



University of South Carolina
Upstate

Commencement Exercises

May 8, 2018

Academic Traditions

The Processions

Our commencement exercises will begin with an academic procession to the platform, a tradition dating to the great medieval universities of England. The audience is asked to rise when the processional begins and remain standing for the invocation.

At the close of the ceremony, the audience is asked to stand and join in singing the first verse of the Alma Mater and remain standing in place for the benediction and the recessional. The music for the recessional is another academic tradition, *Gaudeamus Igitur* ("Let Us Rejoice"). The song originated in the German universities as a celebration of the joy of learning experienced by a university community of faculty, students, staff, alumni, and friends.

Caps, Gowns, and Tassels

The pageantry of an academic procession includes various customs of academic attire. The cap is traditionally a mortarboard with tassel, the color of which denotes the academic discipline in which the degree was earned. For instance, those earning bachelor of arts degrees wear white, golden yellow for bachelor of science degrees, drab for bachelor of science degrees in business administration, light blue for bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees in education, and apricot for bachelor of science degrees in nursing.

Hoods

The hood represents the institution from which the wearer earned his or her advanced degree and also indicates the academic discipline in which the degree was earned. The length of the hood for the master's degree is three and a half feet. The length of the hood for the doctoral degree is four feet. Hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the university conferring the degree, with velvet trim in a color representing the academic discipline of the wearer. The most common colors in the procession today are dark blue for philosophy, apricot for nursing, drab for business, and light blue for education.

Gonfalons

Gonfalons are the flags or banners, hung from crosspieces on poles, and have been used since medieval times for ceremonies and processions. Universities and colleges around the world have adopted gonfalons to increase the ceremonial nature of commencement exercises. The gonfalons are used during graduation ceremonies to symbolize the different academic areas within the University.

University Distinctions

USC Upstate Excellence in Teaching and Advising Awards

Each year, two excellence in teaching and advising awards are given at the May commencement ceremony: one to a faculty member from the College of Arts and Sciences and one to a faculty member from one of the three professional schools (i.e., business, education and nursing). Award candidates, who are nominated by students, must teach six or more credit hours during the semester prior to when the award is given and must be a permanent-track faculty member.

Annual Award for Scholarly and/or Creative Pursuits

USC Upstate values teaching and service to the community and state and at the same time realizes the importance of scholarly and/or creative pursuits to faculty in their various disciplines. In recognition of this aspect of our faculty, the University has established an annual award that recognizes an individual who has distinguished himself or herself by scholarly or creative activities during the preceding year. Faculty members are invited to submit their research and/or creative activities to be considered for the award. This annual award also carries with it a monetary value of \$1,000 presented to the faculty member.

Annual Award for Faculty Excellence in Service

USC Upstate is committed to active engagement with local and global concerns in the community, academia, and students' lives. The University recognizes the importance of its faculty's service to the department, unit, college, university, university system, community, and profession. The award honors a single faculty member who has demonstrated exemplary and excellent service during the preceding five academic years. This annual award carries with it a monetary value of \$1,000.

Alma Mater

"We Hail Thee, Carolina"
(Tune: "Flow Gently, Sweet Afton")

We hail thee, Carolina, and sing thy high praise;
With loyal devotion, rememb'ring the days,
When proudly we sought thee, thy children to be;
Here's a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

Since pilgrims of learning, we entered thy walls
And found dearest comrades in thy classic halls;
We've honored and loved thee, as sons faithfully;
Here's a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

Generations of sons have rejoiced to proclaim
Thy watchword of service, thy beauty and fame
For ages to come shall their rallying cry be;
Here's a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

Fair shrine of high honor and truth, thou shalt still
Blaze forth as a beacon, thy mission fulfill;
And be crowned by all hearts in a new jubilee;
Here's a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

G. A. Wauchope

Order of Exercises

PRESIDING

Dr. Brendan B. Kelly
Chancellor, University of South Carolina Upstate

PROCESSIONS

Music by the Spartanburg Philharmonic String Quintet

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Cadets of the Army ROTC Southern Guards Battalion

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Miss Megan Maria Swinney '18
USC Upstate Student

INVOCATION

Mr. Stacey Mills '03
Executive Director, USC Upstate Greenville Campus

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Brendan B. Kelly
Chancellor

WELCOME

Dr. Harris Pastides
President, University of South Carolina

STUDENT SPEAKER

Miss Tia Greene '18
President, USC Upstate Student Government Association

GREETINGS

Mr. Ryan McCarty
Spartanburg County Commission for Higher Education

ARMY ROTC COMMISSIONING

Lieutenant Colonel Albert F. Yonkovitz, Jr.
Professor of Military Science

Tevin Adams, Jhamirra Bell, Shannon Bracey, Logan Ray

UNIVERSITY DISTINCTIONS

Dr. Clifton P. Flynn
Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Excellence in Teaching and Advising Awards

Mr. Matthew Donaldson
Assistant Professor of Graphic Design

Dr. Stephen Bismarck
Assistant Professor of Middle/Secondary Math

Annual Award for Scholarly and/or Creative Pursuits

Dr. Joshua Ruppel
Associate Professor of Chemistry

Annual Award for Faculty Excellence in Service

Dr. Araceli Hernandez-Laroche
Assistant Professor of Modern Languages

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

The Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE

The President

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

The Chancellor, The Provost, and The Deans

CLOSING REMARKS

The Chancellor

BENEDICTION

Mr. Mills

ALMA MATER

Miss Swinney

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Akeela Dendy

Hannah Rose McMakin

Jatin Patel

Avery Allen

Amanda Cluney

Skylar Finch

Kennedy Nichols

Sharan Ravishankar

Autumn Bridwell

Iniquah Cobbs

Alexis Glenn

Howard Parham

Kierra Sells

Erin Callicott

KhaDarius Dean

Shanna LeBlanc

James Parham

Odalis Villacis

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Ezelis Sanderson

Callie Marsh

HONORS AND AWARDS 2018

The University salutes its graduating class of 2018 and, relying on the support and loyalty of these new alumni, views the future with hope and confidence.

