



2025 FALL
Commencement
CONVOCATION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025
AT TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

SMITH-HAMMOND-MIDDLETON MEMORIAL CENTER
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 mortarboard, 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 the* PRESIDENT SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

COL (RET.) ALEXANDER CONYERS

Dear Class of 2025:

On behalf of South Carolina State University, it is my honor to extend heartfelt congratulations to the Fall Class of 2025. Today, we celebrate not only your academic achievements but your unwavering commitment to excellence. You have reached this milestone during a time of rapid change in our world, and you have met every challenge with courage and purpose.

As Bulldogs, you have shown what it means to lead with integrity and a vision for a better future. Whether your next steps take you into graduate study, a new career, military service, entrepreneurship, or community leadership, know that you carry with you the strength of your experience here at SC State and the support of an entire university that believes in your potential.

I encourage you to remain curious, stay grounded in your values, and never stop striving for the highest levels of excellence. Wherever you go, continue to uplift others, open doors for those who follow, and represent SC State with pride. You are the future leaders and changemakers our communities and nation need.

May this accomplishment be the beginning of an extraordinary journey. Remember that you will always have a home at South Carolina State University. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

COL (Ret.) Alexander Conyers
President



Order of Ceremony

COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

COL (Ret.) Alexander Conyers, President
Presiding

PRELUDEDr. Jiyeon Lee
Piano

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL – “War March of the Priests” Mendelssohn..... SCSU Wind Ensemble
Dr. J. William Nicholas
Band Director

(Audience is requested to remain seated)

POSTING OF COLORSBulldog Battalion Color Guard

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

SCRIPTURE AND INVOCATION Pastor Desimond Antley
Coordinator of Religious Life & Community Service Program

GREETINGS Mr. Douglas Gantt
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Ms. Zaria Tucker
President, Student Government Association

SELECTIONDr. Johnnie Felder
Choir Director
Dr. Lee
Piano

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERPresident Conyers

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Dr. Kris Harley, '95
Chief of Surgery, CaroMont Regional Medical Center

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

Dr. Kris Harley
Doctor of Humane Letters

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

COL (Ret.) Alexander Conyers

Dr. Frederick M.G. Evans
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Lakeisa Tucker
Dean, College of Graduate & Professional Studies

Dr. Matthew Guah
Dean, College of Business & Information Systems

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

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

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

INDUCTION OF GRADUATES INTO THE
NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.....Ms. Yolanda Williams
President, South Carolina State University National Alumni Association

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND REMARKSPresident Conyers

ALMA MATER Audience
SCSU Concert Choir
Dr. Felder

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

BENEDICTIONPastor Antley

RECESSIONAL – “Pomp and Circumstance” Edward ElgarSCSU Wind Ensemble
Dr. Nicholas

MACE BEARER

Dr. Bridget Hollis Staten
Professor of the Year

GRAND MARSHAL

Dr. Frederick M.G. Evans
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs



Commencement Speaker

DR. KRIS HARLEY, D.O., MBA, FACOS, '95

CHIEF OF SURGERY, CAROMONT REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
TRAUMA SURGEON | BUSINESS OWNER | PHILANTHROPIST

Harley oversees all surgical disciplines at the center and is nationally recognized for advancing quality, safety and innovation in acute care surgery. A leadership style marked by compassion, precision and integrity has earned him respect among his colleagues and within the community he serves.

Harley has nearly 20 years of expertise in trauma surgery and critical care medicine and has dedicated his career to improving patient outcomes across the Carolinas, Iowa and Ohio.

He also mentors emerging professionals and champions initiatives that expand access to equitable healthcare.

The Orangeburg County native is a 1995 graduate of SC State. He earned his Master of Business Administration degree from Wake Forest University in 2020.

Harley's journey began at the former Orangeburg Regional Hospital, now Medical University of South Carolina-Orangeburg. It was also profoundly shaped by his years at SC State, where he found a second family that molded his identity and purpose.

