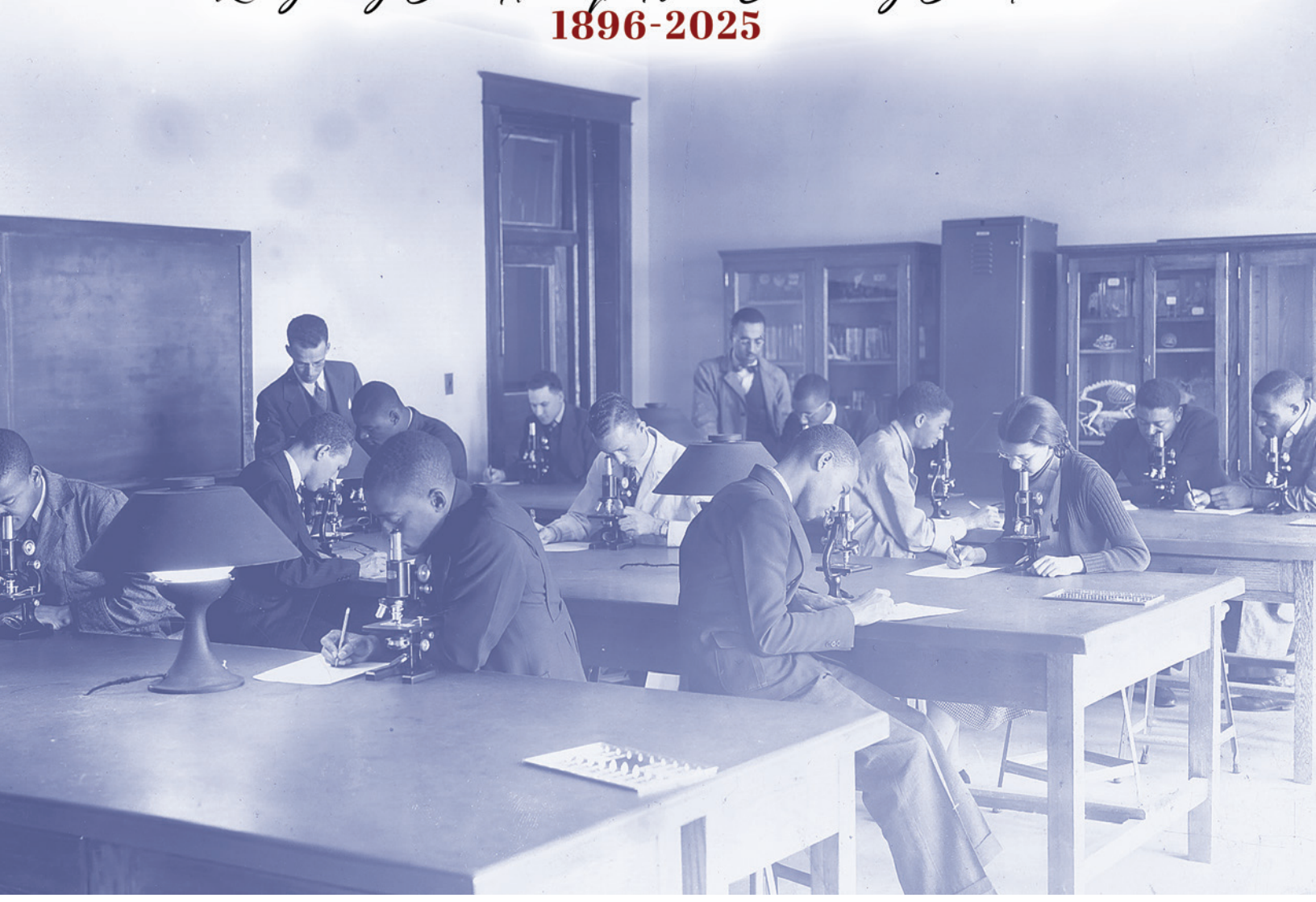


129th FOUNDERS' DAY PROGRAM

"Recognizing Our History, While Embracing Our Future"
1896-2025



Sunday Afternoon
The Second of March
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five
Four O'clock P.M.
Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center
Orangeburg, South Carolina



About the Seal

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 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., fifth President of South Carolina State in 1968 by Dr. Leo F. Twiggs, former Professor of Art at the institution.