USC Upstate also cherishes those whose past devotion to its interests has stood the test of time and whose service has helped create an institution in which today's graduates, their parents and sponsors, and the State of South Carolina can take pride.

Accordingly, the following members of the faculty and student body are recognized for their achievements and service as follows:

WITH HONORS FROM THE USC UPSTATE HONORS PROGRAM

Lilia Yaquel Medina
Elementary Education

FACULTY HONORS

Dr. James P. Charles, Professor, School of Education
Distinguished Professor Emeritus

James R. Cox, Jr., Professor, Department of Fine Arts
and Communication Studies
Distinguished Professor Emerita

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and Computer Science
Distinguished Professor Emeritus

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Distinguished Professor Emerita

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Communication Studies
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Communication Studies
Distinguished Professor Emerita

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Distinguished Professor Emerita

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Samuel B. Brown
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Katlyn D. Clark
Justin T. Dang
Robert A. Davis
Tara K. Ferris
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Jami D. Freeman
Mary M. Greene
Sarah E. Hannah
Anna Grace Hatchette
Natalie L. Hazzard
Daniel M. Hurren
Nikki C. Jackson
Anna M. Malaj
Kelly E. Marsh
Curnel McLain
Andrea C. Moises
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The following list of candidates for graduation was prepared before final grades were reported, and inclusion herein does not constitute evidence of graduation. The listing of a name in this program should not be construed as an indication that the person will in fact receive a degree from the University of South Carolina Upstate at this commencement. Conversely,

the absence of a student's name from this list does not necessarily mean that the person will not be awarded a degree. Honors for degree candidates are based on the cumulative grade point average on file at this time. Honors to be printed on the diploma will be based on the final cumulative grade point average on all collegiate work.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Lama Abunijem

Cum Laude

Kaleb Titus Alexander

Magna Cum Laude

Rinaldi Alphonse

Chelsey Brooke Alzate

Carlos Ernesto Argueta*

Cum Laude

Harrison James Armstrong

Dominique Brianne Arnold

Andreana Necole Atkins

Linda Bahjat Barakat

Magna Cum Laude

Elizabeth Lynn Bellen

Aaron Ware Benson

Brigitte Jericho Bibb-Ellis

Briana Letrell Blane

Brice Jacob Bolin

Cum Laude

Bethany Lauren Borton

Cum Laude

Madison Elaine Boykin

Shannon Nicole Bracey*

Michael Blake Brewington

Tyler Levon Brown

Lawrence Kamehameha Bruns*

Magna Cum Laude

Cassidy Laine Bryant

Annie Gordon Buck

Lauren P. Burnett

Cum Laude

Malcolm Jakeem Byrd*

Corrie Anna Carlson

Cum Laude

Katherine Anne Carruth*

Mitchell Dean Cartee

Meredith Salley Catoe

Laura Gabrielle Chadwell

Caleb Quinton Choice*

Jordan Alexander Church

Tearsa Joi Clark

Taylor Elizabeth Cohen

Cum Laude

Jasmine Michelle Coleman

Teresa Scarlett Contreras Torres

Magna Cum Laude

Allison Marie Cook

Ronald R. Crichlow II

Brooklynn Virginia Crowder*

Cum Laude

Dioni Shavaughn Cruell

Payton Kimer Culler

Michael Anthony Cunningham

Arnold Douangmala

Cassandra Irene Drosos

Anna Catherine Duncan

Haley Elizabeth Dunham

Elizabeth Jean Emory

Alexander Cameron Epps*

Chad Terrill Evans*

Emma Ebelle Ewane

Macy Shauntel Gaither

Ami Elizabeth Gallenbeck*

Tiffany Eleese Galloway

Jacob Lewis Gilbert

Tyson Malik Gilbert-Fitzpatrick

Amber Denise Gilstrap

Keishauna Elizabeth Ann Goldston

Shanyia Rebecca Grant

Tia Juanandra Greene

Alexander Ross Guest

Dalton Lee Guest

Carol Ann Salzarulo Hager

Lauren Angel Hall*

Johnia Rachelle Hallinquest

Jenison Michelle Hardin*

Cum Laude

Chakeia Gerquel Harris

D'ej'a Renee Haywood

David Hudson Heatly Jr.

