



University of South Carolina  
Upstate

*Commencement Exercises*

May 2, 2017

# 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**

Sparkle City Brass

## **PRESENTATION OF COLORS**

Cadets of the Army ROTC Southern Guards Battalion

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Miss Hannah Rebecca Forrester '16  
*USC Upstate Alumnae*

## **INVOCATION**

Reverend Christi O. Brown  
*First Presbyterian Church*

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chancellor

## **WELCOME**

Dr. Harris Pastides  
*President, University of South Carolina*

## **GREETINGS**

Mr. Max T. Hyde Jr.  
*Spartanburg County Commission for Higher Education*

## **UNIVERSITY DISTINCTIONS**

The Chancellor  
Dr. Clifton P. Flynn  
*Interim Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*

## **USC Upstate Excellence in Teaching and Advising Awards:**

Dr. Lynn McMillan, *Psychology*  
Dr. Dawn Henderson, *Mary Black School of Nursing*

## **Annual Award for Scholarly and/or Creative Pursuits:**

Dr. Melissa Pilgrim, *Associate Professor of Biology and Director of Research*

**Annual Award for Faculty Excellence in Service**  
Dr. June C.D. Carter, *Professor of Spanish and Director of the  
Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning*

**CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE**

The President  
The Chancellor  
Mr. J. Cantey Heath, Jr.  
*Secretary of the Board of Trustees*

**HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT**

Thomas R. Young III  
*Chief Executive Officer, Young Office Environments*

**INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER**

The Chancellor

**COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Mr. William R. Cobb '74  
*Former Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, J M Smith Corporation*

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES**

Interim Senior Vice Chancellor

**CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE**

The President

**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**

The Chancellor and The Deans

**CLOSING REMARKS**

The Chancellor

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Brown

**ALMA MATER**

Miss Forrester '16

**RECESSIONAL**

*Gaudeamus Igitur Traditional*  
Sparkle City Brass

# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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University of South Carolina Alumni Association. There is also one at-large gubernatorial appointee. The president of the Student Government Association and the chair of the Faculty Senate serve as nonvoting members of the board.

The current composition of the Carolina board is as follows:

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*Volunteer student marshals are members of the academic honor society Gamma Beta Phi.*

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Shelby Gaspar

Jasmine McCants

Kennedy Nichols

Jasmine Vaca

Alexis Glenn

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Brandon Owens

Breanna Howze

Calon Minors

James Parham

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Ezelis Sanderson

Heather Young

## PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Cadets of the Army ROTC Southern Guards Battalion

# CITATION FOR THE HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

## Thomas Rudolph Young III

A native of Spartanburg, Thomas Rudolph Young III is a successful businessman and family man who is passionate about his community and its citizenry and who has worked diligently to make Spartanburg a better place to live and work.

Following his graduation from Spartanburg Day School in 1970 and The Citadel in 1974, Mr. Young joined Young Office Supply, the family business founded by his grandfather, Thomas R. Young Sr., and his father, Thomas R. Young Jr., in 1953. He worked in all areas of the company before becoming vice president in 1983 and president in 1988. Currently, he is the chief executive officer of Young Office Environments, which employs 65 people and has annual sales in excess of \$25 million.

Mr. Young's past business involvement includes Independent Stationers, an office products dealer network of 450 independent dealers nationwide, where he served as a board member for several years and as chairman from 1988 to 1989. He served on the Steelcase Dealer Advisory Council from 1993 to 1997, and was the Lt. Governor of the National Office Products Association for South Carolina from 1989 to 1990. Mr. Young also was president of the Carolinas Office Products Association from 1988 to 1989.

His tireless efforts are unparalleled in the service he has provided to the arts, education, health care and service organizations. He is a proven leader, as evidenced by the many organizations that have prospered under his leadership. In 2010, Mr. Young received the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce's highest honor, the Neville Holcombe Distinguished Citizenship Award.

Mr. Young has served as chairman of the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Spartanburg Regional Foundation, USC Upstate Foundation, the Arts Partnership, Spartanburg

County Foundation and Mountainview Nursing Home. He has been president of the Rotary Club of Spartanburg, the Piedmont Club and the Spartanburg Citadel Club and has been a board member of the Presbyterian Communities of S.C., YMCA of Spartanburg, Spartanburg Boys Home, American Cancer Society, Boy Scouts of America, Arts Council of Spartanburg and the Spartanburg Country Club.

He currently is a board member of the Spartanburg Restorative Care Hospital. He is also chairman of the Spartanburg County Commission for Higher Education, which serves as lead advocate for the interest and advancement of the University of South Carolina Upstate with regional legislative delegations.