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*“Students eat and socialize in Floyd Cafeteria.”
(picture courtesy of the SC State University
Historical Collection)*

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About the Cover: These students are hard at work in a Hodge Hall biology laboratory in the 1930s. They are working under the supervision of highly respected biologist James H. Birnie, who is standing to the left. Standing near the center in the background is T.J. Crawford, who spent nearly 70 years as a student, faculty member, and administrator at South Carolina State University. (picture courtesy of the SC State University Historical Collection)

Occasion

Today, South Carolina State University celebrates one hundred and twenty-nine years of excellent service to the community, state, nation, and the world. South Carolina State University is known for producing leading professionals in arts, sciences, politics, law, medicine, and human services; the state's largest population of African-American teachers; and more African-American Army officers than any other university military training facility in the nation. This is the legacy of South Carolina State University, and today, we reaffirm our commitment to build upon this legacy of excellence.

Founders' Day: Keynote Speakers

2025	Ms. Patrena Rice	1985	Dr. Joffre T. Whisenton
2024	Dr. James H. Salley	1984	Mrs. Marva N. Collins
2023	Chief Justice Donald W. Beatty	1983	Mr. Lerone Bennett, Jr.
2022	Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr.	1982	Mr. Max Robinson
2021	Mr. Demar L. Roberts	1981	The Honorable Richard W. Riley
2020	The Reverend Dr. Gwendolyn E. Boyd	1980	Cancelled
2019	Dr. Wes J. Bellamy	1979	The Honorable Milton Kimpson
2018	Mr. Willie E. Jeffries	1978	Ms. Carole Simpson
2017	President James E. Clark	1977	Mr. Alex Haley
2016	Mrs. Edna Kane-Williams	1976	Pageant—Eighty Years of Pride and Progress Presented by Henderson-Davis Players “Second Alumni Band Concert”
2015	Mrs. Janet A. Simmons		
2014	Kenneth W. Ravenell, Esquire		
2013	Dr. Frederick S. Humphries	1975	Bishop James S. Thomas
2012	The Honorable Glenda A. Hatchett	1974	Dr. William Holmes Borders
2011	Dr. M. Christopher Brown, II	1973	Dr. Benjamin E. Mays “An Afternoon of the Arts” “First Alumni Band Concert”
2010	Brigadier General Stephen M. Twitty		
2009	Dr. Anthony O. Parker		
2008	Mr. Eugene H. Robinson	1972	Mr. James E. Clyburn
2007	Mr. Thomas W. Dortch Jr.	1971	The Honorable James L. Felder
2006	The Honorable James E. Clyburn	1970	The Honorable Maynard H. Jackson
2005	Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie	1969	Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
2004	Brigadier General Abraham J. Turner	1968	Dr. Edward Brice
2003	Willie E. Gary, Esquire	1967	Cancelled
2002	The Honorable Merl F. Code	1966	Dr. Frank P. Lloyd
2001	The Honorable Melvin L. Watt	1965	Mrs. Lottie Washington Russell
2000	Martin Luther King, III	1964	Dr. Sherman Webster
1999	The Reverend J. Herbert Nelson, II	1963	Dr. Charles J. Walker
1998	Dr. Dolly Desselle Adams	1962	The Reverend Reginald J. Daniels
1997	Major General (Retired) James R. Klugh	1961	Dr. Samuel E. Duncan
1996	Judge Paul R. Webber, III	1960	Dr. Rufus P. Perry
1995	Bishop Joseph Benjamin Bethea	1959	Dr. Annabelle Spann Sherman Boykin
1994	The Reverend Joseph E. Lowery	1958	Dr. Benjamin F. Payton
1993	Associate Justice Ernest A. Finney, Jr.	1957	Dr. James Thomas
1992	Judge Matthew J. Perry, Jr.	1956	Mr. Allard Allston
1991	Dr. Leonard H. Haynes, III	1955	Dr. Mordecai Johnson
1990	The Honorable Richard Arrington	1954	Dr. Helen Edmonds
1989	Mr. John E. Jacob	1953	The Reverend Sam Miller
1988	Brigadier General (Retired) George Price	1952	Dr. J. C. Parler
1987	Mr. Sammy Davis, Jr.	1951	The Reverend C. Bernard Crawford
1986	Dr. John H. Johnson	1950	Dr. W. Edward Farrison

