

THE BULLDOG CONNECTION

Atlanta Chapter of South Carolina State University National Alumni Association

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Bulldogs,

It is my distinct pleasure to continue to serve as the President of the South Carolina State University National Alumni Association (SCSUNAA) Atlanta Chapter. I am incredibly honored to work alongside such a dedicated group of alumni who are committed to making a positive impact on our University.



I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our executive board and to each of you for your unwavering dedication to both the University and our chapter. Your passion and commitment continue to drive our success as we strive to raise the bar. Together, we are achieving great things as we:

- Continue to grow chapter membership, welcoming new members;
- Help to recruit students from the Atlanta area to attend South Carolina State University, ensuring that the next generation of Bulldogs is strong and thriving;
- Support student retention by adopting a pup — offering mentorship, encouragement, and care packages to help them navigate their college journey; and
- Remain dedicated to supporting our beloved Alma Mater through scholarship fundraising, volunteer efforts, and advocacy.

We are raising the bar, and each of you holds the pen to help write the next chapter in our journey. By staying engaged and committed, we will remain at the forefront of SCSUNAA alumni chapters.

For the love of South Carolina State University, let's continue to be loyal sons and daughters. Our support matters — and together, we can ensure that SC State continues to thrive for generations to come.

- **Let us stay informed.** Attend monthly chapter meetings, participate in alumni events, and remain connected with fellow Bulldogs.
- **Our thoughts should be optimistic for our future** — with growth in chapter membership, scholarship funds, student enrollment, and our University as a whole.
- **You are the best publicist for our University.** Share your SC State experiences proudly with parents, prospective students, family, and friends. Let your story inspire others to become part of our Bulldog family.
- **Always wear SC State apparel when and wherever you can!** Show your pride boldly and confidently.
- **Let us stay involved.** I encourage you to join a committee and become an active participant in shaping our chapter's success. Your ideas, skills, and contributions are invaluable. We need you!

I look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with each of you. Let us remain steadfast in our loyalty and commitment to our beloved University as we rally to her call.

With Bulldog Tenacity,

Sandra Mack, 91

Chapter President Atlanta Alumni Chapter, scsuatlpres@gmail.com

I THANK ME

We often forget to thank ourselves for all the work we have done and continue to do. Sometimes, you must step back and thank yourself for all the beautiful things you have done and the hard work you continue to do. We invite you to share:

"I THANK ME" for having the GOD given sense to listen to the Lord's spirit, which has guided my life from birth until this very moment. I could have chosen the wrong path but I did not.....because I listened to the right source. Thank You God, Thank You Lord.

Ms. T. Cheryl Thompson '78



I THANK ME

I thank God and me for taking me through my life's journey, graduating from Greenwood High School in Greenwood SC through a College Preparatory Curriculum then forging my way to the greatest HBCU in the world, SC State College now University, obtaining a Bachelor of Science Degree in Professional Biology with a minor in Chemistry in good ole Hodge Hall. While on campus, I served as the Vice President of both the EE Just Science Club and the Campus NAACP respectively and a Student Senator for the SC State College's Student Government Association.

I thank God and me, staying humble, for allowing me to pursue career opportunities in Metropolitan Atlanta starting out as a High School Science Teacher in DeKalb County Schools, followed by a career path in Research & Development, Quality Assurance with companies like M&M Hair Products and GA Pacific Corporation (GP). At GP I was able to leave R&D arena and go into Industrial Hygiene then eventually into the full slate of Environmental Health and Safety with companies such as: Trojan Battery, Cooper Standard Automotive, Tyco International and today at the State of GA. Through all of my career path, I thank God and me, for allowing me to reach back to students, members of SC State Atlanta Alumni, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and its mentees and giving back to programs at my church, Cascade UMC I.e, the Homeless Ministry (Peachtree & Pine-GED Instructor) former Church Trustee, APS Adopt A Student Mentor and the Omega Cascade Scholarship Co-chair. Finally, I thank God and me, for having the willing spirit and the desire to allow me to give back to my community.

Hiram S. Lagroon '80



I THANK ME

As a proud alumnus of South Carolina State University, I reflect with deep gratitude on the journey that has brought me to this moment. Graduating in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration was the foundation of a career that has been nothing short of extraordinary. That education paved the way for my continued growth, leading me to earn an Executive MBA from Kennesaw State University, further enriching my professional and personal development.



