



2025 SPRING  
*Commencement*  
CONVOCATION

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025  
AT TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

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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 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

To the Class of 2025:

Congratulations on reaching this significant milestone in your academic journey. As you prepare to graduate, we celebrate not only your academic achievements but also the resilience and determination you have demonstrated throughout your time here.

Your years at South Carolina State University have been marked by challenges met and overcome, friendships forged, and countless moments of personal and intellectual growth. You navigated through opportunities and challenges with a spirit of grace and perseverance.

As you step into the next chapter of your lives, carry with you the lessons learned, and the values embraced during your time here. Remember that education is not just about acquiring knowledge but it is also about applying it to make meaningful contributions to society.

The world awaits your talents, your passion, and your commitment to making a difference. Whether you pursue further studies, enter the workforce, or embark on new adventures, know that you are well-equipped to face the future with confidence and purpose.

On behalf of the entire university community, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. We are proud of you and look forward to the positive impact you will undoubtedly make in the world.

Sincerely,  
  
COL (Ret.) Alexander Conyers  
President



# Order of Ceremony

## COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

COL (Ret.) Alexander Conyers, President  
Presiding

PRELUDE .....Dr. Jiyeon Lee  
Piano

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL – “War March of the Priests” Mendelssohn..... SCSU Wind Ensemble  
Dr. Stephen Reid  
Interim Band Director

*(Audience is requested to remain seated)*

POSTING OF COLORS .....Bulldog 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. Lauren Frasier  
President, Student Government Association

SELECTION – “I Know I’ve Been Changed” arr. Damon Dandridge (SCSU ’01) .....Dr. Johnnie Felder  
Choir Director

Dr. Lee

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER .....President Conyers

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... Dr. Kevin James  
19th President of Morris Brown College

## CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES

Dr. Kevin James  
Doctor of Humane Letters

General George Price (Posthumous)  
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, School 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 .....Mr. Hank Allen, '78  
President, South Carolina State University National Alumni Association

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

ALMA MATER ..... Audience  
SCSU Concert Choir  
Dr. Reid

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

BENEDICTION .....Pastor Antley

RECESSIONAL – “Pomp and Circumstance” Edward Elgar .....SCSU Wind Ensemble

### 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

### KEVIN JAMES

19TH PRESIDENT OF MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE



Dr. Kevin James is the 19th President of Morris Brown College, a historical Black college in Atlanta, Georgia. Under his leadership, the college regained accreditation after a nearly twenty-year hiatus, becoming the first HBCU to achieve such a feat. Driven by a commitment to Morris Brown's legacy, he initiated the #TheHardReset campaign, successfully restoring the institution to compliance and recognition by the Department of Education.

With a career spanning over 23 years as an educator, administrator, executive business leader, and motivational speaker, Dr. James brings a wealth of experience to his role as the Chief Executive Officer of the college. He has been responsible for stabilizing finances, expanding academic offerings, increasing fundraising, launching a new five-year strategic plan, and achieving record-breaking enrollment in the past two decades.

Under Dr. James' leadership, the institution secured full accreditation from the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) on April 26, 2022, enabling the college to regain access to federal financial aid programs and Title IV funding. He also solidified Morris Brown College's reinstatement as a participant in the Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities program under Title III.

Throughout his tenure, Dr. James has received numerous accolades and awards for his contributions to higher education, business, and executive leadership. In 2024, Dr. James was named Titan 100 of Georgia. The Titan 100 recognizes the top 100 CEOs & C-level executives in the state who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, vision, and passion. Collectively the 2024 Georgia Titan 100 and their companies employ more than 125,000 individuals and generate over \$31 billion in annual revenues. Moreover, Dr. James was named HBCU College President of the Year by Our HBCU's Matter Foundation, Most Admired CEO by the Atlanta Business Chronicle in 2023, and Atlanta's Top 500 Leader for the last four consecutive years.