As a member of First Presbyterian Church, Mr. Young has served as a deacon, an elder, chairman of the finance and personnel committees, Sunday School teacher and a basketball coach.

Mr. Young is married to Elizabeth Chapman Young, and they have three children: Thomas Rudolph Young IV, the current president of Young Office; Bryan Chapman Young, a homebuilder in Charleston, S.C.; and Elizabeth Ann Young Miers, a homemaker who resides in Oxford, Mississippi. Tommy and Elizabeth also have five grandchildren.

*For his interest in and service and passion for the University of South Carolina Upstate and as a supporter and advocate for higher education throughout South Carolina; for his contribution to the local work force and economic development; and for his dedication in providing leadership to numerous arts, education, health care and service organizations, thus improving the quality of life in Spartanburg; the University of South Carolina, with the approval of its Board of Trustees, now presents Thomas Rudolph Young III for the honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service.*

## **William R. Cobb '74**

*Former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, J M Smith Corporation*

William R. “Bill” Cobb worked 41 years for the J M Smith Corporation, South Carolina’s third-largest privately held company, where he witnessed the beginning of the technology boom and helped mold Spartanburg into a modern city. He was the firm’s chief executive officer and chairman of the board from 1998 until February 2017.

The Smith Drug Company was established in 1943 to distribute drugs wholesale to pharmacies in the South. The firm has grown to supply services and technology to pharmacies, institutions, local government agencies and businesses across America and is the premier developer of technology and services for pharmacies.

Today, the company includes six business units — QS/1, Smith Drug Company, Integral Solutions Group, RxMedic Systems, Integra LTC Solutions and Burlington Drug Company. A private health care and technology corporation, J M Smith has evolved from a family-run business to a corporation with annual revenues of \$2 billion and 1,000 employees.

Under Mr. Cobb’s leadership, QS/1’s revenue grew 400 percent, and its workforce increased from 80 people to more than 500, most of whom are in Spartanburg. It was Mr. Cobb who took a risk in 2003 by building the new headquarters for QS/1 in downtown Spartanburg, which led to a revitalization effort that has transformed the central business district. He is heralded for being an innovator and leader for the J M Smith Corporation and its customers.

A Spartanburg native, Mr. Cobb was a member of the first graduating class at Paul M. Dorman High School, where he played trumpet in the school’s band. He briefly attended the University of South Carolina before joining the U.S. Army in 1967, after which he secured a place in the West Point Band, the Army’s oldest active duty band, and was accepted into an introductory computer class at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Mr. Cobb married his wife, Linda, in 1968. He continued learning about computers and accepted a job as a third-shift computer operator at IBM before eventually being hired full time. By 1971, he had earned an associate degree from Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, New York, and the couple moved to Spartanburg where Cobb was a computer operator at Spartanburg-based Milliken & Co., earning \$106 per week.

In 1972, he took a programmer position at Smith Data Processing. In 1974, he earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of South Carolina Upstate and left J M Smith in 1975 for one year. In 1977, Cobb helped launch the company’s new QS/1 pharmacy system to bring automation to American pharmacies.

In 2010, Mr. Cobb earned his M.B.A. degree from the University of South Carolina. His unwavering personal and professional commitment to the advancement of USC Upstate has been noteworthy in his service to the Spartanburg County Commission for Higher Education and the USC Upstate Foundation. His generosity has enabled USC Upstate to build new facilities with the latest technology and make a substantial impact on the Susan Jacobs Arboretum and other campus beautification endeavors.

Mr. Cobb received the USC Upstate Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2002, was selected as Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year for the Carolinas region in 2008 and was awarded the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce’s highest honor, the Neville Holcombe Distinguished Citizenship Award in 2009. He has also been named Sertoman of the Year. He serves on the Board of Trustees of Wofford College, ETV Endowment, Arts Partnership of Spartanburg and Patriots Point.

He enjoys woodworking, travel and hiking and is an avid amateur musician, performing regularly with the Spartanburg Community Band and the Spartanburg Jazz Ensemble.