Danielle K. Helf

Michael Augustine Hilliard*

Latrease Danielle Holman

Jordon Halon Horne*

Bridgett Leigh Humphries

Iman Lelani Johnson

Jeremy Bradley Johnson

Rakeyia Santashia Johnson

Samuel Reid Johnson

Magna Cum Laude

Haylee Victoria Jones

Wesley Jackson Jones

Tia Nichole Jordan

Yuriy Karpik

Lily Katrina Kearse

Kaleigh Lauren Kelley

Gecorious Montez Kinard*

Latonya Deshone Latimore

Nkauj Shoua Lee

Justin Nawin Leuthiphonh

Edwin Leyva

Cum Laude

Jennifer Gail Lindman*

Anthony Willard Lockerman

Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts

Mercedes Chansot Malaythong
Michael Frederick Malone
Chandler Dantay Mansel
Demecia Alexandria Nicole Martin
Ashley Nicole McCraw
Kayla Lynn McGill
Magna Cum Laude
Kelsy Joyce Mckeown
Nydavia Lasheray McNeil
Alexis Tashi Miller
Cierra Mone Mills
Patrice Montia Mole
Katoya Tonisha Moon
Cum Laude
Jay Randolph Morgan*
Colton Joseph Moritz
Magna Cum Laude
Jordan William Mullinax
Cum Laude
Slade Dolan Mullinax*
Jeremiah Joseph Murphy
Kyle Edward Nardi
Ludovic Hubert Nkoth
Benjamin Michael Norris**
Magna Cum Laude
Hannah Michelle O'Dell
Madison Nicole Oliver*
Summer Marie Orsetti
Christina Marie Pacilli
Cum Laude
Chelsea Danielle Pack
Samit Shirish Patel
Cum Laude
Daniel Lawrence Perry
Magna Cum Laude
Marcus Scott Phelps*
Jordan Keshun Phillips

Logan Carrie Phillips
Cum Laude
Hope Nicole Pierce
Cum Laude
Joshua Taylor Powell
Anna Elizabeth Pruitt
Cum Laude
Brittany Nicole Ray*
Magna Cum Laude
Logan Michael Ray
Cum Laude
Ziba Rhemtulla
Lindsey Marie Rhodes
Samantha Jane Rinard
Vondria Chontrise Ritter
Deltrice Shanek Rivers
Cum Laude
Deirdre L. Robinson
Eric Ralph Robinson Jr.
Quentin Leviticus Robinson
Brittney Celena Roddey
Kellen Pearl Rollins
Magna Cum Laude
Christen Ellyce Roper
Gabrielle M. Sassone
Avery Kentaro Scott*
Cum Laude
Zandra Ataska Shafer
Chadwick Alexander Simmons
Magna Cum Laude
Dexter Jackson Simmons
Peggy J. Simon
Cum Laude
Danielle Tyana Smith
Laportia K. Smith
Lyndsey Marie Smith
Cum Laude

Michael Thomas Smith
Donald Morris Spearman Jr.*
Brittney P. Spencer
Sarah Parker Stevenson
Sade' Chantel Stokes
Brady William Stribble
Asia Briana Suber
Coleman Andrew Suttles
Brooke Marie Swafford*
Megan Maria Swinney
Joshua Alexander Tate
Justin Anthony Taylor
Nora Hillary Taylor
Randy Tell
Ramel Deonete Thompkins
Joel Thomas Thornton
Orenthia James Tompkins Jr.
Sara Michele Tompkins
Andrew Michael Turner
Khushbu Ackshay Vashee
Christopher Warren Wallen
Cum Laude
Sarah Caroline Ward
Ashton Samone Watson
Elizabeth Lauren Weaver*
Telante Nedarius Webber
Brianna Nicole Weber
Cum Laude
Bria Tierra White
Robyn Gabrielle Williams
Noura Abualeinan

Bachelor of Science

Jennifer Aceves
Tevin James Adams
Benjamin William Albrecht
Cum Laude
Andrew Charles Alexander
Joshua Brandon Alexander
Destini Jasmine-Nicole Anderson
Heather Ann Anderson
Cum Laude
Daijha Aliyah Ashford
Thomas Randall Austin
Blythe Noel Badenoch
Cum Laude
Randy Joe Barber
Chelsea Jamuni Barker-Seepersaud*
Brandon Lee Bell*
Abigail Bryant Belue
Summa Cum Laude
Matthew Christopher Bennion
Cum Laude
Malasia Shaqundra Bibbs*
Jesse Olen Bowers
Jennifer Louise Bradham*
Magna Cum Laude
Trayonna Quanisha Bramlett
Patrick Levi Branson
Benjamin Charles Bridges
Michala Charde' Brown
Christina J. Burgess
Alexandra Faith Burton
Angela Maria Bustamante
Alicia Jacinta Butler*
Rebecca Lucille Call
Magna Cum Laude
John Lardyn Camacho Rodriguez
Kayla Breanne Camara
Emily Madeline Camp
Brittany La'Shawn Carothers*
Cesar Carlos Cerrate
Tiffany Amber Chick*
Tessa Morgan Childs
Kieran Jeffrey Charles Clancy
Justin Dean Clayton
Cianna Clarice Beulah Clinkscales
Aaron Alexis Cohen-Carson