Harley is a lifelong member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and is an engaged supporter of the SC State National Alumni Association. The philanthropist is also a member of the prestigious Thomas E. Miller Society which recognizes alumni who have made significant contributions to their alma mater.

The entrepreneur and servant leader continues to embody the university's values of excellence, community and service to others. His journey stands as a reflection of Bulldog pride and is a living testament to the transformative power of an SC State education.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

Doctor of Education

Tonya W. J. Addison
Coby D. Brandyburg
Claudia Lashon Brooks-McCallum+
Herasheia R. Dozier
Ronald Edwards
Cynthia Michele Grant+
Tyhesia La'Shay Hardin
Charlene Corley Heard+
Dietra Jameine Holmes
Sybil Danielle Major
Angela K. Parham
LaRonda Shaw+
Monyer Williams

Educational Specialist

Briana Rachel Berry
Ayisha Tecora Brown+
Idella Waymer Carson
Gwendolyn Evon Dillings+
Olivia Evon Fuller
Sean E. Glover+
Shantelle Graham
Elizabeth B. Horton
Chedric A. Jones Sr.
Jennifer Latonya Murray
Latonya Felice Parker
Tanisha Perkins
Kendra Sade Pressley
Tiffany Latrice Sanders+
Sandra Smith
Khaleelah R. Stroman
Kishauna Sheronne Thompson ^
Templeton Lynch Tisdale
Saundria Denise Washington
Yolanda Yvette Young-Riley

Master of Arts

Rehabilitation Counseling

Kezia Lage'e Boyd
Ashawnda D. Graham
Vernon T. Grier ^
Daimen Antonio McBride
Jaylen Dwayne Polk
Jordan T. Releford
Allen Lamont Worthy Jr.

Master of Arts

Speech Pathology and Audiology

Ashlyn Carter Brown
Elexus Dean Campbell +
Te'Dajia Davenport+
Angelica Alexis Denmark+
Rydija Aushania Fleming+
Ivie Monét Frazier+
Ashleigh Jones+
Graceann Danielle White+
Richlyn K. Williams+

Master of Business Administration

Business Administration/Agribusiness

Omar Croskey

Master of Business Administration

Business Administration/General

Domonique D. Edmondson
Jaslynn M. Lyles+
Joshua Isaiah Martin
Alexzandria V. Mickle
Malik M. Richardson+
Britney E. Scott
Hind Semlali
Luka Stefanovic
Christopher Stewart
Nalanda Teixeira da Silva

Master of Business Administration

Business Administration/Healthcare Management

Heidi S. Conyers
Maria DuPree Hutchinson ^

Master of Education

Counselor Education

Christopher M. Simmons

Master of Education

Education/Mathematics

N'Kosi-Asahd Sydney Ellis

Master of Science

Nutritional Science/Food and Nutrition

Shirley Ann Smith

Master of Science

Transportation

Denis Domistocles Ruganuzza

+ Summer Graduates
^ Legacy Student

TITLES OF DISSERTATIONS FOR JULY AND DECEMBER 2025

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Addison, Tonya J.

The Effectiveness of Alternative Pathway-Certification on Middle School Teacher Performance on the SCTS 4.0 Instructional Domain in a Rural South Carolina School District.

Dr. Percy A. Mack, Jr., Chair

Brandyburg, Coby D.

Relationship Between Extracurricular Activities and Student Achievement Among High School Athletes.

Dr. Percy A. Mack, Jr., Chair

****Brooks-McCallum, Claudia**

An Examination of the Impact of Read to Succeed on Student Achievement in Third Grade English Language Arts.

Dr. Necati Engec, Chair

Dozier, Herasheia R.

An Examination of the Role of School Climate in Shaping Teacher Retention Decisions in South Carolina High Schools.

Dr. Michael A. Boatwright, Chair

Edwards, Ronald M.

The Effect of Teacher Retention Rates on Georgia High School Academic Performance.