# HONORS AND AWARDS 2017

The University salutes its graduating class of 2017 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

Emily Touzel  
*English*

Shelby L. Ritacco  
*Nursing*

## FACULTY HONORS

Dr. Warren J. Carson  
*Distinguished Professor Emeritus*

Dr. Judith B. Kizer  
*Distinguished Professor Emerita*

Dr. E. Evan Krauter  
*Distinguished Professor Emeritus*

Dr. Dwight Lambert  
*Distinguished Professor Emeritus*

Dr. Brigitte U. Neary  
*Distinguished Professor Emerita*

## GRADUATING FROM THE USC UPSTATE SCHOLARS ACADEMY

Lauren R. Brewster  
Garrett T. Broadhead  
Arlind Bytyqi  
Matthew A. Campbell  
Jose A. Carrillo  
Jordan B. Connely  
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Jenni R. Elder  
Peyton G. Elmore  
Camille M. Fendley  
Taylor B. Fowlks  
Grace A. Furman  
Anne K. Hodge  
Chantille R. Hull  
Chidi M. Igollo-Ogele  
Tre' R. Jeter  
Abigail A. Jolley  
Janetta Kitchko  
Kiasia J. Lawson  
Roman Livchin  
Tori A. Neet  
Nisarg S. Patel  
Oziel Placencia-Bermudez  
Jillian C. Rath  
Hannah R. Sarver  
Isabelle K. Scanlon  
Makayla A. Stark  
Martin D. Trinh  
Anna L. Wang  
Liyang Yuan

## DEGREES IN COURSE

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*

|                                  |                            |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Alexis Sherron Aaron             | Scarlett Elizabeth Byars   | Shannon Forehand                 |
| Ashley Allen•                    | Jennifer Leigh Caldwell    | Yannis Alexander Froehner        |
| Joseph Nazim Ali-Cassim*         | <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>     | Jimmy Nathaniel Fuller*          |
| Laura M. Allison*                | Katia Camacho              | Taylor J. Gardiner               |
| Vince John-Edward Allsbrook      | Justin Carter              | Cailey Gardner                   |
| Korry Michael Alvey*             | Marlee Dawn Cash           | Stephen Eric Gary Jr.            |
| Maximilian Michael Markus Amende | Emily Caroline Caudill     | Paul Randall Gay*                |
| Kiara Nakee Anderson*            | Harold Coleman Jr.         | Brittany Shaika George           |
| Edinson F. Ariza                 | Brennest A. Conner         | Robert Garrett Gibson*           |
| Christopher Scott Atkinson       | Brandon Zachary Cooper     | Jacob Lewis Gilbert*             |
| Diana Denise Bacote              | <i>Cum Laude</i>           | Lorraine Leigh Goslar*           |
| Christy Alexius Bailey*          | Jacob Andrew Cooper        | Anika Teamilia Graham            |
| Russell Paul Bannan              | <i>Cum Laude</i>           | Dontreal Rodreckus Graham*       |
| Jonah Michael Barlow*            | Anastasia Necole Cornish   | Hannah Elizabeth Green           |
| Rachel Christine Baylor          | Ian Walker Courson*        | Asha Tyes Green-Lessington       |
| <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>           | Savannah Rose Daniel       | Charles Shaun Greeson            |
| Katelyn Josephine Bender         | Keyona Mone Davis          | Jack Gutkin                      |
| Kiana Nicole Benjamin*           | Jessica Nicole Debiase     | Carol Ann Salzarulo Hager*       |
| Adam Benjamin Bennett            | Michael Anthony Decato     | Ralston Haile                    |
| <i>Cum Laude</i>                 | Latoya Tamika Deleston     | Raymond Arthur Hall Jr.          |
| Jasmine Tierra Berks             | Stephen Bradley Dillesshaw | Anthony Juwan Hardy*             |
| Brittany Wanda Biera             | Nicole Sarah Duplay        | Chakeia Gerquel Harris*          |
| Katelyn Elizabeth-Renee Bolding* | <i>Cum Laude</i>           | Allison Anne Harvey              |
| Briana Alexandria Boston         | Lena B. Durham*            | Kendall Elizabeth Henderson      |
| Frances Natasha Bowles           | Paul D. Dutkiewicz*        | <i>Cum Laude</i>                 |
| David Bowling                    | Richard Toby Earl*         | Carol A. Hester                  |
| Trevarius R. Bowman*             | <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>     | Erica Ann Hickerson              |
| Kimberly Michelle Brannon*       | Lauren Nicole Edge         | Kendrae Raheem Christopher Hiers |
| Akeem Brayboy                    | Esther-Irene Egan          | Jordan Deon Holmes               |
| Chandler Bryson Bridges*         | Tess L. Ellis              | William Thomas Holmes III*       |
| Rhonda Bridges                   | <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>     | Janel Nichole Howze              |
| Kathy Lenise Buckson             | Elizabeth Hazel Eoute*     | Amanda Rose Hubbard              |
| Briana Noelle Butler*            | Amanda Jane Estell         | Joshua David Hudson              |
| Michael Timothy Butler Jr.       | Kardell Ferguson Jr.       | Raheem Malik Hughes              |
| Kelly Elizabeth Byard            | Cicely Loren Flint         | Karey Daniel Huit                |