Jasmine Michelle Coleman
Hannah Katherine Elizabeth Collins
Jamesia E'Lauren Cooper*
Taylor Ann Costanza
Jennifer Mason Cothran
Tanner Evan Crocker
Cum Laude
Emily A. Czapiewski
Raeann Nicole Davis
Ryan Austin Davis
Brittney Rene Delva
Mehmet Sezgin Demirkilic
Sidney Adele Dermody
Porsha Meshella DuBose
Shelby Jean Duncan
Trisha Lynn Dunn
Cheryl Teague Elliott
Lauren Ashley Ellwanger
Cum Laude
Douglas Leroy Elvington
Daniel Joseph Espina
Cum Laude
Elizabeth Morgan Estes
Katherine Avant Evans
Jordan Monroe Everhart
Tiffany Rose Fiel
Cum Laude
Malysha Rashad Flanders*
April Melody Floyd
Joseph Alexander Floyd*
Bryan Scott Flynn
Ryan Joseph Forsyth
Magna Cum Laude
Briauna Shaque Foster
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Shelby Love Gaspar
Cum Laude
Meghan Gissell Gates
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Andrew Bradley Girolamo*

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Porshia Cierra Glover*
Brooke Michelle Gordon
Quinten Lane Gullede
Katlynn Shania Haas
Cum Laude
Maggie Elizabeth Haithcock
Emily Grace Halbert
Cum Laude
Brandon Christian Hamilton
Brittney Chantell Harris
Cerano DonJuan Harrison Jr.*
Chandler Ryan Harvey
Justin Hawkins**
Victoria Leigh Hayes
Emily Taylor Haynes*
Cum Laude
Jesse Dillion Hester
Corina Maurica Higgins*
Justina Gabrielle Howard
Angela Danielle Howell
Christian Darren Hunter*
James Anthony Hunter
Landan Baxlee Hydrick
Magna Cum Laude
Victoria Michelle Jackson
Jalin Dequan James*
Astin Tydasha Jenkins*
Madeleine Steele Jenkins*
Keonna Demyra Johnson
Ivan Bradley Jones
Karamjeet Kaur
Sarah Danielle Kyzer
Magna Cum Laude
Kadijah I'Esha Laney
Samantha Marie Langley
Magna Cum Laude
Kendal Georgette Larson*
Kenneth James LaVine
William Vincent Long Jr.
Alexander LaVere Longest*
Tierra Fatima Lasha Mack
Joel Richard Madak
Daniel Edward Makowski
Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science

Nathaniel Wayne Malsch

Judyt Maravilla

Cum Laude

Meagan Paige Martin*

Trae' Lamont Martin

Caleb J. Mccall

Brittany Michelle McCoy

Tessa Brianna McCoy

Canelia Brena McCray

Sapphire Evonna McDonald

Lakeisha Shanice McNeil

Benjamin Michael McSwain*

Kristin Janette Melvin

Jayna Joanne Meyer

Magna Cum Laude

Rashaundra Laquon Miller

Ross A. Miller

Cum Laude

Benjamin Walton Mims

Cum Laude

Maurice Andre Mincey

Katherine Elizabeth Mizell

Amanda Marie Moore

Tennyson Warren Nedwards*

Erin Deniza Nelson

Magna Cum Laude

Zachary Randell Nix

Ryan William Oleyourryk

Fátima Paola Pedroza García

Andrew George Parchuk

Cum Laude

Jason Bayard Parsons

Cum Laude

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Magna Cum Laude

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Magna Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

Breondra J'leece Steele*

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Tatyana Amari Stewart

Ruth Antonia Suber*

Brianna Lynne Tellschow

Magna Cum Laude

Aieshah Ashante Thomas*

Alen Augustine Thomas

Cum Laude

Courtney Layne Thurston

Natrone Marquis Trapp

Meredith Analeigh Tucker

Tara Shea Turner

Melissa Vu

Cheryl Denise Warren

Lauren Michelle Weisner

JacQuetta Donnyale-Marie White

Avery Blake Whitney*

Constance Lee Ann Whittingham

Tasia Yvon Wilder

Aja Marie Willis

Thomas Grant Willis

Geoffrey Gibert Wilson

Cum Laude

Tyjai Kortion Woodard

John Logan Wooten*

Chakira Anthani Worthy

Cum Laude

Soleah Nakia Wright

GEORGE DEAN JOHNSON, JR. COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Bachelor of Science

Shierry Hayes Abernathy*

Alison Elizabeth Adams

Esma Akan

Heiko Allmendinger

Magna Cum Laude

Christie Mary Alonso

Stefanie Wilson Anderson

Matthew Martin Anzalone*

Blake Carlton Atkins

Heather Faith Bagwell

Cum Laude

Brooke Anne Bailey

Ted Kyle Bailey III

Derek Byron Baker*

Ruben Barrera Crisanto*

Christina Marie Batchler

Jason Jamal Battle*

Karla Ann Beasley

Ethan Hunter Bentley

Magna Cum Laude

Jacob T. Blackwell*

Maranda Elizabeth Bolt

Malia Sierra Boswell

Brandon Whitner Bowen

Tyler Dana Bowers*

Valita Monique Bowman

Nicholas Adam Bridges

Keshun Shunquell Tyree Briggs

Amy Michelle Brock

Magna Cum Laude

Patrick Kirkland Brown

Rhonda Kaye Brown

Jaryn Janale Browning

Brett Martin Bryant

Genevieve Alexandra Burkhard

Carlos Camargo*

Zachary Tyler Cameron

Charles Gray Carpenter

Cum Laude

Ebonie Carwile

Will Chandler Cater

Nivicheta Chamreoun

Logan Elizabeth Clinton

Cum Laude

Myra Jasmine Covington

Melanie A. Dawkins

Allison Day*

Kathryn Corrie DuCharme

Jared Austin Dukes

Magna Cum Laude

Emilee Anne Duncan

Stuart Lee Elliott*

Magna Cum Laude

Felix Ewers

Paula Rejeanne Fain

Catalina Fernandez

Emily Marie Flynt

Magna Cum Laude

Bianca Melissa Garcia*

Andrew Braxton George

Summa Cum Laude

Leonard Reynaldo Gonzalez Sr.