Over the years, I have been blessed with a fulfilling career that spanned multiple industries. My early years in the grocery industry saw me excel as a General Manager for nine years, followed by a pivotal role in retail leadership as an Operations Manager and General Manager at Best Buy. However, my longest and most impactful tenure has been with AT&T, where I dedicated 27 years to leadership and innovation. Serving as a Store Manager, Area Manager, Director of Sales, and ultimately Lead Tech Business Management in Retail Execution & Design Initiatives, I had the privilege of driving transformation and achieving excellence, culminating in the honor of being an 8-time Summit winner.

Beyond my professional endeavors, my life has been deeply enriched by faith, family, and fraternity. For 30 years, I have served as a Deacon at Fairfield Baptist Church of Lithonia, Georgia, a role that has allowed me to give back to my community in meaningful ways. Additionally, my 43-year membership in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has reinforced my commitment to service, leadership, and mentorship.

As I approach my retirement in April 2025, I do so with immense gratitude for the experiences, relationships, and lessons that have shaped my journey. Moreover, I celebrate 35 years of marriage in August 2025 with my wonderful wife Jacqueline and our son, Matthew II, who have been my greatest support system.

As I step into the next chapter of my life, I look forward to continuing to give back and inspire future generations to strive for greatness.

Matthew Mitchell '80

I THANK ME

I thank me for retiring after 39 years in education. My degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology took me to 3 states and 39 years. After obtaining my Masters in Educational Leadership I became a Principal. After retiring from Michigan, I returned to Georgia, where I was able to retire again. I thank me for all the experiences I had and the people I met. It all started at South Carolina State University. I met my husband there too.



Jane Williams '79

I THANK ME

I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the person I have become and the choices I have made along the way. I am most grateful to myself for showing sincere love and dedication to my parents by insisting that each of the children attend an HBCU. Choosing South Carolina State University as my university was one of the best decisions I ever made, and I am proud of the foundation it provided me.



I love the fact that I am a part of the South Carolina State Alumni Association, which allows me to give back to the university that gave so much to me. Supporting my alma mater is an honor, and I am grateful to contribute to its legacy and future success.

I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve as both a teacher and an administrator for 31 years, shaping young minds and making a lasting impact on countless students. Education has been my calling, and I take pride in knowing that my work has made a difference.

I am especially proud of my strengthened relationship with God. I am not afraid to share with the world the many blessings He has given me. My faith has guided me, sustained me, and continues to be my source of strength.

Finally, I thank myself for embracing a life of service, love, and faith. I have touched many lives through education, mentorship, and community service, and for that, I am truly grateful.

Tonya Bloodworth '92

I THANK ME

I thank myself for obtaining a Bachelor's and a Master's from SCSU! I am thankful for using my education to help others in the rehabilitation and education fields. I am proud to continue to participate in alumni affairs and donate to fund raisers to help students with academics.



Wayne M Blake, PhD '76
Chairperson, Public Affairs Committee



I **"THANK ME"** is not boasting or bragging it is being thankful for being unconditional **"ME"**. There is no better gift than being **ME!**

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Celebrating the HERstory and Legacy of a Loyal SCSU Daughter,
Carol Moorer Richburg.

A gentle spirit that evokes calmness and clarity no matter the circumstances or situation. One who leads with an understanding of what can and should be, offering a gentle nudge to correct and restore order when necessary. This is what our dear Loyal Daughter and sister Carol Richburg personified.

Carol joined the Atlanta Alumni Chapter in 2002, embarking on a long-standing commitment to serve in the chapter. She set an example for others of what “serving to work and working to serve” truly encompassed. Once on board, Carol took on roles and chaired committees, first serving as the chapter’s Social and Hospitality Chairperson, during my presidency.

Her Legacy Continues... In 2002 her son James Richburg was also selected as our Warren Reese Scholarship Recipient. James attended SC State and became the drum major for the Marching 101. After graduation in 2006, James entered the United States Army and is currently stationed in Fort Cavazos, Texas with his family. While not an SCSU graduate, Carol’s son Brian is also part of our Bulldog Family. He currently lives in Indianapolis, Indiana. We love them both.



Her Legacy Continues... Soon after, the chapter hosted the National Alumni Convention, offering an impeccable level of hospitality, under Carol’s leadership. Convention attendees, consisting mainly of SCSU Alumni, raved about our chapter’s level of hospitality experienced during the convention. All the while, Carol and her committee did nothing more than what she would have had them do in any situation, delivering what was expected. It was, bar none, the best level of hospitality experienced at a convention. But that’s just who she was and what we experienced with Carol.