“129 Years: Recognizing Our History, While Embracing Our Future”



COL (Ret.) Alexander Conyers
President
2021-Present



James E. Clark
2016-2021



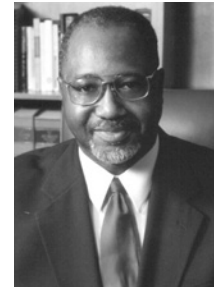
Thomas J. Elzey
2013-2015



Dr. George E. Cooper
2008-2012



Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr.
2003-2007



Dr. Leroy Davis, Sr.
1996-2002



Dr. Barbara R. Hatton
1992-1995



Dr. Albert E. Smith
1986-1992



Dr. M. Maceo Nance, Jr.
1968-1986



Dr. Benner C. Turner
1950-1967



Dr. Miller F. Whittaker
1932-1949



Dr. Robert S. Wilkinson
1911-1932



Thomas E. Miller
1896-1911

129th Founders' Day Program

“Recognizing Our History, While Embracing Our Future”

COL (Ret.) Alexander Conyers, President
Presiding

PRELUDE.....	South Carolina State University Wind Ensemble Dr. Stephen Reid, Conductor
INSTALLATION PROCESSIONAL – <i>War March of the Priests</i>	Felix Mendelssohn South Carolina State University Wind Ensemble Dr. Reid, Conductor
POSTING OF COLORS	Bulldog Battalion Color Guard
NATIONAL ANTHEM – <i>The Star Spangled Banner</i>	Frances Scott Key South Carolina State University Wind Ensemble Dr. Reid, Conductor
	South Carolina State University Concert Choir Dr. Johnnie J. Felder, Director
ANTHEM – <i>Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing</i>	James Weldon Johnson Audience South Carolina State University Wind Ensemble Dr. Reid, Conductor
	South Carolina State University Concert Choir Dr. Felder, Director
INVOCATION	The Reverend Desimond Antley Pastor, Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church, Allendale, South Carolina Coordinator of Religious Life & Community Service Programs Office of Student Life & Leadership, South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, South Carolina
OCCASION	Mr. Troy M. Moore, Jr. 11th Mister South Carolina State University, 2024-2025
GREETINGS.....	Mr. Douglas D. Gantt, '84 Chairman, Board of Trustees
	Mr. Henry F. (Hank) Allen, '78 President, SCSU National Alumni Association
	Ms. Bailey O. Scott 88th Miss South Carolina State University, 2024-2025
SELECTION – <i>Seek Ye First</i>	Glenn Nixon South Carolina State University Concert Choir Dr. Felder, Director Ms. Nina Davis (Junior, Music Education), Soprano Soloist
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	Dr. Thelma C. Lawton, '71 Retired Math Professor, Florida Memorial University Former President, SCSU National Alumni Association
FOUNDERS' DAY ADDRESS.....	Ms. Patrena Rice, '71 Retired from Lockheed Martin
SELECTION – <i>The Battle of Jericho</i>	Moses Hogan South Carolina State University Concert Choir Dr. Felder, Director