Dr. Necati Engec, Chair

****Grant, Cynthia M.**

Examining the Relationship Between Elementary School Teacher Attendance Rate and Student Performance in Georgia Elementary Schools.

Dr. Necati Engec, Chair

Hardin-Jackson, Tyhesia L.

The Effect of Chronic Absenteeism in Kindergarten on Early Literacy Assessments in First Grade in a South Carolina School.

Dr. Necati Engec, Chair

****Heard, Charlene C.**

An Examination of the Relationship Between Student Achievement and Selected Variables of Elementary Schools in South Carolina.

Dr. Michael A. Boatwright, Chair

Holmes, Dietra Jameine

Analyzing Special Education Teacher Retention in High- and Low-Performing Rural Middle Schools.

Dr. Vashti K. Washington-Kimbrough, Chair

Major, Sybil Danielle

Factors Affecting Minority Teacher Retention in Low and High-Performing Schools.

Dr. Necati Engec, Chair

Parham, Angela K.

Examination of School Climate and Graduation Rates Across Small, Medium, and Large Schools in Non-Urban and Large Urban Areas in Georgia.

Dr. Necati Engec, Chair

****Shaw, LaRonda A.**

Examination of Special Education Teacher Perceptions of School Level Support in a South Carolina Region.

Dr. Percy A. Mack, Jr., Chair

Williams, Monyer

Investigating the Correlation Between MAP Assessment and South Carolina READY Assessment Outcomes for Middle School Students in Special Education.

Dr. Vashti K. Washington-Kimbrough, Chair

**July 2025

CANDIDATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

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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

Michaela L. Cain
D'Ashia Davis
Shannon Faith Cunningham+
Maya Brianna R. Walker

Bachelor of Science

Criminal Justice

ZhaRia Blair-Singleton
Zykiria Kelis Burgess
Manchell Faith Davis
Ndeye Bousso Fall
Winston Sigeas Harrison
Nakiya A. Henry
Amouree L. Small
Saryia A. Smith

Bachelor of Science

Physical Education/Activity Management

Christopher R. Austin
Jamare Benjamin
Stanley Oneal Cheeseboro Jr.
Janiah Lashelle Hinton+
Kelsey A. Kinard
Jadon Avan McClain
Antonio Tyrone Myers Jr.
Peyton Amauryon Nance
Jeremiah Jarell Stevens
Nymetria Katrese Wooten
Mackenzi Lawrencia Zimmerman

Bachelor of Science

Physical Education/Applied Exercise Science

Cyrus Jah-Tavious Ellison
Iyawni Fontashia James
Amani Jamison ^
Shaliyah Lillian Martin
Zandasia Asharia Mcneil+
Aiden Weber+

Bachelor of Science

Physical Education/Sports Communication

Wesley Javar Alls
David C. Holmes
Christopher T. Hopkins

Bachelor of Social Work

Sierra Lanai Bentley

College of Business & Information Systems

Bachelor of Science

Accounting

Areyanna Scott

Bachelor of Science

Business Economics

Errius Ni'Quel Ishmal
Zakiyah Jwannelle Johnson

Bachelor of Science

Management

Mia Campbell
Titus M. Creech
Quinton Antwan Gant
Timiatriiss Amoni Grant
Christian D. Jefferson
Keyah Mone' Jones
Jalen Bernard Levine
Dory Nicholas McAllister Jr.
Chyna Kiara Riley
Quincy Lovell Robinson Jr.
Teodora Vujicic

Bachelor of Science

Marketing

Thomas A. Alston
Taylor Kinsley Jacobs
Dasia B. Lucas
Eniyah Parrish ^
Pamela Amaya Poole

College of Education, Humanities & Social Sciences

Bachelor of Arts Communications/Broadcasting

Jalen M. Gasque
Alyceea Amor Simmons

Bachelor of Arts Communications/Journalism

Zahari Ny'asia Bolden

Bachelor of Arts History

Madison Nichole Owens
Derrick Lamar Woods Jr.