Magna Cum Laude

Lucas Alexander Haramut*

Jane Wanjiku Harris

Stephanie Adair Harrison

Amber Stewart Harvey

Aaron Alexander Hegler*

Justin Cullen Heller

Kyle T. Hendrich

Adam Blake Hensley

Sebastian Hernandez

Kevin Michael Hickey

Summa Cum Laude

Shaquanda Symone Hicks

Willisha Elaine Lynette Holmes

Kennedy Destina Ann Holton

Ashlyn Marie Ingram

Juan Manuel Jaramillo

Kyle Nicholls Jarrío**

Taylor Nicole Jones

Leah Kelly Jostes

Christina Katharina Keller

Joshua Brock Kirby

Sydney Tamia Knox

Benjamin Jackson Kolb III*

Laurel Leigh Koubek

Megan Leigh Kressler

Andrew Sergius Kuharsky

Victor Borba Labi

Bradley R. Lancaster*

Demaria Delicia Leonard

LaVario Jerrod Lewis

David Blake Lindler*

Cynthia Lopez*

Kristen Nicole Lynch*

Amanda Lane Mahaffey*

Yeny Alejandra Maldonado Diaz

Devonte O'Bryan Marable

Brandon Michael McCune

Scarlett Michele Stormie McDonald

Cum Laude

Roman Mealing

Danielle Faith Medley

Samantha Leigh Melton

Cum Laude

Avonte' Lamont Mickle

Tommy Ryan Morgan

Summa Cum Laude

Brianna Noel Moseley

Cum Laude

Matthew J. Motte

Conesha Michelle Mudiwa*

Sydney Myers

Cum Laude

Todd Michael Nedrich

Anna Nemeth

Priscilla Linh Vu Nguyen

Destin Joshua Ren Nix

Devon Bernard Ortiz

Brandon Tyler Owens*

Magna Cum Laude

Jonathan Orlando Padilla

Nicholas Robert Papstein

Shubham Pareshkumar Patel

Anna Vladimirovna Pigulko

Zachary Ryan Plaxco*

Marcus Andrew Pratt*

Dennis Allen Presnell*

Cum Laude

Christopher Keller Prince

Kolby Kenneth Craig Pruitt*

Lucas Eugene Pruitt

Cum Laude

Josh Hall Rader

Bachelor of Science

Hazar Khalil Rafkah
Patrick Andrew Raiff
Briona Antasha Reed*
Santiago Restrepo*
Koby Donnell Richmond
Tarvaris Rashawn Robinson*
Cristofher Lazaro Sanchez
Jacob Thomas Schulte
Cum Laude
Rebecca Anne Shearer
Cum Laude
Ana Carolina Suemi Sigaki
Summa Cum Laude
Shayla Alesia Simmons
Tyler Jefontez Smith*

Lukas Sommer
Summa Cum Laude
Aundrela Nicole Spurgeon
Tyler Jason Still
Olivia Pandora Stokes*
Kendall Rashad Suber
Savannah Kristin Sutton
Cum Laude
Sharonda Desiree Andrea Sutton*
Cum Laude
Brandon Wayne Sweatt*
Rozlynd A. Taylor
Jordan Adam Thomas
Neil Osborne Thomas
Tarynn Olivia Tirpak
Cum Laude

Heather Elizabeth Tollison*
Vy My Tran*
Jessica Vega
Stephanie Vega
Gabrielle Elizabeth Vicas
Akira Diane Wells*
Arthur Sho Whiteside
Cum Laude
Patrick David Whitney*
Garrett Alexander Wilson*
Jessica Brittni Wilson
Cum Laude
Jassamyn Dant'e Wise
Heather Arlene Youmans
Miladeh Jamil Zattam*

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts

Kayla Nichole Allison
Cum Laude
Brandon Scott Atkins*
Cum Laude
Kaila C. Bailey
Summa Cum Laude
Morgan Sharee Ballew
Kristina Nicole Barbee
Matthew Scott Barnett
Clanice Leanna Barron*
Kelsey Elaine Bowen
Magna Cum Laude
Kayla McCoy Brown
Kristi Tatiana Brown
Taylor Nicole Brown
David Allen Burress
Magna Cum Laude
Franquia Clarice Byers
Cum Laude
Raven Janay Byers
Magna Cum Laude
Shawna Nichelle Bynum*
Sarah Elizabeth Catoe
Cum Laude
Matthew Duke Christmas
Cum Laude

Roree Anna Colaluca
Magna Cum Laude
Dashiel June Mallare Corpuz
Lauren Moore Coughlin
Magna Cum Laude
Emily Morgan Crosby-Krivan
Heather Nicole Davidson
Cum Laude
Haley Christian Davis
Lindsey Elizabeth Paul Dawkins
Magna Cum Laude
Jade Alexandria Fayall
Catherina Anne Fortner
Leighlan Glen Fowler
Jacilyn Frazier*
Jacob Edison Gilbert
Jamilah Justice Hamin*
Courtney Angel Haynes
Jeremy Matthew Hilton
Magna Cum Laude
Ashlee Nicole Holloman
Magna Cum Laude
Taylor Briann Howard
Magna Cum Laude
Briana Nicole Isom