AWARDS President Conyers
Trustee Gantt

READER.....Dr. Evans

Faculty and Staff Service Awards

2025 Quarter Century Club Awards

Distinguished Award Recipients

- Distinguished Alumna Award Ms. Patricia B. Lott, '63 and '79
- Distinguished Alumnus Award.....Mr. Thomas L. Kennerly, '68 and '74
- Distinguished Young Alumnus AwardDr. Lakeisha Johnson, '06
- Outstanding Accomplishments and Achievements Award..... Ms. Patrena Rice, '71
- Distinguished Alumni AwardClass of 1969
Accepted by Mrs. Marie H. Artis, '69
- Distinguished Alumni AwardClass of 1974
Accepted by Mrs. Helen Corbett-Brandyburg, '74
- Distinguished Alumni AwardClass of 1979
Accepted by Ms. Sharon Wigfall, '79
- Distinguished Alumni Award Class of 1984
Accepted by COL (Ret.) Antonio Coleman, '84
- Distinguished Alumni Award Class of 1989
Accepted by Mr. Allison Preston, '89

Thomas E. Miller Society Inductees Anonymous
LTC (Ret.) Robert D. Ayers, Jr., '58
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Ms. Hope L. Doe, '96
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Mr. Nathaniel, '72 and Mrs. Debra Howard
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Mrs. Connie H. Lawson, '66
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LTC (Ret.) Robert B., '76 and Mrs. Detroit G. Weeks, '76
**Honored posthumously*

Professor of the Year Awards

Staff Employee of the Year Awards

REMARKS President Conyers

ALMA MATER..... R. S. Wilkinson – T. D. Phillips
Audience
South Carolina State University Wind Ensemble
Dr. Reid, Conductor
South Carolina State University Concert Choir
Dr. Felder, Director

RETIRING OF COLORS Bulldog Battalion Color Guard

BENEDICTION Reverend Antley

POSTLUDE –War March of the Priests..... Felix Mendelssohn
South Carolina State University Wind Ensemble
Dr. Reid, Conductor

Keynote Speaker



OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS AWARD

Ms. Patrena Rice, '71

Patrena Rice grew up in Hemingway, South Carolina, and graduated from South Carolina State College (now a university) in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. She pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and was pleased to have a work-study opportunity at the well-known Washington Dining Hall.

Before graduating, Patrena was recruited by the C & P Telephone Company of Virginia. She graduated at a time when the Bell Telephone companies were actively seeking engineers and recognized that they could greatly benefit from the talent emerging from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Patrena excelled in her professional career, earning special recognition for designing and developing the nationally and "highly" acclaimed Access Training Program. This program effectively facilitated the understanding of technical aspects and concepts related to telecommunications networks for Regional Bell Operating Companies (RBOCs) and Bell Communications Research (Bellcore).

After retiring early to pursue her entrepreneurial ambitions, she created Professional Training and Consulting (PTC), a firm based in Charlotte, North Carolina, that focuses on enhancing job performance. Her engineering training classes were highly sought by leading communications and media organizations such as the Bells, Sprint, Walt Disney Productions, and IBM.

Patrena enjoys talking about one of her favorite topics, finance. So she created a 501C, Making Cents and Managing Money (MCAMM). This afforded opportunities to present various financial seminars to include managing/investing money, investment choices, spending personalities, etc. Through this venue, she was in a position to financially support and encourage many entrepreneurs in their venues. Patrena has been profiled in Fidelity Investment magazine.

To further pursue her paid traveling opportunities, Patrena accepted a technical training position with Lockheed Martin. This employment venue involved exclusive training for one of Lockheed Martin's client, The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) of Homeland Security. The assignment involved traveling throughout the US and Guam. After several years of traveling, Patrena decided to retire.

Patrena is an active member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she serves as a deacon and holds various leadership roles. She has a giving spirit, and in 2014 she was inducted in the Thomas E. Miller Society, and she is an active member of the Charlotte Alumni Chapter. Patrena loves to travel and enjoys sharing her experiences with family, friends, and everyone she encounters, as she says, "It's a joy!"