Dr. Kevin James is a renowned speaker, insightful thinker, and staunch advocate for educational accessibility. He is regularly sought after as a mentor, lecturer, and agent of strategic change, particularly at HBCUs. Highly esteemed as an innovator and authority on higher education, particularly regarding underserved communities, he is a highly sought after keynote speaker having spoken of the topic of HBCUs and addressing equity and inclusion in higher education and the unique challenges of minority-serving institutions.

He has been featured in prominent media outlets, including CNN, CBS, NBC, and FOX, and in leading news publications such as U.S. News, Forbes, Black Enterprise, The Root, NewsOne, TheGrio, HBCU Times, Diverse Issues in Higher Education, Inside Higher Education, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Atlanta Business Chronicle, Atlanta Voice, Atlanta Magazine, and The Atlanta Tribune, further highlighting his impact and influence.

In addition to his role at Morris Brown College, Dr. James is actively involved in various organizations and serves on the boards of the African Methodist Episcopal Church Worldwide,

the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Kappa Kappa Psi, and the Historic Oakland Foundation, among others. He is a member of prestigious honor societies and organizations such as Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, Golden Key International Honor Society, the Prince Hall Masonic Fraternity, Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Dr. James holds a bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders and Social Sciences from Winthrop University, a master's degree in Business Management, Leadership, and Organizational Effectiveness from Troy State University, and a Doctor of Education degree in Higher Education Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. He is also a graduate of the Higher Education Institute at Harvard University.

A native of Columbia, South Carolina, Dr. James is deeply committed to empowering the community through education and has played a transformative role in revitalizing Morris Brown College. His strategic vision, dedication, and numerous accomplishments have positioned the institution for a successful future.



## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

### **Doctor of Education**

Monique Pemberton Capers  
Jalisa April Darien  
Tyvallis Dawkins  
Shanise Armstrong Funny  
Sharonda Patrice Giles  
Lakeisha F. Lawrence  
Shalah Shebonique Sweeney ^  
Chesney Thomas  
Henry L. Williams  
Melanie Williams  
LaShonda M. Williams-Shaw \*

### **Educational Specialist**

Megan Sims Anderson  
Titus Marquel Echols  
Michelle Patrice Floyd  
Courtney Holladay  
Anna McDowell  
Sophia Smith  
Isha Siera Stokes

### **Master of Arts**

#### **Rehabilitation Counseling**

Jamie S. Abraham  
Ashawnda D. Graham  
Tye J. Jones  
Jayla E. Outen  
April J. Thomas ^  
Treshawn Nikeem Williams  
Jennifer Lynn Wheeler

### **Master of Arts**

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

Elisabeth Babb  
Elexus Dean Campbell  
Tonoria Durant  
Atia Janae Edmond  
Savanna Shelton  
Maelee Troutman  
Kareem Jameek Walker

### **Master of Business Administration**

#### **Business Administration/ Entrepreneurship**

Sheldon Michael Billings  
Richard Andrew Black  
Briana Chelsea Stroman

### **Master of Business Administration**

#### **Business Administration/General**

Jermylah Breeland  
Zyah Naomi Cephus  
Morgan Chestnut ^  
Alexis Crosson  
Mia Addie Mae Law-Anderson  
Brandon Jamal Pringle  
Cedric J. Wells

### **Master of Business Administration**

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

Ta' Miria O. Spearman

### **Master of Science**

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

Waddell Leon Rembert-Jett

### **Master of Science**

#### **Transportation**

Methusela Ibrahim Sulle

### **Master of Arts**

#### **Teaching**

Marveena Hughes

## TITLES OF DISSERTATIONS FOR MAY 2025

### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

**Capers, Monique Pemberton**

The Impact of I-Ready Reading Alone Versus I-Ready Reading with UFLI Instruction on Early Literacy Development in Second Grade Students.