Bachelor of Arts Political Science

Trinity Shantel Barnes ^
Angel Saliter Jackson
Da'Shiona Horton Jones

Bachelor of Arts Sociology

KenDriah Hicks
DiAngel Renay Beyvonne Parks
Kylah Renee Da'jai Shealy
Raina A. Young

Bachelor of Arts Studio Art

Kiara Stardacia Nicole Burton
Jaydin Eleby
Cameron Hall
Jayla Lynnae King#
Trenton Jaron York#

Bachelor of Science Elementary Education

Akiah Trentell Moorer
Jayda Tashae Morgan-Wigfall

Bachelor of Science Psychology

Janae Denise Bonaparte
Darius Jamar Hanna
Kenyatta L. Jenkins Jr.+
Xaria Pickett
Chanelle Simpkins
Princess Tammia Vigilance
Jai'lah Monique Wolley

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

Bachelor of Science Biology

Oneil Christopher Bernard Jr.
Madison Jeneae Carter
Makhailya D. Gadson
Zakiya Melissa Glover-Jenkins ^
Stanley Hasani Montgomery
Akili Lexi Nipper
Brianna Tymia Rivera
I'Ayana Monea Sanders
Taryn Lajoice Sparkman
Mariann Renee Thompson+
Christian Xavier Ja'Rey Wilson+
Da'Nazia Kaluzae Wright-Harkness

Bachelor of Science Chemistry

Jamaria Jermesha Bass ^#
Mariam Sire Cherif#
Mark Anthony Mckinney#
Janiyah Vogle#

Bachelor of Science Civil Engineering

RayQuan Patrick Harrison

Bachelor of Science Computer Science

Caleb Maurice Green
Garnaris McCormick
Devante Cian Pesnell
Maliyah Aniya Taylor
Sha-ni' Qui-Asia Walker
Alana Watts

Bachelor of Science Mathematics

Jamaal Z. Mckinney

Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering Technology

Keyan D. Hines
Robert Tyler Ingram
Charan Rajhan Thiyagarajhan

Bachelor of Science Mechatronic Engineering

Omar Shaheed III

Bachelor of Science Nuclear Engineering

Jendayi Ethel Jarice Brown +
Katelyn Jalycee Williams ^

College of Agriculture, Family & Consumer Sciences

Bachelor of Science Agribusiness

Treylen Robinson
Gary Jermaine Rogers II

Bachelor of Science Nutrition and Food Management

Jayla McKenzie Goodwin
Kweli Shariq Orr

Bachelor of Science Family and Consumer Sciences

Jasena Adams
Diego Stoops Addison
Clinton Gerrod Bonaparte Jr.+
Dylan Keshawn Boone
Amarion Bright
Erica Marie H. Bryant
Breanna M. Caldwell ^
A' Shonte Daniels
Kiyah Ameir Felder +
Arianna Fuller
Azariyah T. Fulton
Tiara Jerde Hamilton
Hailey Sardama Harris +
Jordan Orman Johnson
Mary JaNae Johnson
Zaria Alina Johnson +
Denisha Shanell Keller
Janay Ardell Lary
Tammy Michelle Pendergrass
Jordan Leann Proctor
Cynthia Wilson Riley
JaNyah Robinson
Kennington Ryver Rogers ^
Nyasiah Gahvon Smith
Christian Jaylin Taylor
John Norwood Thomas Jr.
Ethan Alexander Tullock ^
Ariante L. Ulmer
Jarod Marshall Washington
Na'Kayia Keori Whren
Bria Lyndell Williams
Nyeema Renee Williams

Dr. Emily E. Clyburn Honors College
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HONOR STUDENTS

SC State salutes its honor graduates!