Distinguished Award Recipient



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD

Ms. Patricia Brown Lott, '63, '79

Patricia Brown Lott, a native of Orangeburg, is a retired educator with a distinguished thirty-seven-year career. She has held various roles, including teacher, guidance counselor, mathematics specialist, assistant principal, and principal. Her work experience spans several locations, including Charleston, South Carolina; Newburgh and Niagara Falls, New York; and Orangeburg Consolidated School Districts 5 and 3.

In 1963, Lott earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics education and a master's degree in counseling education in 1979, both from South Carolina State College (now university). She is a committed advocate and supporter of the institution and actively contributes to numerous initiatives and activities.

She is a life member of the South Carolina State University National Alumni Association (SCSUNAA) and its president from 2005-2009. Previously, she served four years as president of the Greater Orangeburg Alumni Chapter and continued serving in other positions after her elected position expired. She is an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Orangeburg, where she serves as a project manager for the church's grant writing team that has acquired three federal grants totaling \$500,000 each. Other recognized involvements include serving as financial secretary and treasurer for the Orangeburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; as vice chairperson for the South Carolina State University (SCSU) Foundation; and as

foundation gala chairperson for over five years. In April 2010, she was the first national alumni president elected by the South Carolina General Assembly to serve on the Board of Trustees at SCSU. In 2015, she was named the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Basketball Tournament Distinguished Alumnus for her alma mater, in 2016, she served as the SCSU Homecoming Parade Marshal, and in 2019 she was inducted into the Thomas E. Miller Society.

Ms. Lott feels a deep sense of responsibility and obligation to give back to her alma mater, which has provided her with so much. As a member of the STATE Club, she is an enthusiastic season ticket holder for both football and basketball. She led an initiative to encourage the university to offer season tickets to fans sitting on the visitors' side of Oliver C. Dawson Stadium. As a result of her efforts, 500 people became season ticket holders in what was then "Section F."

Ms. Lott is the proud mother of two beautiful graduates of SC State: Wayne, who graduated in 1990 and served as the former president of the Columbia Alumni Chapter before he transitioned on July 27, 2021, and Valerie, who graduated in 1992 and is currently the president of the Raleigh-Durham Alumni Chapter. Wayne was married to Tanya Simmons, a 1998 graduate, and together they have two children, Halee and Blayne.

Distinguished Award Recipient



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Mr. Thomas L. Kennerly, '68, '74

Thomas L. “Jackie” Kennerly is like a diamond with many facets, each contributing to his unique glow and brilliance, comparable to the Hope Diamond. Although many people have known him for years, this biography will reveal aspects of his life that you may not know.

His name is permanently etched in the minds of many South Carolinians because of the 1968 Orangeburg Massacre on the campus of South Carolina State College (now university). He was among the twenty-eight students shot while retreating from the South Carolina National Guard who opened fire on the unarmed students, gathered around a bonfire, on the front of the campus on February 8, 1968.

Jackie graduated from Wilkinson High School in the spring of 1964 and then enrolled at South Carolina State College (SCSC), where he played football as a wide receiver. After graduating in May 1968, he was drafted to play for the Cincinnati Bengals, but his football career was brief. Uncle Sam's draft board deemed him fit for service and sent him to Vietnam as an enlisted soldier in the United States Army. He later served in the Army Reserve and participated in the first Gulf War, Desert Storm/Desert Shield. His military service spanned more than thirty years.

In 1970, Jackie returned to his hometown of Orangeburg, South Carolina, where he continued his courtship and married his college sweetheart, Martha Cureton. His background in sports led to a coaching position at Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School. He completed his Master of Science degree in counseling and rehabilitation at his alma mater and was hired by the Orangeburg County Vocational Rehabilitation. In

1978, Jackie was promoted to a position at the South Carolina State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and moved his family to Columbia, South Carolina. They became members of Second Calvary Baptist Church, where Jackie has served as a deacon for over thirty years. He is also the chairman of the Board of Christian Education, a member of the church choir, the Men's Chorus, and part of the "Brotherhood Club" (Men's Ministry). After retiring, he worked with the South Carolina Housing and Urban Development for a few years.