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

**Darien, Jalisa April**

The Effectiveness of Parental Involvement in Middle School Performance in South Carolina.

*Dr. Vashti K. Washington, Chair*

**Dawkins, Tyvallis L.**

Elementary Teachers Perceptions on Professional Development.

*Dr. Michael A. Boatwright, Chair*

**Funny, Shanise Armstrong**

An Examination of the Mathematic Achievement in Middle Schools Students in Relationship to Selected School Factors.

*Dr. Michael A. Boatwright, Chair*

**Giles, Sharonda P.**

A Study of the Academic Achievement of Kindergarten Students Who Attended Prekindergarten.

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

**Lawrence, LaKeisha Fersner**

Risk Factors That Impact High School Dropouts in South Carolina High Schools.

*Dr. Necati Engec, Chair*

**Sweeney, Shalah S.**

The Impact of Reading Recovery on Academic Achievement of First-Grade Students.

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

**Thomas, Chesney C.**

The Impact of Teachers' Classroom Strategies on Elementary School Performance.

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

**Williams, Henry L.**

Factors That Are Affected by the Expenditures of Title I High Schools in South Carolina.

*Dr. Necati Engec, Chair*

**Williams, Melanie**

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Educators' and Secondary General Education Teachers' Perceptions of Student Enrollment in CTE.

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

**\* Williams-Shaw, LaShonda M.**

An Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Resource Courses in the Achievement Gap of High School African American Males in an Urban School.

*Dr. Michael A. Boatwright, Chair*

\* Posthumous

## 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**

Lauren Makayla Brown ^  
Taynia Sharae Dempsey  
Lauren Marie Frasier  
Reagan Njoku  
Rashaun N. Reams  
Ajia Breche Smith  
Ahmira Zy'mere Wade

#### **Bachelor of Science Criminal Justice**

Christopher Crosland  
Shanadria T. Davis  
Enyah Alayssia Dillard  
Jordan Zennobia Hagood ^  
Roosevelt Kyshon Jones  
ZaNasia Zayonna McCreary  
Lauryn Alecia Robinson  
Breyonce Scott  
Nicholas Lamar Simmons Jr.  
Zhania Myeshia Sims  
Amaryn Elize Smith # ^  
Amariya D'Nyse Thompson #  
Diovian Ahmyr Wallace

#### **Bachelor of Science Physical Education/Activity Management**

Michael Shemar Brunson  
Sofya Vitaliyevna Chursina  
Kyntrell Jamari Clinton  
Adonis Davis  
Tyrone Davis Jr.  
Reginal John Ellis  
Janiah Lashelle Hinton  
Jordan Tyre Smith

#### **Bachelor of Science Physical Education/Applied Exercise Science**

Carmen N. Glenn  
Zandasia Asharia McNeil  
Brianna Jenee' Sexton  
Aiden Weber  
Carlandria Erial – Eunae Willis

#### **Bachelor of Social Work**

Jerrica Dakari Davis ^  
Shaniyah Nivelles Purnell  
Keyuna Na'shell Sanders  
Chloe Ann Showman  
Jasmine Lauren Shuler  
Maya A. Smith #

#### **Bachelor of Science Physical Education/Sports Communication**

Jarad William James Heyward  
Malik Lamar Lanham  
Nicholas J. Taiste

### College of Business & Information Systems

#### **Bachelor of Science Accounting**

Kyshiem Ahriana Bush #  
La'India D'Nejah Chapman  
Lauryn Ayanna Harrell  
Baysia A. Hunt ^  
Bailey Octavia Scott #  
Alerra Cambria Wheeler #  
Cameron DeVane Ziegler  
Iyana Nicole Zimmerman

