Dear SCSU Foundation Stakeholders:

I want to make an impassioned plea for you to make a commitment to our University. We must take ownership of our beloved institution. That’s why I write this request to thank you for all that you have done for us in the past and in hopes that you will give to South Carolina State University this year.

It is impossible to write a request for financial support without alluding to the difficulties we’ve faced in 2008. We are trying to do more with less and to come up with new ways to generate financial support. America is feeling the sting of unemployment levels not seen since the Great Depression, and a staggering economy. I know that you understand our situation and hope that you will be able to answer our call.

We have had to increase our tuition by five percent to help offset the decrease in state appropriations, but that alone will not close the gap. As we implement this tuition increase, we are aware of the impact on our students and their families as approximately 90 percent of our students receive some form of financial aid. That’s why we have to increase our fundraising efforts and have set an ambitious goal of $3 million for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. This goal is attainable and we need your support.

Your gift helps to sustain the mission of South Carolina State University to provide affordable and accessible quality baccalaureate programs in the areas of business, applied sciences, mathematics, natural sciences, engineering, engineering technology, education, arts and humanities. This year’s tuition is $8,328, and a gift of $100, $250, $500 or $1,000 will allow us to meet the shortfall of a deserving student who might not be able to attend a college education otherwise.

Please make your gift today as we have a myriad of options for you to consider to ensure that your contribution is meaningful to you and beneficial to our students. The annual fund needs 100 percent participation from the alumni population! We need you for you to consider SC State in your estate planning and in your wills; appreciated assets and gifts of property are also welcomed.

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of SC State University, thank you for your continued support. Without your help, we could not provide the quality of academic programs to our students that is required in today’s global economy.

Sincerely,

Anthony L. Holloman
Vice President, Institutional Advancement
Executive Director, SCSU Foundation

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President’s Message

Good Morning!

I am honored to join you at the beginning of the 2011 spring semester and welcome you all back from our winter vacation period, and that you all will serve after completing another successful semester. I would like to acknowledge your dedicated support and the efforts you continue to make in support of SC State University. Without your collective efforts, the results we have seen last year would not have been possible.

In other words, your individual and collective efforts have allowed us to focus on mission priorities which include providing meaningful educational experiences for our students, engaging in scholarly relevant research, and extending support of our extension and outreach efforts which address the needs of citizens of our community and service areas across the state. The financial challenges we face are certainly not unique to SC State, but the solutions we are seeking and the process we are following are. 

We understand that the best way to meet our budget challenge is through increasing our revenue. This is possible through our collective efforts, I want to acknowledge a significant accomplishment made as a consequence of collaboration and teamwork by members of the Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty and Staff. We are seeking state funding for new programs and initiatives that will enhance the value of an SC State education.

Our fiscal challenges are not limited to the State “hold harmless” in FY 2010-2011. We must continue to find ways to stretch shrinking revenues so that we can meet our budget and physical resource goals. While we have been re-affirmed, we will need to work hard to find ways to continue to be successful.

We will continue to tell our story to our stakeholders, and invite them to support our mission. The public and private sector partnerships that we have developed are an important source of support for SC State University. The funds that we receive from these partnerships allow us to focus on mission priorities which include providing meaningful educational experiences for our students, engaging in scholarly relevant research, and extending support of our extension and outreach efforts which address the needs of citizens of our community and service areas across the state.

We will soon be led by a new Governor of South Carolina, and we look forward to the continued support of the greater community of citizens of South Carolina.

I thank you for your continued support of SC State University. Together we will find the solutions that will allow us to continue our tradition of excellence in all that we do.

SC State University Celebrates 115th Anniversary During Founders’ Day Weekend

by Tamela Kewan

SC State University faculty, staff, students, alumni, members of the Orangeburg community and of the state of South Carolina will soon convene at SC State University’s Smith-Hammond-Middleton (SHM) Memorial Center to celebrate the legacy of an institution that has shaped countless graduates who have gone on to lead, teach and mentor others.

“We are pleased to host our annual Founders’ Day Weekend activities in the new SHM Memorial Center,” said Dr. George E. Cooper, university president. “It’s a time to share our appreciation of the university’s rich history and traditions, while recognizing our contributions to education and the South Carolina community.

SC State University was founded by Tameka Kenan on December 7, 1901. The American Educational Mission Program, which was established to educate African Americans and other minorities in the South, was the driving force behind the establishment of SC State University.

The theme for this year’s events is “A Legacy of Service: SCSU at 115.” The week-long celebration begins on February 26 and continues through March 5.

On Saturday, February 26, members of the university community will attend the 115th Founders’ Day Weekend Celebration at Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center.

