



2024 SPRING  
*Commencement*  
**CONVOCATION**

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024 AT TEN O'CLOCK A.M.  
OLIVER C. DAWSON STADIUM, ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

## THE SEAL AND MACE

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 13th 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's 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.

## 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 attire 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 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; orange for Engineering; 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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# *The University*

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 other countries.

The approximately 3,000 students enrolled at the University have a choice of more than 50 different fields of study on the undergraduate and graduate levels, which include the following degree-granting academic divisions of the University: the College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences, the College of Business and Information Systems; the College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences; the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Transportation; and the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. The interdisciplinary Honors College is also a part of the Division of Academic Affairs. Across certain disciplines, the degree-granting colleges offer programs at the master's, educational specialist, and doctoral levels as well as certificate programs. The University provides undergraduate and graduate courses through the Center of Online and Distance Education.

In support of its mission as a land-grant institution, South Carolina State University also administers the 1890 Research & Extension Program, which provides solutions and services to improve the quality of life of South Carolinians. 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.

The main campus is comprised of 160 acres and more than 60 buildings, including the newest academic building, the 86,500-square-foot Engineering and Computer Science Complex, which features innovative classrooms, research centers and laboratories.

South Carolina State University supports 14 NCAA varsity sports, which have brought the institution more than 100 conference championships and 15 national titles.

# *Message From President Conyers*



## **COL (RET.) ALEXANDER CONYERS** SC STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

To the Class of 2024:

Congratulations to the Spring 2024 graduates of South Carolina State University. Today marks a tremendous milestone in your lives—completing your degree requirements at SC State. I join your family and friends in expressing pride and gratitude for the accomplishments you have made. As you prepare for the next phase of your lives, remember that your Alma Mater remains a place of welcome.

Over the last several years, the University has been your home away from home. You have celebrated great times, and you may have also faced a few challenges along the way. Nonetheless, you persevered and made it to the finish line. The experiences and challenges have made you stronger. Your education coupled with your experience equate to something you can only get at SC State University – Bulldog Tenacity! Tenacity can take you farther than you could even imagine.

We know that you will exude the leadership qualities that were instilled in you during your matriculation. The education gained here can sustain you in any chosen career. The choice is yours and the opportunities are endless. As you make the transition from a student, we look forward to you returning often as active alumni.

Graduates, you have made the investment and now it is time to reap the benefits. As you take your place in the world, I am confident that you will do so with unwavering grit and determination. Thank you for choosing SC State University to prepare you for your future which begins now. I wish you the very best for an overflow of success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alexander Conyers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alexander Conyers  
President

# Order of Ceremony

## SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

COL (Ret.) Alexander Conyers, President  
Presiding

PRELUDE .....Ms. Jiyeon Lee, Piano

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL – “War March of the Priests” Mendelssohn..... SCSU Wind Ensemble  
Dr. Patrick Moore, Director

*(Audience is requested to remain seated)*

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

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER – Francis Scott Key ..... Audience  
SCSU Concert Choir And Band

SCRIPTURE AND INVOCATION .....Reverend Dr. Joe F. Singleton  
Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Williston, SC

GREETINGS ..... Mr. Douglas Gantt  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

SELECTION – “You do not walk alone” Elaine Hagenberg.....Dr. Johnnie Felder, Choir Director  
Ms. Jiyeon Lee, Piano

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ..... The Honorable James E. Clyburn  
Congressman, US House of Representatives

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... The Honorable Lloyd J. Austin, III  
Secretary of Defense

### CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES

SC Representative Bill Taylor  
Doctor of Humane Letters

SC Senator Katrina Shealy  
Doctor of Humane Letters

The Honorable Lloyd J. Austin, III  
Doctor of Humane Letters

**CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

COL (Ret.) Alexander Conyers

Dr. Frederick M. G. Evans  
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Lakeisa Tucker  
Acting Dean, College of Graduate and Professional Studies

Dr. Matthew Guah  
Dean, School of Business and Information Systems

Dr. M. Evelyn Fields  
Dean, College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences

Dr. Stanley Ihekweazu  
Dean, College of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Transportation

Dr. Ralph Noble  
Dean, College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences

INDUCTION OF GRADUATES INTO THE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.....Mr. Hank Allen, '78  
President, South Carolina State University National Alumni Association

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND REMARKS .....President Conyers

ALMA MATER ..... Audience  
SCSU Wind Ensemble

RETIRING OF COLORS..... Bulldog Battalion Color Guard

BENEDICTION .....Rev. Singleton

RECESSIONAL - "Pomp and Circumstance" Edward Elgar .....SCSU Wind Ensemble

MACE BEARER  
Dr. Jagruti Sahoo  
Professor of the Year

GRAND MARSHAL  
Dr. Frederick M. G. Evans  
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

# *Commencement Speaker*



**LLOYD J. AUSTIN, III**  
UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

The Honorable Lloyd James Austin, III was sworn in as the 28th Secretary of Defense on January 22, 2021. Mr. Austin is the principal assistant to the President in all matters relating to the Department of Defense and serves on the National Security Council.