#### **Bachelor of Science Business Economics**

Michael Blue  
Errius Ni'Quel Ishmal  
Davashia Tamage Morris

#### **Bachelor of Science Management**

D'Marcus Jon Brooks  
Troye J. Bryant ^  
Marissa Aaliyah Chamblee #  
A'Naisha Michaela Childs  
Kamariona D. Cunningham  
Arielle Faith Danley #  
Angelica Spring Frederick  
Kentuan Hicks  
Kenard Wilj'am Holmes #  
Joel Ntumba Kashila  
Mary-Elisabeth Nicole Ladner  
Arayah Sanaa Muhammad  
Shemar Emmaunel Nelson  
Akele Pauling  
A'Sydney Robinson #  
Ian Zander Shark  
Sequoia Sims  
Toniya Ziasia Stuckey  
Kenadi N. Taylor  
Erinn M. Tracy  
Ke'Shunda Walker

#### **Bachelor of Science Marketing**

Thomas A. Alston #  
Jourdon Monet Cooper ^  
Taylor Kinsley Jacobs  
Joseph Tennyson Jamison  
Imani-Kashall C Sells

## College of Education, Humanities & Social Sciences

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

Taylor Marie Ames-Alexander #  
Justin Demetrick Gamble  
Ariana Pinder  
Ryan O'keefe Stubblefield

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

Keira M. McGowan  
Nia Lauren Smith ^

### **Bachelor of Arts Drama**

Jazmine G. Jordan  
Zaria Ben'e Sumpster#

### **Bachelor of Arts English**

Tierra Nichole Davis  
Taliyah Danielle Taylor

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

Ariana D Ray  
Linwood James Riddick

### **Bachelor of Arts Political Science**

Alexus Omonii Amaker-Cason #  
Cheryl Denise Benjamin  
Reagan A. Daniels-Joyner #  
Madison Taylor Jackson ^  
Laila Alexi Whitaker #

### **Bachelor of Arts Studio Art/Digital Media**

Ashley Brianna Nneka Greene  
Brandon Earl Turner

### **Bachelor of Science Early Childhood Education**

Indira L. Davis # ^  
Zaria Monee Heath

### **Bachelor of Science Elementary Education**

Chantel Denise Alexander #  
Shakierah Jamesha Roberts #

### **Bachelor of Science Middle Level Education**

Lo'Ren D. Suber ^#

### **Bachelor of Science Physical Education**

Tyrone Davis Jr.

### **Bachelor of Science Psychology**

Danie'Quha N. Brannon  
Cameron Nicole Bryan  
Wilson Dubinsky  
Davion T. Everett  
Kaylah Nicholle Leslie  
Cristopher Sackey  
Charnelle Tenae Simpkins

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

### **Bachelor of Science Biology**

Jaden Wesley Barker  
Ja'Nekqua T. Cabbagestalk  
Makia Cannon  
Dennis L. Cotton #  
Alexis Symone Day #  
Jasmaine Donovan  
Ndioba Fall #  
Larry A. Fields Jr  
Tiniya Monay Gilchrist  
Koya Danielle Hill  
Clifton Alexander James  
Anesia Don'ya Jenkins  
Audriaunna Mariah Elise Johnson  
Victoria Camille Jordan #  
Whitney Alisha Lawson  
Jade Imoni Martin  
Akili Lexi Nipper  
Tyasia B. Pearson-Mallard  
Molasia Singleton  
Mariann Renee Thompson  
India Arie Williams #  
Kailey Renee Young

### **Bachelor of Science Chemistry**

Ashley Rebecca Bryan

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

RayQuan Patrick Harrison  
Jaylen Javon Roberts  
Daisha Remell Smith

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

Jalen T. Alleyne #  
Sean Dimitri Artiss  
Cayin S. Bryant  
Dierra Jasmine Haynes #  
Nalani Danae Lambright  
Amari Clay Thompson #

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

Kinsley T. Davis

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

Jerome Al-Tariq Tyshaun Robinson  
Brevin Samaria Samuel ^

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

Kashif Nadir Alston  
Keyan D. Hines  
Robert Tyler Ingram  
Kavon J. Mullins #  
Charles Christaine Eddie-Tanson  
Oliver

