Dr. Leola Adams received a B.S. degree from SC State University (1969) with honors and the M.S. (1970) and Ph.D. (1975) degrees from Iowa State University. Further study was done at Clemson University and the University of Virginia. Prior to being named Interim Vice President for Research and Economic Development/Executive Director of 1890 Programs at SC State, Dr. Adams served as Dean, School of Applied Professional Sciences; Chair, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences; Interim Executive Director, Center of Excellence in Transportation; and Executive Director, National Museum of the United States Army Student Development and Mentoring Program.

Dr. Adams provided leadership to numerous university-wide committees for faculty performance and evaluation, strategic planning, mentoring, international education, and budget planning and processes. Other leadership experience includes: Vice President for Professional Standards of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) where she served on the Councils on for Certification and Accreditation; President, South Carolina Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (SCAFCS); Chair, 1890 Council of Family and Consumer Sciences Administrators; and Chair, South Carolina Family and Consumer Sciences Roundtable.

She served on the South Carolina Women in Higher Education Executive Board and as consultant to colleges and universities, schools, government, and the business sector. Further, Dr. Adams co-chaired the inaugural 2007 National Democratic Presidential Debate held at South Carolina State University. Dr. Adams is the recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Alumna Award and Helen LeBaron Hilton Award, Iowa State University; 2002 Distinguished Alumna Award, SC State University; 2001 Distinguished Service Award, AAFCS; 1997 Exemplary Service Award, Division of Academic Affairs, SCSU and 1890 Council of Family and Consumer Sciences Administrators; 1997 SCSU Quarter Century Club; 1997 Commander’s Award for Public Service, U.S. Department of Army; 1997 Star of Excellence Award and 1996 Outstanding Alumna Award, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, SCSU; 1996 AAFCS Leaders Award; 1990 AHEA Distinguished Faculty; 1985-89 Endowed Distinguished Faculty Chair, SCSU; 1983 Order of the Palmetto; General Foods, Incorporated Fellow; and 1969 Iowa State University Research Foundation Fellow.

Dr. Adams has a keen interest in international experiences and has worked/consulted in Tanzania, East Africa; Sierra Leone, West Africa; and Johannesburg, South Africa. She has traveled to all seven continents: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and South America; 49 states; and two U.S. territories.

Dr. Adams is featured in chapters in the book, African American Women Contributions to the Human Sciences (2009) and in Visions Magazine, Iowa State University Alumni Association (2013). She is a Life Member of the SCSU and Iowa State University National Alumni Associations; a Charter Member of the National Museum of African American History and Culture; the Carpenter Club of the Edisto Habitat for Humanity; and participate in other social, educational and civic interests.
2015 Homecoming Activities


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Sunday, October 25

“Sunday’s Best” Gospel Concert
Featuring: Maurette Brown-Clark, Dorothy Norwood and United Voices of Christ
Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Franklin Pressley - (803) 536-7057

Soul Food Sunday Dinner - SC State students only
Featuring: We The People Band
Bulldog Lounge, K.W. Green Student Center
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Franklin Pressley - (803) 536-7057

Monday, October 26

Motivation Monday: 1896 & Park
Freeway Rick Ross, Hot 103.9’s Beezy Baby, DJ B-Lord
Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Franklin Pressley - (803) 536-7057

Inferno Bonfire
DJ Richie
Mitchell Hall Field
10:00 p.m. - Midnight
Franklin Pressley - (803) 536-7057

Tuesday, October 27

DJ in the Cafe
DJ Tone
Washington Dining Hall
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Franklin Pressley - (803) 536-7057

Movie Night - Sinister 2
Special Performance by Vedo from NBC’s “The Voice”
Dr. Barbara A. Vaughan Fine Arts Recital Hall
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
A.L. Fleming - (803) 536-8542

The All That 90's Skate Night
DJ Tone
Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center
9:00 p.m. - Midnight
Franklin Pressley - (803) 536-7057

Wednesday, October 28

Pep Rally
K.W. Green Student Center Plaza
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Franklin Pressley - (803) 536-7057

LUXE Homecoming Fashion Show
DJ Louise Vee
Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Franklin Pressley - (803) 536-7057

Noire: “The All Black Soiree”
DJ Expensive Life
Buckley Street (In front of S-H-M Memorial Center)
9:00 p.m. - Midnight
Franklin Pressley - (803) 536-7057

Thursday, October 29

Successful Business Leaders
Headline Executive Speakers’ Series
Panel Discussion & Networking Event
4th floor Auditorium, Belcher Hall
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Barbara Adams - (803) 536-8186

Homecoming Concert: Litt-ober
Featuring: Dej Loaf and Young Dolph
Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Tickets: www.scsu.edu/homecoming2015

Friday, October 30

SC State University Former Athletes Golf Tournament
Orangeburg Country Club
2745 Griffin Drive
Shotgun Start - 8:30 a.m.
www.scsuathletics.com

Alumni Class Reunion Registration and Reception
Bulldog Lounge, K.W. Green Student Center
1 p.m.
Iva Gardner (803) 516-4616

Saturday, October 31

Homecoming Parade
with Grand Marshal Dr. Leola Adams, ’69, professor and dean emerita
Edisto Gardens to SC State campus
9 a.m.

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SC State University vs Hampton University
Oliver C. Dawson Stadium
1:30 p.m.
Tickets: www.scsuathletics.com

Alumni Tailgate/Reunion Classes
Oliver C. Dawson Stadium (Alumni Relations Tent)
Football Practice Field
noon
Iva Gardner - (803) 516-4616

Alumni Farewell Breakfast
Washington Dining Hall
8 a.m.
Iva Gardner - (803) 516-4616

SC State University Alumni Band Reunion Breakfast
Washington Dining Hall, Robert S. Evans Walnut Room
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