Brooke Simone Johnson
Magna Cum Laude
Kesoniah Nechelle Jones
Madison Claire Kelley
Carson Elizabeth Kirby
Kristen Nicole Lee
Rachel McKenzie Lee
Cum Laude
Kelsie Coker Lewis
Katelyn Dianne Lindsey*
Summa Cum Laude
Monique Ragine Little*
Natoyia C. Long
Taylor Brooke McDowell
Chad Arthur McKinney
Lilia Yaquelin Medina Aguilar
Cum Laude
Heather Dawn Merritt
Cum Laude
Shirley Navy
Magna Cum Laude
Sarah Elisa Neary
Summa Cum Laude
Angela Courtney Nelson
Lydia Rae Nusz

Bachelor of Arts

Christine Nicole Phillips
Brittany Alicia Rhode
Brittany Marie Richard
Cum Laude
Akeila Janee' Robertson
Jameshia Allison Colette Robinson
Marlena Angelica Simpson
Britney Kristine Smith

Jordan Ninette Sparano
Cum Laude
Samantha Rose Stacy
Magna Cum Laude
Kensey Nicole Stephens
Cum Laude
Caillie Toni Styles
Summa Cum Laude
Emily Elizabeth Thomason
Morgan N. Towery

Satchel Tania VanVield
Magna Cum Laude
Micah D'Andre Vaughn
Cum Laude
Aaron William Warren
Sharia Tanae Warren
Cum Laude
Anna Harris Weisner
Tiesha Sharee Wood

Bachelor of Science

Fiona Marie Aldrich*
Rachelle Alexandra Baumann
Magna Cum Laude
Charles James Bell
Anthony Joseph Capparelli
Kendsey Bliss Chappellear
A'Lexxus Faith Davis
Magna Cum Laude
Daijah Monae Davis
Shayla Nakeisha Dorrah*
Cinthia Escalante-Justo
Andrew Mark Fisher
Rachel Victoria Furman
Cum Laude
Jaime Junior Gaspar*
Zachary Walker Haley

Courtney Nicole Hannon*
Tiffany Erin Helms
Kaylee Nicole Howard
Jennifer Reed Hunter
Magna Cum Laude
SherRita Jenay Johnson*
Thomas Alexander Madden
Jennifer Shakira McCutcheon
Meredith Anne McGee
Cum Laude
Anna Kate McMakin*
Calon Anthony Devyonne Minors
David James Moore*
Corey Alexander Parham
Alex Elizabeth Peeler
Ruby Reyes*

Elizabeth Ann Reynolds*
Chelsea DeVonne Rogers
Kellen Pearl Rollins
Magna Cum Laude
Derek Lorin Schumacher
Adia Tamira Simpkins
Leonna Denise Spells
Cory James Tate
Christina Aileen Voitel*
Kelsey Caroline Warren
Joseph Ayan White
Antwan Tremayne Williams
Brittany Chante Williams*
Emily Catherine Williams
Ashley Nicole Wright