Needless to say, I was proud to lead the chapter, as President, while establishing and raising the bar on expectations of what our chapter would deliver and what our alumni and guests would encounter. Great hospitality was simply the norm with Carol! I asked that the chapter always position itself in the best possible light, always putting its best foot forward. Carol and her committee delivered every time! Southern hospitality was forever established, by our chapter, based on what the Social and Hospitality Committee did consistently, for years to come.

Her Legacy Continues... Through her position at the Atlanta Community Food Bank, Carol’s commitment extended beyond the chapter, creating opportunities to give back through volunteering on-site, and supporting the Annual Hunger Walk Campaign. We were fortunate to hold our monthly chapter meetings at the food bank for many years, along with Golden Bulldog Luncheons, and Holiday Socials. What Carol brought to the Atlanta Alumni Chapter was a true example of what being a Loyal Daughter of SCSU and our chapter truly meant.

Her Legacy Continues.....In addition to working tirelessly in the local chapter, Carol was a presence in our National Alumni Association. She served as the 2nd Vice President, Nominating Chairperson, National Parliamentarian, and was elected our National Queen in 2008. Carol served long and never looked back or wavered with her support and commitment.

Sadly, Carol left us much too soon. On Friday, February 21, 2025, our SC Family celebrated a beautiful life lived, served, and cherished in our dear beautiful sister Carol Moorer Richburg. While the SCSU Alumni bond has been broken, our friendship and encounters will never leave us. The word tells us “To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! “

During the National Women’s Month, we celebrate the HERstory of our Dear SCSU Alumnus Carol Moore Richburg today, tomorrow, and always.

HER LEGACY CONTINUES.....

Submitted by: Beverly P. Curry, Past Chapter President, 2000-2006

BULLDOG ALUMS HOST VALENTINE’S DAY MEAL FOR SC STATE SOFTBALL TEAM

Alums hosted an occasional meal for the SC STATE Softball Team on VALENTINE’S Day. The team played in an HBCU Softball Tournament in Covington, GA, that weekend. Alumni Sonya Summers, General Richard Dix (both class’ of ’87 & former athletes), and his lovely wife Cynthia enjoyed giving back to our current student-athletes by showing “Tenacity” and the Bulldogs love.



CONGRATULATIONS SONYA SUMMERS CLASS OF ’87 NAMED HONORARY SCSU WOMEN’S BASKETBALL COACH



The SCSU Athletics Department has selected Sonya Summers ‘87 as an Honorary Coach for the Women’s Basketball team during the Coming Home game on February 15, 2025. Ms. Summers was recognized before the start of the game and was presented with a signed basketball from the Coaches & players. This

honor allows her to sit on the bench with the women’s team and accompany them to the locker room during halftime.

Sonya is a 2014 inductee into the SCSU Athletics Hall of Fame, a State Club Member, a Life Member of the SCSUNAA (Atlanta Chapter), a 2023 SCSUNAA Stellar recipient, and a Silver Star Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. In addition to these achievements, Sonya serves on various committees for the Atlanta Chapter SCSUNAA, including Alumni Programming and the Atlanta HBCU Alliance.

Join us in congratulating Sonya on this well-deserved honor!

COLLEGE FAIRS

The Atlanta Alumni chapter attended the following college fairs during the month of February 2025: Maynard Jackson High School, Hopewell Baptist Church, Discovery High School, Tri-cities High School, Berkmar High School, Morrow High School.

A big **"THANK YOU"** to the all the volunteers: Cheryl "Ms. T." Thompson, Dana Norris, Dikita Anderson, Dr. Thelma Lawton, Sandi Terry Brown, and Hiram Lagroon.

HBCU SUNDAY

SCSU Atlanta Chapter members were at HBCU Sunday service to representing the mighty bulldogs in garnet and blue. The HBCU Sunday was held at

- Springfield Baptist Church, Pastor Eric Lee. Invited by SCSU Alumni Yolanda and Charles Stone;
- Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church invited by Pastor SCSU Alumnus Rev. Phillip R. A. Spann, and
- Elizabeth Baptist Church, Pastor Craig L. Oliver. Invited by Alumna Mia Leonard-Bry.



PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

South Carolina State University is officially a Research 2 (R2) institution. It is now South Carolina's only research two institution. Governor Henry McMaster congratulated President Alexander Conyers on February 25, 2025. The designation places South Carolina State among the nation's top-tiered research institutions.