Mr. Austin was born in Mobile, Alabama, and raised in Thomasville, Georgia. He graduated from the United States Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission in the Infantry. He holds a Master of Arts degree in counselor education from Auburn University, and a Master of Business Management from Webster University. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced courses, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College.

His 41-year career in the Army included command at the corps, division, battalion, and brigade levels. Mr. Austin was awarded the Silver Star for his leadership of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division during the invasion of Iraq in 2003. Seven years later, he would assume the duties of Commanding General of United States Forces – Iraq, overseeing all combat operations in the country.

After a tour as the Army's Vice Chief of Staff, Mr. Austin concluded his uniformed service as the Commander of U.S. Central Command, responsible for all military operations in the Middle East and Afghanistan. In this assignment, he led U.S. and coalition efforts to battle ISIS in Iraq and Syria. He retired from the Army in April, 2016.

Since his retirement from military service, Mr. Austin served on the Boards of Directors for Raytheon Technologies, Nucor, and Tenet Healthcare.

## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

### **Doctor of Education**

Terrie Ard  
Penelope Sullivan Atkinson  
Angela G. Brown  
Vickie Culbreath Butler  
Roshonda Lynn Frazier  
Shanise Armstrong Funny  
Bernetta Patrice Geter  
William M. Harvey  
Lakenji Kinte' Hastings  
Noel Hazzard  
Lara DuCom Kolb  
Christina Denise Rogers  
Candace Ronetta Sewell-Hannah  
Kenya Tonika Sewell-James  
Mallika Stubbs  
Shavon Tenay Johnson Summers  
Kendre` Thomas-Williamson  
Kelvin Williams

### **Educational Specialist**

Yvonne De Bryant  
Tyhesia La'Shay Hardin  
Rovonia Owens Hilliard  
Jackie Catina Yates-Leach

### **Master of Arts**

#### **Rehabilitation Counseling**

Drequez J. Mcfadden  
Dawn Lynne Porter  
Cashion Blake Rivers  
Amanda B. Williams

### **Master of Arts**

#### **Speech Pathology and Audiology**

Juan Aristizabal  
Marley Costin  
Tiffany Hayes  
Chandyn T. Hogan  
Teil Huggins  
Sidney C. Kizer  
Brooke Langston  
Olivia T. Phillips  
Emily Rebecca Roberts  
Bethany Stokes Sandifer  
Joelena Simon  
Kylee Smith  
Madison Tanner  
Margaret C. Taylor  
Muhammad Wilson

### **Master of Business Business Administration/ Agribusiness**

Jalen H. Page

### **Master of Business Business Administration/ Entrepreneurship**

Kambrell H. Garvin

### **Master of Business**

#### **Business Administration/Healthcare Management**

Vaquan Jaren Wilder

### **Master of Business Business Administration/General**

Cairston Rashad Berry  
Ridge L. Ford  
Master of Education  
Early Childhood Education  
Kenya Iman Robinson  
Kadijah R. Spell

### **Master of Education Counselor Education/Secondary**

Emerald Jalesia Bowman  
Master of Science

### **Nutritional Science/Food and Nutrition**

Jalyn Antavas Long

### **Master of Science Nutritional Science/Nutrition Health Care**

Ashley M. Nimmons

### **Master of Science Transportation**

Tumlumbe Juliana Chengula  
Paul Omulokoli

## TITLES OF DISSERTATIONS AND THESES FOR MAY 2024

### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

#### **Ard, Terrie T.**

Factors Affecting the Performance of Elementary and Secondary Title I Schools in South Carolina

*Dr. Percy A. Mack, Jr., Chair*

#### **Atkinson, Penelope S.**

Female Students and Algebra: The Impact of Instructional Models During COVID

*Dr. Louise L. Allen, Chair*

#### **Brown, Angela Gaffney**

The Impact of Coronavirus on the Academic Performance of Sixth through Eighth Grades Students in ELA and Math