Bachelor of Science in Special Education

Mackenzie Addison Carey
Cum Laude
Joanna Ruth Leona Forsythe
Taylor Allen Foster

Nicole Lauren Krejci
Magna Cum Laude
Dawnee Allyssa McCoy
Cum Laude

Genesis Dawn Ostrower
Jessica Vaughn Wood

Master of Education

Kristen Dover Cochran
Sydney Jo Dunn
William Hamilton Neely

Master of Arts in Teaching

Kayla Marie Campbell*
Alicia M. Pugh

MARY BLACK SCHOOL OF NURSING

Bachelor of Science

Logan Daniel Aho*	Kinsley Adair Gallman	Teresa L. Massey
Briana Monae' Barnes	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Kati Mathis
Jessica Leanne Barron	Storm Alexis Gandy	Connor Garrett McCarter
Danielle Simone Bazile	Sandi Rachele Gee	Cameron Brooke McCarthy
Melinda Page Beason	Joseph Franklin Gibson	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Jhamirra Quashae' Bell*	Cherie Henderson Gilstrap	Mariana Mynda Mcdonald
Samuel Ryan Bellmore	Morgan Taylor Ginn	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Amber Christine Girouard	Hannah Lauren McGrath
Margarita Pavlovna Belous	Jeremiah Richard Gonzalez	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Amanda Grace Beverly	Morgan Leigh Grafft	Suzanna Medvedev
Mylishia Nauje' Blakely	Courtney Elizabeth Green	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Hannah Malynn Boyle	Mary Alexandria Greenaway	Megan Anne Meneses
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Scot B. Bozio*	Kathleen Greer**	Melinda Brooke Menser
Reed Aaron Branham	Kendra Ja'nee Griffin	Michael A. Miles
Andrea Michelle Branyon	Jordan Ashley Grigg	Michaela Elizabeth Mills
Amanda Marie Brown*	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Caitlin Elizabeth Brown	Francis Amankwaa Gyau	Brian Devoulya Montgomery
RaVaughn Shaquille Buchanan	Rebekah Dorsey Hardin	Courtney Jane Morgan
Julia Marie Burdette	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Natale Wojciechowski Burton*	Stephen Paul Healy*	Katherine Marie Morgenstern
Alexis Mariah Butler	Britany Harley Nicole Henderson*	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Christine Victoria Hilton	Brandy Marshay Morton
Roz J. Callahan	Kayla Nicole Holt	Amanda Maree Faith Newton
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Stephanie Horan	Darby Alane Noblett
Victoria Kay Chapman	Shannon Lucille Horton	Bethany Ariel Norris
Joanna Mazurkiewicz Chavez	Destiny Brooke Hostetler	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Brittany L. Collins	Briana Lashon House	Michaela Brooke Oswald
Rachel Rose Corvino	Jordan Ann Inabinett	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Margarita Anatolyevna Cross	Rebecca Kelly Isaak	Olivia Analea Owens
Penelope Ann Dewberry	Vanessa Jaramillo	Dev Kamleshkumar Patel
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Kelli Marie Johnson	Taylor Jo Phillips
Brianna Elise Dill	LaDaisa Renea Johnson	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Karlie S. Porter
Victoria Grace Durham	Madison Blaire Kent	Kelly Vanessa Pruitt
Bo Graham Erickson	Melissa A. LaNave	Sherri Lynn Rabon
Samantha Lee Fisher	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Kathleen Marie Ratliff
Amanda Maria Floyd	Shannon Marie Lewis	Allison Sherrill Reich
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Makenzie Ryan Lobdell	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Hunter Michelle Frank	Latonya Michelle Logan	Elisa Grace Rickett
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Angela Dawn Long	Karly Nicole Rodgers
Hannah Elizabeth Friddle	Tionna Marie Love	Robert Lee Rowell

Bachelor of Science

Laura Nicole Saboley
Cum Laude
Emma Catherine Safranek
Magna Cum Laude
Madeline A. Schaum
Cum Laude
Tabitha A. Schofield
Samantha Deen Scott
Dawn Kathleen Sechevich
Nancy Sesco*
Ja'Yel Cheryl Shannon
Nicholas Alan Shealy
Christopher Luke Sherrill*
Taylor Nichole Shingler
Abby Taylor Smith

Hope Ann Smith
Susan Page Smith*
Taylor Danielle Smith
Cum Laude
Courtney Adele Sobocinski
Irina Surzhukov
Taylor Michelle Sutton
Francina Chapman Taylor
Laryssa Ann Tazayoni
Sheri Pack Tessnear
Leslie Megan Thomason
Kristin NeSmith Thurber
Rinna Tkachuk
Magna Cum Laude
Xiomara Torres

Sabrina Marie Ugolik
Vivian Elizabeth Waldrop
Kristen Danielle Webb
Jazmyn Re'Chanel Whitfield
Alysa Mertriece Whitney
Kayla Michelle Willis
Matthew A. Wise
Sabrina Eileen Wolfe
Pa Chia Yang
Alexis Lee'Corra Young
Cum Laude
Alexa Christine Zazzara
Zhanna Igorevna Zheliazniuk
Magna Cum Laude

Master of Science in Nursing

Anastasia Alexandrovna Kolesnitchenko
Ashley Flippo Streett

HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE

The University of South Carolina Upstate is an empowering institution for motivated, success-minded students who want to be challenged academically, supported personally, and pushed to the boundaries of their potential in an opportunity-rich environment.

From its founding in 1967, the University has bound its fortunes to one of the fastest growing regions in the nation, the I-85 corridor connecting Atlanta and Charlotte. Home to more than one million people with the highest per capita international investment of any county in the nation, the Upstate region provides boundless academic, professional and cultural outlets for students to develop skills and establish meaningful connections.

Now in its 50th year, the University comprises a diverse and dynamic community of approximately 6,000 students from 26 states and 17 countries. USC Upstate is a wonderful blend of traditional and nontraditional students; its academic programs are accredited and highly ranked, and offer amazing research and internship opportunities for students.

USC Upstate is committed to fulfilling regional and state workforce needs, making the university a major engine of social and economic development. The University offers more than 40 bachelor's degree programs in the liberal arts and sciences, business administration, nursing, and teacher education, and master's degrees in education, and nursing. These are degrees that help students to transition successfully to careers.

USC Upstate is helping the region to prosper by continually adding new academic programs that prepare graduates to take

leadership roles in companies and in their communities. The faculty and staff are dedicated to maintaining high academic standards and to student success. Their commitment to transforming the lives of students who are usually the first ones in their families to seek higher education shines through in every interaction at USC Upstate.

Regional, comprehensive universities are marked by their commitment and contributions to the region and their service and engagement with the community. There is an impressive spirit of service at USC Upstate that allows students, under faculty direction, to apply what they have learned in the classrooms and laboratories toward some of the challenges facing our communities. In one year alone, our students volunteered more than 18,000 hours to serving others in a number of ways.

Substance and beauty perfectly describe the USC Upstate campus in Spartanburg, SC, where the most modern and cutting-edge learning facilities, technology, and resources are offered within a pristine, 330-acre campus. The spirit of competition permeates the University with the USC Upstate Spartans competing on the NCAA Division I level as a member of the Atlantic Sun Conference. The Spartans field 17 varsity sports for men and women.

Approximately 30,000 students have earned their degrees from USC Upstate and are now representing the University as alumni. Nearly 80 percent of the alumni choose to remain in the Upstate to build their lives and careers, making a significant impact on the region's economy and quality of life.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOMES YOU!