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

Eric Fitzgerald Brown  
Miranda S. Moultrie

### **Bachelor of Science Physics**

Andrew P. Johnson  
Christina Myia Jones  
Sophia Isobel Mojares Papa #

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

Patience Dara Ferguson  
Mark Anthony Mckinney  
Elfreda Lottie Smalls

## College of Agriculture, Family & Consumer Sciences

### Bachelor of Science Agribusiness

Ke'Auja Duncan #  
Barry Anthony Fogle  
Mekayla Sheree' Lumpkin  
Bianca McDowell  
Randall David Pickering Jr.  
Dyson Lee Roberts  
Jayvion Hikeem Zaire Snow

### Bachelor of Science Nutrition and Food Management

Kweli Shariq Orr  
Saima C. Nicolas #

### Bachelor of Science Family and Consumer Sciences

Chantiana B. Bess  
JaNyia Shanae Blyther  
Skyla Dillon  
Jasmine Christina French ^  
Dinah Marie Gamble  
Cassidy Rosanna Gleaton  
John Henry Hannibal Jr.  
Erick Maxwell Hill  
Zaria Alina Johnson  
Soriya C. Littlejohn #  
Ashliona Martin  
Caleb Jonathan McCarty  
Ariana JaNay McCree  
Dana A. Mckeithan  
Troy Monique Moore II #  
Octaveon P. Minter  
Daythan Peterson  
Amaya Phillips  
Majesti G. Polite  
Rakyha Reid  
JaNyah Robinson  
Jasmine Stovall  
Michael Alan Teal  
Jeremiah Marquise Teeter  
Kaylynn Mycha Thomas  
Eddra J. Robinson-Thornton  
Na'Kayia Keori Whren  
Arabia Di-Asia Williamson #

# Dr. Emily E. Clyburn Honors College  
\* Posthumous Degree  
^ Legacy Student

*Disclaimer: This Commencement program booklet lists the names of students who have applied for graduation. However, the appearance of the names of these candidates for graduation in the booklet does not mean that they have completed all the requirements to earn the degree for which they applied. The official transcript indicating that the degree has been awarded is the proof that the degree has been earned.*



## HONOR STUDENTS

*SC State salutes its honor graduates!*

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### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

#### Summa Cum Laude

Kyshiem A. Bush  
Arielle F. Danley  
Kentuan Hicks  
Kenard W. Holmes  
Sequoia Sims  
Ke'Shunda Walker

#### Magna Cum Laude

Thomas A. Alston  
Lauryn A. Harrell  
Arayah S. Muhammad  
A'Sydney Robinson  
Bailey O. Scott  
Imani-Kashall C. Sells

#### Cum Laude

Marissa A. Chamblee  
A'Naisha M. Childs  
Kamariona D. Cunningham  
Errius N. Ishmal  
Taylor K. Jacobs  
Joel N. Kashila  
Mary-Elisabeth N. Ladner  
Shemar E. Nelson  
Akele Pauling  
Randall D. Pickering  
Toniya Z. Stuckey  
Alerra C. Wheeler  
Iyana N. Zimmerman

### COLLEGE OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

#### Summa Cum Laude

Reagan Njoku  
Jasmine L. Shuler  
Maya A. Smith

#### Magna Cum Laude

Taynia S. Dempsey  
Shaniyah N. Purnell  
Rashaun N. Reams  
Diovian A. Wallace  
Aiden Weber

#### Cum Laude

Lauren M. Brown  
Michael S. Brunson  
Sofya V. Chursina  
Kyntrell J. Clinton  
Reginal J. Ellis  
Lauren M. Frasier  
Carmen N. Glenn  
Jordan Hagood  
Janiah L. Hinton  
ZaNasia Z. McCreary  
Zandasia A. Mcnei

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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 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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