*Dr. Necati Engec, Chair*

#### **Butler, Vickie Culbreath**

An Examination of College and Career Readiness in Adult Education Programs in South Carolina

*Dr. Michael A. Boatwright, Chair*

#### **Frazier, RoShonda Lynn**

Certification Programs and Their Effect on Elementary Teachers' Efficacy in Title I versus

Non-Title I Schools

*Dr. Michael A. Boatwright, Chair*

#### **Geter, Bernetta Patrice**

The Effectiveness of Induction and Mentoring Programs on The Retention of Early Career Teachers in Selected South Carolina Schools

*Dr. Necati Engec, Chair*

#### **Harvey, William Marshall**

A Comparison of EOC Exams among Athletes and Non-Athletes

*Dr. Percy A. Mack, Jr., Chair*

#### **Hastings, Lakenji Kente'**

An Examination of Teachers Perception Toward the Quality and Impact of Professional Development Activities Based on Performance in an Urban School District in Georgia

*Dr. Necati Engec, Chair*

#### **Hazzard, Noel**

The Impact of Schools and District Conditions on Teacher Retention

*Dr. Percy A. Mack, Jr., Chair*

#### **Kolb, Lara DuCom**

The Perceptions, Beliefs, and Attitudes of Alternative School Administrators in Northern Virginia toward Professional Isolation and The Impact on School Performance

*Dr. Percy A. Mack, Jr., Chair*

#### **Rogers, Christina Denise**

The Effectiveness of New Teacher Mentor Programs on Teacher Retention

*Dr. Necati Engec, Chair*

#### **Sewell-Hannah, Candace**

The Effectiveness of Students Attending an Early Childhood Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten Program on School Readiness

*Dr. Necati Engec, Chair*

#### **Sewell-James, Kenya T.**

The Effect of Chronic Absenteeism in Pre-Kindergarten on Early Literacy Assessments in Kindergarten

*Dr. Necati Engec, Chair*

#### **Stubbs, Mallika**

An Analysis of the Impact of School Transformation Technical Assistance on the Overall Academic Performance of Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) Schools

*Dr. Jesulon Gibbs-Brown, Chair*

#### **Summers, ShaVon T. Johnson**

The Impact of Extended School Closures on Academic Achievement for Students with a Speech-Language Impairment

*Dr. Percy A. Mack, Jr., Chair*

#### **Thomas-Williamson, Kendre' Monique**

An Examination of Teacher' Perceptions of Technology Usage in High School Classrooms Within a Rural School District in South Carolina

*Dr. Percy A. Mack, Jr., Chair*

#### **Williams, Kelvin Sr.**

An Examination of the Impact of Students Behavior Consequences on Student Achievement of 9th Graders in Three Rural High Schools in South Carolina

*Dr. Michael A. Boatwright, Chair*

\*\*Completed Requirements December 2022

## 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 (See inside front cover).

### Summa Cum Laude

Gold Tassels and Gold Stoles

### Magna Cum Laude

Gold Tassels and Gold Honor Cords

### Cum Laude

Gold Tassels

### College of Graduate & Professional Studies

#### Bachelor of Arts

##### Speech Pathology and Audiology

Rayven A. Brown  
Phashema Tisha Coulter  
A’Nya Cymone Davis  
Vivica Neshell Glover  
McKenzie Taleah Jackson  
Lyracis Kylia Johnson  
Tamia Andreona Kirkland  
Elissia Sandra–Monique Lottihall  
Sekyria McBride  
Karrington Alexis McClurkin  
Levette Mcrae  
Tayler Jaidin Tyson  
Aushnique A. Wells  
Hope Victoria Young

#### Bachelor of Science

##### Criminal Justice

Jameson T. Blue  
Peyton Carolina Blue  
Selena S. Bonnette  
Jermylah Breealand  
Mykala Brown  
Annasti Chanel Chandler  
Jamar Pete Ford  
Asia T. Grubbs  
Andrew Latimer  
Ron’Tniya J. Leggett  
Kebrionna Q. Mccoy  
Jamaiya Abreyanna Smith

#### Bachelor of Science

##### Physical Education/Activity Management

Treyvion A. Houston  
Dvonte J. Lee  
Chanton L. Mcconnehead  
Dexter Ratliff  
Tyler Keith Sumpter

#### Bachelor of Science

##### Physical Education/Applied Exercise Science

Michael Shemar Brunson  
Dallas S. Carraway  
Ciara S. Garrett  
Da’Shon RayQuan Scott  
Aaron Dashawn Smith  
Sommer Yamille Wilson