The University of South Carolina (USC) Upstate Alumni Association officially welcomes you, our newest graduates, as members of this lifelong family. Your Alumni Association aims to engage all alumni, championing our community of Spartan supporters along life's journey. We are dedicated to keeping your connection to USC Upstate alive!

Your graduation is a rite of passage that affords you the opportunity to become part of a very special community. As part of that core group, you are helping to build upon a distinguished past while strengthening opportunities for current and aspiring students. You are in the company of 30,000 fellow alumni worldwide who are making a difference and representing *your* University in the public sphere. Every decision you make from this day forward will impact how others think, believe and feel about your Alma Mater, so continue making us proud.

We hope you will find that *your* University has served you well in your career preparation. You and your fellow graduates are a collective product of USC Upstate, which opens you up to a world filled with unlimited possibilities and expanded networks. As you continue on your journey, we invite you to engage with us and depend on us for all of your professional advancement and lifelong learning opportunity needs. Your complimentary membership in the USC Upstate Alumni Association offers you access to an array of networking opportunities, affinity program discounts and rewards, special events and more.

Stay connected with us by sharing your updated contact information and following us on social media to learn about upcoming exciting events and activities at your University. And remember, you are always welcome to come home to USC Upstate where we will always and forevermore remain Spartan Strong!

CAROLINA — A HISTORICAL NOTE

“Faithful Index To The Ambitions & Fortunes Of The State”

The Palmetto State established South Carolina College on Dec. 19, 1801, as part of an effort to unite South Carolinians in the wake of the American Revolution, promoting “the good order and harmony” of the state. The founding of South Carolina’s state college was also part of the Southern public college movement spurred by Thomas Jefferson. Within 20 years of one another, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia established state-supported colleges.

In the antebellum era, the Palmetto State generously supported South Carolina College. Its faculty included noted European scholars such as Francis Lieber and Thomas Cooper, as well as renowned American scholars John and Joseph LeConte. Offering a classical curriculum, South Carolina College became one of the South’s most influential colleges, earning a reputation as the training ground for South Carolina’s antebellum elite. South Carolina’s secession from the Union unleashed the devastation of the American Civil War, and the state and South Carolina College paid dearly. The institution closed for want of students, and in the ensuing decades it struggled to regain its former status.

As Reconstruction from the Civil War proceeded, the state’s General Assembly chose the first African-Americans to serve on the University’s Board of Trustees in 1868, and in 1873 the first black students enrolled. While politically controversial, this development was an extraordinary opportunity at a time when opportunities for higher education were rare. The University of South Carolina became the only Southern state university to admit and grant degrees to African-American students during the Reconstruction era.

Following the end of Reconstruction in 1877, South Carolina’s conservative leaders closed the University. They reopened it in 1880 as an all-white agricultural college, and during the next 25 years the institution became enmeshed in the state’s political upheaval. Carolina went through several reorganizations in which the curriculum changed and its status shifted from college to university and back again.

In 1906, the institution was rechartered for the final time as the University of South Carolina. In 1917, it became South Carolina’s first state-supported college or university to earn regional accreditation, and the 1920s brought the introduction of new colleges and degree programs, including the doctorate.

The Great Depression temporarily stalled progress, but the outbreak of World War II launched an era that transformed

the University. Carolina hosted naval training programs during the war, and enrollment more than doubled in the post-war era as veterans took advantage of the G.I. Bill. In the 1950s, the University began recruiting national-caliber faculty members and extended its presence with the establishment of campuses across South Carolina.

In 1963, the University of South Carolina became the university of all the people of the state. As the result of a federal court order, Henrie D. Monteith, Robert Anderson, and James Solomon became the first African-American students to enroll at the University in the 20th century. Minority enrollment would continue to grow in their wake and was complemented by a substantial international student population in subsequent decades.

At the same time, Carolina was undergoing explosive growth as the baby-boom generation entered college. Enrollment stood at 5,660 in 1960, but nearly quadrupled 20 years later. That increase in the student body was accompanied by the introduction of many new programs, including three that would prove to be momentous. University 101 became a national model for cultivating freshmen-year success; the accompanying National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition is based at the University. The international master’s in business administration program, also launched in the 1970s, has consistently ranked among the country’s top three such programs. The honors program blossomed into the South Carolina Honors College and is now hailed among the nation’s finest.

As the result of concerted efforts to expand its research capabilities, the University in 2006 was designated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a research institution of “very high research activity,” the foundation’s highest classification. The University is one of only 32 public universities to receive both the Carnegie Foundation’s top-tier research designation and community engagement designation.

USC’s Bicentennial Campaign helped usher in the 21st century as the University celebrated a 200-year legacy of educating leaders for South Carolina, the nation, and the world. In the past few years, the University has launched Palmetto College, an online degree completion program and the four Palmetto College campuses and other initiatives to facilitate flexible and faster progress toward degree completion. These comprehensive programs have helped the University continue to be a first-choice destination for students seeking the lifelong value of a quality higher education experience.

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As a Spartan...

I will practice personal and academic integrity;

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I will respect the dignity of all persons;

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I will respect the rights and property of others;

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I will discourage bigotry, while striving to learn

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*I will demonstrate concern for others,
their feelings, and their need for conditions
which support their work and development.*