The SCSU Board of Trustees has voted to borrow \$95 million to build a 500-plus student dormitory and a health and wellness center. These funds are being borrowed because the state of South Carolina does not provide funds for these structures.

Currently, the SCSU endowment is now over \$20 million. The goal for the capital campaign (is to raise \$78 million in the next five years.

The university held its second Passport Fair on campus to work toward its goal of having all seniors have one by the time they graduate. The last fair had 75 slots available.

A 60 for 60 fund-raiser is planned to raise \$60,000 to honor President Conyers for his 60th birthday. The plan is to have 60 people pay \$1,000 for this event.

President Conyers reported that the athletic director and band director positions have not been posted at this time because there is a process. When the process is in place, these positions will be posted.

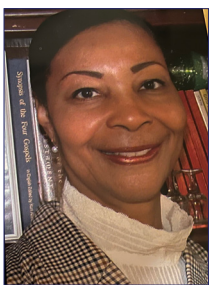
SCSU hired another construction manager to expedite the new Turner Hall and Library construction.

Per the president, the university should have the delivery of a new MCI bus shortly. Initially, it was going to be another used bus.

Wayne M Blake, PhD '76
Chairperson, Public Affairs Committee

2025 STELLAR ALUMNI

The 2025 Stellar Calendar has been announced. It features 12 outstanding individuals who made indelible marks in their respective communities and career fields. For over a decade, South Carolina State National Alumni Association and the Atlanta Chapter (SCSUNAA) has highlighted and honored the lives of our beloved alumni. The Atlanta Alumni Chapter is proud to feature of our chapter member that is showcased in the calendar for Government. Congratulations to Mary Ann Epps!



Mary Ann Epps, is a native of Lake City, South Carolina, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting (Cum Laude) in 1982. She is a Life Member of the SCSUNAA and a member of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter, where she serves as corresponding secretary. Mary is guided by her faith, anchored by her family's love and support and nurtured

and prepared by her matriculation at SCSU to become the Stellar alum she is today.

STATE CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND 2025 SEASON TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

The moment we've all been waiting for has arrived—The 2025-26 STATE Club Membership Season Ticket Application is now available!

Click on this link for application:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:e66c52fe-dae1-4413-9ce2-3796c7ca4ae6>

IMPORTANT DETAILS:

- Membership Renewal Deadline: June 30, 2025 – Don't miss out!
- ACH Debit Authorization will be available through the SC State University Foundation.
- Memberships are non-refundable.
- Basketball Season Tickets are available for purchase! Get ready to cheer on our Bulldogs all season long!

Please contact the Board Members listed on the application for any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support, and let's make 2025 the best year yet!

The STATE Club

STATE Club Parking Rules and Regulations

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:19d806e6-c410-458d-99a2-a87effa72427>

STATE Club Membership Letter

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:89bd61b8-6899-47a2-99cf-fb3d0116f21d>

RENEW OR BECOME A FINANCIALLY ACTIVE MEMBER

Thank you for your valuable contributions and involvement with South Carolina State University, and more specifically, your local Atlanta alumni chapter. Your efforts allow us to serve the Metro Atlanta area by helping market the University to local students. Additionally, we are able to provide scholarships and participate in college fairs with the help from your donations, membership renewals and other contributions. So, if you have not done so, please renew or become a financially active member of the South Carolina State Atlanta Alumni Chapter by visiting the chapter's website, scsuatlbulldogs.org. Dues for 2025 - 2026 are \$80 - regular/associate members; \$45 - life members. For those who have already activated their membership, we thank you. The chapter's fiscal year is the beginning of July until the end of June. We are looking forward to utilizing your talents to move the chapter forward.

Congratulations to our two new SCSUNAA Life Member: Natascha Cook and Gayle Z. McNair.

Article submitted by: Elgin Mazone, '83 Membership Chair

AMERICA'S FAVORITE TEACHER

Our Alumna **Arlenda Edmonds** recently competed in the America's Favorite teacher contest. She is definitely among the top in leadership, education, vision, and moving students to higher ground. Let's wish her well in becoming America's Favorite Teacher.



Arlena's journey into teaching is a testament to resilience and unwavering dedication. Facing the challenges of becoming a single mother to three young children, she transformed personal adversity into a profound commitment to education. Her story reflects a deep-seated belief in the transformative power of teaching, not just as a profession, but as a calling that shapes lives and communities.