#### Bachelor of Science

##### Physical Education/Health Education Services

Sharod T. Burroughs  
VonDetric Tucker

#### Bachelor of Science

##### Physical Education/Sports Communication

Malik Lamar Lanham

#### Bachelor of Social Work

Jacanna Shalaine Atkinson  
Jasmine Alexandria Duncan  
Aleiyah Amaya Victoria Feaster  
Lauryl Jane Brialle Hagood  
Chasity L. Johnson  
Cella Hawkins Longdon  
Ty’Jaiyah Kisharri McMullen  
Alaysia McPherson

### College of Business & Information Systems

#### Bachelor of Science

##### Accounting

Jaren L. Hill  
Tamara Ariana Taylor

#### Bachelor of Science

##### Business Economics

Savannah Thomas

#### Bachelor of Science

##### Management

Ashane Aaliyah Adamson  
Shaman Alston  
Rachida Berjane  
Dashawn R. Dash  
Tiana Flanders  
Jvon M. Gilmore  
Dezmond Amir Gooden  
Quantus Monta Houston Jr.  
Kemya Jacques  
Quentin Roman Kershaw  
Kyra Lynn King  
Zy’Keira T. Mcleod–Wright  
Benjamin Jakov Niv  
DeAndre JD Rivers  
Brielle Symone Roper  
Hind Semlali  
Ta’ Miria O. Spearman  
Nalanda Teixeira da Silva  
Randal Tyshon Washington  
Nicole Ny’Asia Wilson

#### Bachelor of Science

##### Marketing

Destiny Brena Arrington  
Zyah N. Cephus  
Quatavious M Griffin  
Quadarius Treyvon Rivers  
Matron Jermaine Thornton

## College of Education, Humanities and Social Science

### **Bachelor of Arts Communications/Broadcasting**

Amauri McKenzie Allen  
Jared Toby Kirksey  
Sharlene Kristin Luke  
Delano D. Whitfield

### **Bachelor of Arts Communications/Journalism**

Jerron Makki Mayes

### **Bachelor of Arts English Professional**

Destiny Houser  
Trinity Monet Streeter

### **Bachelor of Arts History**

Stephen Alexander Oglesby

### **Bachelor of Arts History African American Studies**

Destiny J. Humphries

### **Bachelor of Arts Music Industry**

Eddie LeAndre Milledge  
Kayla Marie Miller-People  
Dach'na Chalanda Pierre

### **Bachelor of Arts Political Science/Pre-Law**

Tyion Dacarrus Brunson  
Elexus Tia Miller  
Thaddeus Dewitt Smith

### **Bachelor of Arts Professional Drama**

Trinity Sanaa Scott

### **Bachelor of Arts Early Childhood Education**

Amanda Chavis Copeland  
Xenia S. Johnson  
Ashley Outlaw Joiner  
Genae M. Sumpter

### **Bachelor of Science Mathematics Education**

N'Kosi-Asahd Sydney Ellis

### **Bachelor of Science Psychology**

Jovenia Brandon  
Aa'Nazisha Ja'Mirah-Lee Gilbert  
Chanice L. Harris  
Danielle Yvette Jones  
Shailah C'leshia Patrice Little  
Quinasha Shanae Owens  
Sa'Myah Dahreyale Sago  
Ashlie Elise Sanders  
Syashia Iesha Smith  
Kaitlin Bryana Upson  
Bryce K. Williams

### **Bachelor of Arts Elementary Education**

Myron E. Dawkins

### **Bachelor of Science Special Education/Learning Disabilities**

Timothy Dwayne McNeil  
Zatanj'e Seirra Osby

## College of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, & Transportation

### **Bachelor of Science Biology**

Jada A'Zahria Allen  
Keidrian B. Brockington  
Breanna Nicole' Calhoun  
Chelsea Lynn Cole  
Kiara Alana Leah Edwards  
Kenya Tanay Elaine Goff  
Deja Hubbard  
Destiny Johnson  
Makayla Treona Jones  
Niya C. Mack  
Keyaura M McClary  
Tylar R. Mozon  
Yasmine Noel  
Oneal Pinckney Jr.  
Teneshia Setera Rutledge  
Jaden A. Sims  
Devin P. Stanley  
Eleisha N. Thompson  
Daniel Walker Jr.  
Kiara M. Williams  
Tiara Aisha Willie  
Laila Sanaa Winfield

### **Bachelor of Science Professional Chemistry/Pre-Health Career**

ShaMari Amere Perry

### **Bachelor of Science Physics/Medical Physics Option**

Makylah Victoria Jones

### **Bachelor of Science Civil Engineering**

Robert Anthony Lopez  
Jonathan Monroe  
Izaiah Jordan Payne  
Tyrese Ryidel Williams

### **Bachelor of Science Civil Engineering Technology**

Brandyn A. Laury  
Paul James Martin Jr.