## *Bachelor of Arts*

Khori Hunter  
Taylor Nicole James  
Erin Elizabeth Jennings\*  
Quinton Joshua Johnson  
Keondre Jones  
Michael Jones  
Quantes Monae Jones  
Shannon Elaine Jones\*  
Kayleigh M. Kehm  
Matthew Kersey\*  
Jenna M. Knight  
Theodore Gerald Kountourogianis  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Brandi Kellner Lane\*  
Hannah Lassiter  
Valerie Anne Lemon  
Tyler John Lesch  
Phoneanong Anna Wathano Lim\*  
Alex Matthew Love  
Dexter Wardell Lovett  
Jonathan Macomson\*  
Ashlee Jolly Mahoney  
Jamaica Aminah Maloney  
Misty Marchbanks  
Daniel Matthew Martinez  
Madison Shea McMahon  
Jonathan Brandon Mimnaugh  
*Cum Laude*  
Elizabeth Ann Mitchell\*  
Jessica Marie Monte  
Rachel Lynn Moore\*  
Joanna Llew Shelton Morgan  
Victoriya Moroz\*  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Jeremy Robert Morse  
Princess E'Vonna Moss\*  
Joshua L. Murphy  
Shaela Elizabeth Murphy  
Krista E. Murray  
Mary Hannah Neil

Anh Hoang Tuan Nguyen  
*Cum Laude*  
Khalid Emir Olenja\*  
John Ansley Parker  
Morgan Elizabeth Parker\*  
Justin Gregory Parris  
*Cum Laude*  
Shania Nichole Partridge-Miller  
*Cum Laude*  
Ronak Harshad Patel\*  
Heather L. Peterson  
Taylor Ann Petty  
*Cum Laude*  
Glorymar M. Pi Bonilla  
Calin Nicolae Popoviciu\*  
Andrew C. Purcell  
Adam J. Pyzik  
Brooke Allyson Ramsey\*  
Jazmyne Leshia Reddick  
Sandra Gail Richards  
*Cum Laude*  
James Michael Richardson\*  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Morgan Elizabeth Rodgers  
Samuel George Rogers  
Jonathan Alan Ruff  
Roque Sebastian Salcedo Subia  
Christopher Curtis Sawyer  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Anri Sophia Shimozone  
*Cum Laude*  
Alexis Clare Shubert  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Mario Silva  
*Cum Laude*  
Amber Noelle Simmerson  
Bianca Lauren Simmons  
*Cum Laude*  
Brittney Rene Sizemore\*  
Johnathan Malcolm Smith\*

McKenzee Leighton Sneed  
Savannah Cassidy Sondov  
*Cum Laude*  
Josef Andrew Spencer  
Michael Frederick Spisak  
Kyle Allen Stasikelis  
Karlisha Rozshell Stokes  
Victoria Grace Strand  
Juneatter Hortense Strickland  
*Cum Laude*  
Adrianna Jamilya Sullivan  
Raith James Sullivan  
Antonio Alexander Swagler  
Kalli Brooks Swofford  
Corrine Leigh Taylor\*  
Justin Anthony Taylor  
Tierra Taylor\*  
Elizabeth Anthony Thomas  
Austin Rashard Thompson\*  
Benjamin Thomas Thurmond  
Emily Touzel  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Sierra Abrienne Truesdale  
Joshua Isaac Truman  
*Cum Laude*  
Christina A. Tuft\*  
Jacob Dean Turner\*  
*Cum Laude*  
Kinsleigh Dawn Wade  
Carol Leigh Wammock  
Dorothea Wearbon  
Laura Elizabeth Weaver\*  
Julian Webber-Thompson  
Corbin Tyler Williams  
Anna Beth Wilson\*  
Harley Kendra Wilson  
Augustin Lee Wofford\*