Jackie is very active in his community with Meals on Wheels and the South Carolina Election Board as a poll worker. He is a member of the South Carolina State University Columbia Alumni Chapter, a life member of the South Carolina State University National Alumni Association (SCSUNAA), a supporter of football and track, the S.T.A.T.E. Club, an inductee into the South Carolina State University Football Hall of Fame, a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and a member of the American Legion and Sertoma International. Jackie and Mrs. Kennerly were inductees of the 2025 class of the Thomas E. Miller Society. He enjoys walking and exercising daily and having lunch with his Army buddies.

Thomas is a former member of his home church, The Historic Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church of Orangeburg. He and Martha have two adult children; Steven (Safiya) Kennerly and Angela (Arthdale) Brown, and three granddaughters: Alexis (Cedric), Layla, and Leah; one grandson: Jamale.

Distinguished Award Recipient



DISTINGUISHED YOUNG ALUMNA AWARD *DR. LAKEISHA JOHNSON, '06*

Dr. Lakeisha Johnson is an assistant professor in the Communication Science and Disorders program at Florida State University, and she is a certified speech-language pathologist. She is also the director of The Village, the community outreach and engagement division of the Florida Center for Reading Research.

A 2006 graduate of SC State University's Speech Pathology and Audiology program, Dr. Johnson received her doctorate in Communication Science and Disorders with an emphasis on literacy implications for culturally and linguistically diverse populations from Florida State University in 2012. Her primary research interests include language, literacy, dialect, and executive function development in African American children. Her mission is to investigate the areas above while building and strengthening research-practice partnerships between the university and the local community to ensure children from underserved populations obtain strong language and literacy skills.

In her free time, Dr. Johnson runs a website, Maya's Book Nook, to promote language and literacy skills using diverse children's books. She is an active member of the Chi Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and several professional organizations related to communication disorders and literacy. Additionally, Dr. Johnson serves on the board for several community and literacy-based organizations, such as the Advisory Board of the Leon Public Library System, WFSU Public Media Community Council, Lexia Learning Educational Leadership Council, The Winward Institute Advisory Board, and Learning Ally National Advisory Board.

She is married to Bradford Johnson, a meteorologist and professor at Florida State University. They have three daughters, ages 19, 9, and 1.

Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

Classes of 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, and 1989

Reunion classes are celebrated for their remarkable individual and collective achievements, as reflected in their continued support for the goals and programs of South Carolina State University. Each class has made significant contributions to student scholarships.

The Class of 1969 generously funded their endowed scholarship and supported the installation of electronic signage. The Golden Class of 1974 contributed to the All-In Bus Initiative, the Annual Fund, athletics, university bands, and ROTC. The Class of 1979 made donations to the Miller F. Whittaker Library, athletics, and the Marching 101 Band. The Class of 1984 provided funds for the All-In Bus Initiative and the I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium. Lastly, the Class of 1989 supported the President's Discretionary Fund and various campus projects.

South Carolina State University proudly acknowledges these classes for their leadership and steadfast support of the university.



Class of 1969



Class of 1974

Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients



Class of 1979



Class of 1984



Class of 1989

2025 THOMAS E. MILLER SOCIETY INDUCTEES



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Mr. Charles H., '66* and
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Mrs. Barbara K. Brewer, '59



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Mrs. Agatha Y. Conyers, '86



Ms. Hope L. Doe, '96



Dr. Deloris Frazier, '78



Dr. Lillie Beasley Glover, '61



Mr. Nathaniel, '72 and
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Mr. Frank E., '73 and
Mrs. C. Elaine Beasley Walker