### **Bachelor of Science Computer Science**

Shamel Blount  
De'Ablo Halley  
Joshua J. Taylor  
Najzheir Tiaz Shavon Wright

### **Bachelor of Science Computer Science with Cybersecurity**

Samarge Tromaine Snow

### **Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering Technology**

Kobe J. Broadwater  
Jarvis Hinton  
Dallas James  
Corey Jamal Meggett

### **Bachelor of Science Industrial Engineering**

Kenneth Andrew Bethea Jr.  
William A. Hickson Jr.  
Shamera Laquelle Robinson

### **Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering Technology**

Caleb Baker  
Omar Croskey  
Shakil J. Mccray  
Larry Darnelle Sanders

### **Bachelor of Science Nuclear Engineering**

Ciana Moore

## **College of Agriculture, Family & Consumer Sciences**

### **Bachelor of Science**

#### **Agribusiness**

Candice Latrice Govan  
Bryce William Scott  
Marc Anthony Wardlaw  
Ahmorae M. Wilmore  
Kailyn B. Wrighten

### **Bachelor of Science**

#### **Family and Consumer Sciences**

Chelsea Ashton Beverly  
Kiasia Chantel Branch  
Miniyah Ajania Elaine Campbell  
Jessica Nicole Olivia Fields  
Jordan Tionne Gadsden  
Dinah Marie Gamble  
Jayah Tonaë Hicks  
Jasmine N. Johnson  
Adrian L. Ladson  
Makayla Sharice Long  
Naomi Genovieve Matyszyk  
Zafirah K. Morton  
Destine A. Mosley  
Sapphire Jaqushia Cynthia Swinton  
Atiba Rakeim Taylor  
Tiona Charrae Walls  
Marcus Garvey Williams  
Dayjah S. Young

### **Bachelor of Science**

#### **Nutrition and Food Management**

Jessica Ashanti Haynes  
Trinity Jackson  
Micah A. Johnson  
Morgan Renee' Mack  
Marquez Lafayette Wortham

## HONOR STUDENTS

*SC State salutes its honor graduates!*

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### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

#### Summa Cum Laude

Zyah N. Cephus #  
Jaren L. Hill #  
Nalanda Teixeira da Silva  
Savannah Thomas

#### Magna Cum Laude

Tiana Flanders #  
Kyra L. King #  
Alaysia McPherson  
Hind Semlali  
Ta' Miria O. Spearman #

#### Cum Laude

Ashane A. Adamson #  
Shaman Alston  
Rachida Berjane  
Dashawn R. Dash  
Jvon M. Gilmore  
Dezmond A. Gooden  
Candice L. Govan  
Quatavious M. Griffin  
Kemya Jacques  
Quadarius T. Rivers  
Brielle S. Roper  
Bryce W. Scott  
Tamara A. Taylor  
Marc A. Wardlaw #  
Ahmorae M. Wilmore #  
Kailyn B. Wrighten

### COLLEGE OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

#### Summa Cum Laude

Peyton Carolina Blue  
Asia T Grubbs #  
Chasity L. Johnson  
Andrew Latimer  
Cella H. Longdon  
Aaron D. Smith  
Tayler J. Tyson #

#### Magna Cum Laude

Jermylah Breeland #  
Sharod T. Burroughs  
Vivica N. Glover #  
Lyracis K. Johnson #  
Elissia S. Lottihall #  
Jamaiya Abreyanna Smith  
Sommer Y. Wilson #

#### Cum Laude

Selena S. Bonnette  
Mykala Brown  
Rayven A. Brown  
Michael S. Brunson  
Dallas S. Carraway  
Annasti C. Chandler  
A'Nya C. Davis #  
Jasmine A. Duncan  
Aleiyah A. Feaster  
Lauryn J. Hagood  
Treyvion A. Houston  
McKenzie T. Jackson  
Dvonte J. Lee  
Sekyria McBride  
Karrington A. McClurkin  
Kebrionna Q. Mccoy  
Zy'Keira T. Mcleod-Wright  
Da'Shon R. Scott  
Aushnique A. Wells  
Hope V. Young #

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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.

## 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 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 havoc of war and the battle's confusion  
A home and a country should leave us no more?  
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' 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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