, education is the first priority and everything falls behind that,” she continued.

Katarina’s gift will be placed in the Scholarship Endowment Fund in SC State University’s Foundation. She will be able to view her return on investment as well as the added principle that she will collect. (Click here for full story).

James Lee, ‘08, Muck City and A Better Belle Glade

Muck City doesn’t sound like a welcoming place. No, pass a sign that says “Welcome to Muck City,” and you start looking for an exit pronto. Also, known as Belle Glade, Florida, Muck City's signs read “Her Soil is her Fortune.” That’s where the name comes from, the rich “muck” or soil that the city lies on which is known for producing sugarcane.

In fact, most of the elders in the town of 17,000 make their money off what grows from that muck, working in the local sugar mill.

Aside from the sugarcane, “Muck City” is also known for its powerhouse prep football team, Glades Central, and the number of football players that have made it out of town – former Eagles safety Andre Waters, star tailback Fred Taylor, former Super Bowl MVP Santonio Holmes and former S.C. State offensive tackle and current Tampa Bay Buccaneer James Lee. (Click here for full story).

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