LTC (Ret.) Robert B., '76 and
Mrs. Detroit G. Weeks, '76

Distinguished Alumni and Service Award Recipients

- 2025**
Ms. Patricia Brown Lott (A)
Mr. Thomas L. "Jackie" Kennerly (A)
Dr. Lakeisha Johnson (A)
Class of 1969
Class of 1974
Class of 1979
Class of 1984
Class of 1989
- 2024**
Mrs. Jennifer M. Chapman (A)
Mr. Javon Hargrave (A)
Dr. William C. Hine
Dr. Darlene Clark Hine
LTC (Retired) Anthony L. Watson (A)
Class of 1958
Class of 1963
Class of 1968
Class of 1973
Class of 1978
Class of 1983
- 2023**
Chief Justice Donald W. Beatty (A)
Mr. Akeem J. Brown (A)
Dr. Monifa B. McKnight (A)
Class of 1967
Class of 1972
Class of 1977
Class of 1982
Class of 1987
- 2022**
Mr. Willie Bradley (A)
Dr. Saundra H. Glover (A)
Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr. (A)
Class of 1966
Class of 1971
- 2021**
Mrs. Brenda T. Jamerson (A)
Mr. Darius S. Leonard (A)
Dr. LeRoy Zke Zimmerman (A)
Class of 1975
- 2020**
William "Bill" Hamilton (A)
Travis T. Love (A)
Gloria D. Pyles (A)
Charlton P. Singleton (A)
Cecil J. Williams
Class of 1959
Class of 1969
Class of 1974
- 2019**
Dr. Wes J. Bellamy (A)
Demar L. Roberts (A)
Coach Oliver "Buddy" Pough (A)
Dr. Judith Salley-Guydon (A)
Class of 1968
Class of 1973
- 2018**
Jacquelyn R. and
Sidney B. Fulton, III (A)
Barbara J. Roach (A)
Deborah Blackmon (A)
Wayne W. Murphy (A)
Alfred P. Glover (A)
Class of 1967
- 2017**
Kenneth "Ken" E. Middleton
Kendra Speed Sellers (A)
Michael W. Triplett, Sr. (A)
Brenda L. Williams (A)
Class of 1966
- 2016**
Cheryl A. Hickmon (A)
Julius A. Page (A)
Craig Q. King (A)
John H. Alford (A)
Class of 1975
- 2015**
Janet A. Simmons (A)
Tommy A. Brown (A)
Jerrell Moore, J.D. (A)
Dion L. Franga, M.D. (A)
Class of 1959
Class of 1964
- 2014**
Kenneth W. Ravenell, J.D. (A)
Virginia Berry White (A)
Ted Crews (A)
Michael A. Allen (A)
Class of 1963
- 2013**
Willie Van Brailey
Maurice A. Lee, Pharm. D. (A)
Pamela J. Mazyck, Pharm. D. (A)
- 2012**
Class of 1961
Senator Darrell Jackson, Sr.
Reginald A. McGahee, J.D. (A)
Richard Richardson, M.D. (A)
Rico Montell Snell (A)
- 2011**
Dr. M. Christopher Brown, II (A)
Class of 1960
Mr. James Winston Roquemore, Sr.
Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover (A)
- 2010**
Josephine R. Evans (A)
Colonel (Retired) Ned E. Felder (A)
Class of 1959
Willie B. Owens (A)
Don Tribble
Brigadier General Stephen M. Twitty (A)
Earl Wilson (A)
- 2009**
Carolyn L. Harris Brown (A)
Havert L. Fenn (A)
Class of 1958
*Dr. Marion W. Jamison, Jr. (A)
*James Brown
Dr. George C. Bradley (A)
Dr. Anthony O. Parker (A)
Marvin A. Marshall, '95 (A)
- 2008**
Gracia Watermann Dawson (A)
Class of 1957
Dr. Jonas T. Kennedy (A)
Eddie Andrews Bellinger (A)
Dr. Harold Powell (A)
Eugene H. Robinson

2007

Class of 1956
 Annie Adams Jamison (A)
 Thomas W. Dortch, Jr.
 Representative John L. Scott, Jr. (A)
 Hattie P. Hunter
 John E. Smalls

2006

Class of 1955
 The Honorable James E. and Emily
 England Clyburn (A)
 John J. Funny (A)
 Dr. Lillie Beasley Glover (A)
 Margaret Wade Lesesne (A)
 Bishop Marcus Matthews (A)
 *Brantley Edward Evans, Sr.
 F. Richard Harmon, Jr.