On Sunday, February 27, alumni will gather at the K.W. Green Student Center for the Alumni Honors Luncheon, which will kick off the year’s Founders’ Day events.

SC State University Presents the “Best and Brightest” During 2011 Foundation Scholarship Gala and Tribute

by Tamela Kewan

SC State University will host the 2011 Foundation Scholarship Gala and Tribute on Saturday, February 26, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Smith-Hammond-Middleton (SHM) Memorial Center, located on the SC State University campus.

The Scholarship Gala and Tribute is a South Carolina State University Foundation event and an annual opportunity to honor students who have distinguished themselves by demonstrating an uncompromising commitment to the tenets of service, integrity, and excellence. As a Foundation’s major fundraising event of the year, Gala proceeds are donated to the University to provide scholarship assistance to deserving students.

Due to the continuous support from corporate sponsors, friends, and alumni, SC State University will celebrate the academic achievements of three deserving students, deemed as the best and the brightest students at SC State University.

These recipients are thrusted ahead with this prestigious award, and according to Anthony Holloman, vice president for Institutional Advancement and executive director of the South Carolina State University Foundation, “It’s a probability that SC State University’s leadership should be thrilled as well. “I am happy to be involved with this year’s Scholarship Gala and Tribute. I think that this is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the students here at SC State University who are excelling and who are preparing to compete within our global society,” says Holloman. “I also believe that this is an excellent chance for alumni and potential sponsors to demonstrate their support for these students and for SC State University.”

For more information on this year’s Scholarship Gala and Tribute, call (803) 536-8143.

SC State University $3 Million Goal

by Tamela Kewan

SC State University's Division of Institutional Advancement has announced the expansion of its fundraising efforts.

With the University's stringent budget cuts for the last two fiscal years, Anthony Holloman, vice president for Institutional Advancement, has elicited the collaboration of the community to continue supporting the University and its talented students.

The University is undertaking a campaign to raise funds through telephone contact. The partnership was a success, as $195,000 was raised and pledged during the campaign. Alumni also received additional solicitation in the form of an annual fund appeal. A previous appeal was discontinued in the second quarter of 2010.

“We are using all vehicles to motivate everyone to give,” says Holloman. “We must do all that we can to satisfy the needs of our students and to continue our tradition of excellence. With your continued assistance, we can reach our $3 million goal.”

For additional information, call the Division of Institutional Advancement at (803) 516-4616.

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The book, called "SC State University's #1 Social Mobility Ranking," focuses on the university's efforts to provide students with access to higher education. The book details several initiatives and programs that have contributed to SC State University's high social mobility ranking.

For example, the book highlights the Disability Enhancement Project (DEP) which is designed to meet the academic needs of students with disabilities. SC State University was instrumental in obtaining $957,635 for the three-year grant (2008-2011). This funding from the U.S. Department of Postsecondary Education allows the university to provide additional academic support to students with disabilities.

Another example is the Staten Team, which comprises Dr. David Staten, ‘92, ‘94, associate professor of rehabilitation counseling, and Dr. Bridget Hollis-Staten, ‘96, associate professor of Rehabilitation Counseling and Substance Abuse. This grant will award $750,000 over the next five years to the Rehabilitation Counseling program.

The book concludes by acknowledging the contributions of alumni, faculty, and staff who have played a significant role in the university's success. It is hoped that this book will inspire current and future students to strive for excellence and make a positive impact on the world.
Four SC State Players Earn 2010 SBN A-A Honors

by Bill Hamilton

Four South Carolina State players have been named to the 2010 Sheridan Broadcasting Network (SBN) Sports Black College All-American (BCAA) Team, announced Thursday (01-20-11). The team is comprised of student-athletes from the nation’s historically Black Colleges and Universities.

SC State, the defending SBN National Champion, led the way with its four selections, including three named for a second straight year. Bulldogs named to the prestigious squad are offensive linemen Johnny Culbreath (6-6, 310 Sr., Monroe, Ga.), Mark Hilla (Asst. Coach), Donika Sutton (Athletic Trainer), Caleen Hawkins (Head Coach), Shabree Roberson (All-Tournament), Millicent Sylvan (Head Coach-Tournament Most Outstanding Performer) and Jarne Gleaton (Tournament Most Outstanding Performer).

In addition to Culbreath, who was also named to the All-State squad.

The Lady Bulldogs earned four selections, including three post-season honors. In 2010, Bria Brimmer was also named to the All-State, while Jarne Gleaton, the 2010 MEAC Player of the Year, was also named to first team accolades, Roberson and Bria Brimmer were also first team and was an All-State selection by the Orangeburg Touchdown Club.

In summary, Simon says, “I...