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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Magna Cum Laude

Thomas A. Alston
Keyah Mone' Jones
Chyna Kiara Riley
Teodora Vujicic

Cum Laude

Mia Campbell
Timiatriss Amoni Grant
Errius Ni'Quel Ishmal
Christian D. Jefferson
Zakiyah Jwannelle Johnson
Dory Nicholas McAllister Jr.
Pamela Amaya Poole
Treylen Robinson
Quincy Lovell Robinson Jr.

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Summa Cum Laude

Kelsey A. Kinard
Saryia A. Smith

Magna Cum Laude

Wesley Javar Alls
Cyrus Jah-Tavious Ellison
Aiden Weber

Cum Laude

Christopher R. Austin
Zykiria Kelis Burgess
Michaela L. Cain
Stanley Oneal Cheeseboro Jr.
Shannon Faith Cunningham
Manchell Faith Davis
Janiah Lashelle Hinton
Christopher T. Hopkins
Iyawni Fontashia James
Amani Jamison
Shaliyah Lillian Martin
Jadon Avan McLain
Zandasia Asharia Mcneil
Antonio Tyrone Myers Jr.
Peyton Amauryon Nance
Jeremiah Jarell Stevens
Nymetria Katrese Wooten

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Summa Cum Laude

Janae Denise Bonaparte
Jayla Lynnae King
Trenton Jaron York

Cum Laude

Tokunbo A. Ayinmide
Trinity Shantel Barnes
Kiara Stardacia Nicole Burton
Cameron Hall
KenDriah Hicks
Angel Saliter Jackson
Akiyah Trentell Mooror
Jayda Tashae Morgan-Wigfall
Alyceea Amor Simmons
Chanelle Simpkins
Princess Tammia Vigilance

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS AND TRANSPORTATION

Summa Cum Laude

Mariam Sire Cherif
Alana Watts

Magna Cum Laude

Jamaria Jermesha Bass
Zakiya Melissa Glover-Jenkins
Omar Shaheed III
Janiyah Vogle
Katelyn Jalycee Williams

Cum Laude

Oneil Christopher Bernard Jr.
Madison Jenae Carter
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Brianna Tymia Rivera
l'Ayana Monea Sanders
Taryn Lajoice Sparkman
Maliyah Aniya Taylor
Charan Rajhan Thiyagarajhan
Mariann Renee Thompson
Sha-ni' Qui-Asia Walker

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Summa Cum Laude

Jayla McKenzie Goodwin
Cynthia Wilson Riley

Magna Cum Laude

Mary Janae Johnson
Denisha Shanell Keller

Cum Laude

Jasena Adams
Clinton Gerrod Bonaparte Jr.
Amarion Bright
Erica Marie H. Bryant

Breanna M Caldwell
A' Shonte Daniels
Tiara Jerde Hamilton
Hailey Sardama Harris
Janay Ardell Lary
Jordan Leann Proctor
Kennington Ryver Rogers
Nyasia Gahvon Smith
Christian Jaylin Taylor
John Norwood Thomas Jr.
Ethan Alexander Tullock
Jarod Marshall Washington

RANK OF SECOND LIEUTENANT COMMISSIONED OFFICERS FROM THE CLASS OF 2025

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>
2LT Oneil Christopher Bernard	Unassigned	Biology
2LT Alexzandria Vermet Mickle	Unassigned	MBA
2LT Treylen Malyk Robinson	Unassigned	Business
2LT Mackenzie Lawrence Zimmerman	Unassigned	Physical Education

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& Economics

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Chair, Department of Engineering Technology

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Dr. Musa Danjaji
Chair, Department of Engineering

LTC Quentin F. Benjamin
Chair, Department of Military Science
& Homeland Security

Dr. Tolulope Filani
Chair, Department of Visual & Performing Arts

Dr. Matthew Guah
Acting Chair, Department of Business Administration
& Information Systems

Dr. Janice Hawes
Chair, Department of English & Communications

Dr. Maria James
Chair, Department of Family & Consumer Sciences

Dr. Juliet Stoute-White
Chair, Department of Speech
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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 or 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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