## *Bachelor of Science*

John Thomas Abrams Jr.  
Mariah C. Akers  
Betty Lynn Aldridge  
Terrell Breshard Allen\*  
Thomas Blakely Allen\*  
Amber Briana Lashay Anderson\*  
Hana Maria Aoun  
Steven Anthony Aponte\*  
Quincy Xavier Barrett\*\*  
Andreas Richard Bauml  
Alexandra Sydney Bazemore\*  
Sharlyn Benitez  
Eric William Birklund\*  
Savannah Ward Bivens\*  
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Black  
Kaitlyn Hope Blackwell  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Chelsey Nicole Bouchard  
Tenika Re'Gine Boyce  
Michelle Brazina\*  
Amanda Christine Brown\*  
Stephen G. Brushaber  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Elizabeth A. Bryant  
Michael Kyree Buchanan  
Ricky James Borgan\*  
Angela Maria Bustamante  
Amanda Victoria Callaway  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Kianna Vanessa Capers  
Daniela Nicole Caspio  
*Cum Laude*  
Alexis Gibbs Cathcart\*  
Jesse Paul Champion  
*Cum Laude*  
Taylor Hunter Childs  
*Cum Laude*  
Tessa Morgan Childs\*  
Patrick Alexander Christopher  
Matthew Graham Clark\*  
*Cum Laude*  
William Austin Clayton  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Andrew S. Coggins  
Spichelle Annita Collier  
Ronald James Collins Jr.\*

Sean Patrick Connelly  
Allison Marie Cook\*  
Kevin Lawrence Cook  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Jordan Renae Corn  
Ashley Costa  
Courtney Lee Crosby  
Elena Le'Nisa Cunningham  
Dana Patrick Curtis Jr.  
Joshua Macedward Cuthbertson  
Candice Morgan Daniel\*  
Jasmine May Desdune  
*Cum Laude*  
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| Maranda Elizabeth Bolt           | Adam Zane Gray*             | Tyler Dante McCraw*              |
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## HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE

The University of South Carolina Upstate is a positive, diverse, and 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. Much of what sets USC Upstate apart is its position in one of the most dynamic, opportunity-rich locations in the South. Home to more than one million people and boasting 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.

Comprised of 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 who reflect the Upstate's rich international character. USC Upstate offers a balance of strengths that, when added up, results in a learning experience that's hard to match. The academic programs are accredited and highly ranked, with amazing research and internship opportunities for students.

USC Upstate is committed to fulfilling regional and state workforce needs and thus the university is 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, informatics, and nursing. These are degrees that help students to transition easily to careers in the Upstate region.

By continually adding new academic programs that prepare graduates to take leadership roles in companies and in their communities, USC Upstate is helping the region to prosper. 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 the direction of a faculty member, to apply what they have learned in the classrooms and laboratories on some of the challenges facing our communities. In one year alone the students volunteered more than 18,000 hours to serving others in a number of ways.

Substance and beauty is a powerful combination and it perfectly describes 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 that features rolling hills, creeks, groves of trees, and beautiful green space. The spirit of competition permeates the campus 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: basketball, soccer, tennis, golf, cross country, and track and field for both women and men; baseball for men; and softball and volleyball for women.

Nearly 30,000 students have earned their degrees from USC Upstate and are now representing the University as alumni. Nearly 85 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.

Now in its 50<sup>th</sup> year, the University continues to be recognized nationally among its peer institutions for its excellence in education and commitment to its students, for its involvement in the Upstate, for its operational and managerial effectiveness, for its civility and common purpose and for the clarity and integrity of its mission. *U.S. News & World Report* recently recognized USC Upstate as #2 Top Public Regional Colleges in the South and #3 lowest student debt upon graduation in Southern Region: only school ranked in S.C.

USC Upstate has enjoyed working with the Spartanburg community for the past 50 years and is looking forward to enriching the Spartanburg community in partnerships for the next 50 years and beyond. Together, we will create a future that is enriching, engaged and healthy. The University's reputation as a leader in education for the entire Upstate region is one that gets stronger each day.

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The University of South Carolina Upstate Alumni Association is composed of nearly 30,000 members. The association is a service organization with the goal of creating a lifetime commitment among all alumni and facilitates their participation in the life, growth, and development of USC Upstate.

The alumni of the University represent a very special community which helps build on a distinguished past and strengthen opportunities for current and aspiring students. The association is supported by key alumni volunteers who, together with University staff, offer the means through which USC Upstate is advanced and positive relations with the alumni and community are maintained.

USC Upstate has served you well in your career preparation. You are a collective product of this university in which there is unlimited potential and enormous pride. As you pursue life and career opportunities, the association is an organization on which you may depend for professional advancement and lifelong learning opportunities.

There is no fee involved for membership, which is conferred by the association upon graduation. The association exists to provide a lifelong two-way connection between graduates and their University. Please call on the association for any needs you might have, and be willing to use your talents as together we advance the future vision of USC Upstate.

# SPARTAN CREED

## 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.*