2005

Major General George F. Bowman (A)
 Class of 1954
 The Honorable Jasper M. Cureton (A)
 Brigadier General Amos M. Gailliard, Jr.
 (A)
 Allen L. McKellar (A)
 Brigadier General Harold L. Mitchell (A)

2004

Thomas C. Dandridge
 Colonel Teresa L. McSwain (A)
 Dr. Richard Richardson (A)
 Dr. Malcolm Walters, Jr. (A)
 Maurice G. Washington (A)

2003

Representative Jerry N. Govan, Jr. (A)
 Lonnie Hamilton, III (A)
 Brigadier General Larry Knightner (A)
 Dr. Earline M. Simms

2002

Dr. Leola Adams (A)
 Henry F. (Hank) Allen, Jr. (A)
 Kenneth Epps (A)
 Gary Brimmage

2001

Karl V. Green
 Dwayne A. Harper (A)
 Julie W. Nance (A)
 Robert S. Porcher, III (A)
 Dr. Clinton R. Wolfe

2000

Joy Workman Barnes
 William M. Blakeney (A)
 Dr. Isaac C. Bracey (A)
 Boo Sheppard
 Moses M. Sitton (A)

1999

Joe M. Anderson, Jr.
 Lewis A. Berry (A)
 The Honorable Gilda Cobb-Hunter

1998

*Frank H. Fabor, Jr. (A)
 Brigadier General Arnold Fields (A)
 Horace Ott (A)
 John H. Rickenbacker (A)
 Dr. Mary L. Stone (A)

1997

Colonel (Ret.) Clinton Fields (A)
 Colonel (Ret.) Samuel D. Stroman (A)
 Dr. Lloyd Miller Cooke
 Calvin Wright (A)
 Colonel Abraham J. Turner (A)

1996

Colonel (Ret.) James O. Heyward (A)
 The Jarvis Brothers Quintet
 Willie E. Jeffries (A)
 Geraldine P. Zimmerman (A)
 Edward Lewis
 Carolyn Emanuel McClain
 Dr. McKinley Mayes

1995

Attorney I. S. Leevy Johnson
 Attorney Gedney M. Howe, III
 Austin Cunningham
 Anthony T. Grant (A)
 Dr. Leo F. Twigg's

1994

Flora Brooks-Boyd (A)
 Dr. Monnieque Singleton (A)
 Brigadier General Select Clifford
 Stanley (A)
 Bernie Wright (A)
 The Honorable Majorie Amos-Frazier

1993

Dr. Thaddeus J. Bell (A)
 Ann Springs Close
 James H. Salley (A)
 Judge Karen J. Williams

1992

Charles P. Austin (A)
 Lula P. Durant (A)
 Armstrong Williams (A)
 Representative Maggie Wallace Glover
 *Dr. Ashriel I. Mose

1991

Donnie Shell (A)
 Dr. Amelia S. Roberts (A)
 Billie S. Fleming
 Dr. Barbara Williams Jenkins

1990

Dr. Annabelle Sherman Boykin (A)
 Harry Carson (A)
 Dr. James Oglesby (A)
 Dr. James A. Wilsford

1989

Dwight McMillan (A)
 James Bethune, Sr.
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Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

*Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring.
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise,
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stoney the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might,
Lead us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee,
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our GOD, True to our native land.*

Words written by Dr. Robert Shaw Wilkinson, second president of South Carolina State College. Mr. Ted D. Phillips, an alumnus, wrote the music.

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 hast taught us
Ready all to do and dare.*

--Robert Shaw Wilkinson
(Second President, 1911-1932)

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