One of Arlena's most poignant contributions is the "Wings of Love" initiative. This heartfelt program honors students who have lost parents, providing them with a Mother's Day luncheon and white cords at graduation. By channeling her grief into this endeavor, Arlena offers healing and support, creating a legacy of love and remembrance that resonates deeply within the school community.

If awarded the \$25,000, Arlena plans to establish scholarships for students who have lost parents. This initiative aims to alleviate financial burdens, ensuring these students have access to quality education and the support they need to thrive academically and personally. Arlena's vision underscores her commitment to making a lasting, positive impact on the lives of her students, honoring their resilience and potential.

Arlena's story is a powerful reminder of the profound impact educators can have, not only in teaching academic subjects but in nurturing the hearts and minds of students facing life's most challenging circumstances. Her dedication exemplifies the essence of teaching as a transformative and healing force within the community.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The Audacity!!!- The Rev. Raushanah N. Butler, MBA, MDiv, DMin Candidate

Scripture: I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. (Luke 11:8,NIV)

So, let me be honest y'all... I'm tired. Well, I'm sure I'm not the only one. The state of the world these days have left many of us exhausted and just plain ole tired. I mean, as Black men and women in America, we already have a set of trials and tribulations that come along with the color of our skin, but then add politics to the mix, and audacity is at an all-time high. But as I was praying and thinking about what to share with you all, this quote came across my email: "There is a faith that will not shrink, though pressed by every foe. There is a hope that will not tire, though tried and tested. And there is a love that will not fail, though storms may rage" (Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor). WOW! My brothers and sisters, we are given a powerful reminder in Luke 11:8 that when we are persistent, when we are relentless, when we don't give up, and when we simply have the audacity, God WILL respond. We may not know what, when, where, how or why, but we know Who. Yes, we know that obstacles will come our way to serve as a hindrance, but with God they can become amazing opportunities. Yes, we know that stumbling blocks may try to trip us up, but with God they can become the stepping stones we need to get to the next level. Yes, we know that tests will show up on every side for the sheer fact that we proclaimed to walk in faith, but with God they can become the biggest testimonies we've ever experienced. I know in times like these, it's easy to become weary and lose faith, but have some audacity and push forward knowing that you got this, because God's got you! .

AWARENESS FOR EACH MONTH

MARCH there are several awareness events celebrated in March — though the five that often get the most attention include Women's History Month, National Reading Month, Disability Awareness Month, Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month, and Kidney Month.

APRIL is especially known for its spring showers. April showers brings May flowers. Along with a little rain, April ushers in other events of the year, including April Fools' Day, Easter, Passover, Arbor Day, and Earth Day.

MAY is recognized across the nation as Mental Health Month. Mental health refers to our emotional and social well-being and impacts how we think, feel, and behave. Mental health is caused by a variety of factors: genetics, trauma, social factors, brain chemistry, and lifestyle. Here are some ways you can address mental health: therapy, social supports, setting boundaries, engaging in a new hobby, and taking a mental health day.

On **JUNE 19**, 1865, the Union Army marched into Galveston Bay, Texas freeing 250,000 slaves. Juneteenth celebrates the freedom "known as the second Independence Day" of African Americans and is often recognized to celebrate African American culture. June 17, 2021, Juneteenth became a national holiday and is considered the longest African American holiday honoring the end of slavery.

The Fourth of **JULY**, often known as Independence Day, is a public holiday in the United States of America commemorating the passage of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

AUGUST is back to school month, National Friendship Day, and National Black Business Month.

Support Black-Owned Businesses

Are we supporting our Black-Owned Businesses to our full capacity? Who is a better support system than our community. Let's shop, share, and support our Black-Owned Businesses.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Empowering Minds, Elevating Communities

Dr. Pia L. Scott-Boston is a multifaceted professional whose contributions span counseling, education, public speaking, and community service. With over 15 years of experience in Human Service, State Government, Nonprofits, and Higher Education, Dr. Scott-Boston is a passionate advocate for mental health, social justice, and diversity. She holds multiple degrees, including a BA in Criminal Justice, an MA in Rehabilitation Counseling, and an EdD in Educational Leadership. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision.



Dr. Scott-Boston is also the founder of Think Positive Counseling & Coaching, LLC and The P L Scott Group, LLC, through which she provides vital services to individuals, couples, families, and organizations.

What She Does: Dr. Scott-Boston's vast expertise covers areas like workplace and paternal mental health, multicultural counseling, cultural competence, social and racial justice, and workplace well-being. As a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Georgia and South Carolina, a National Certified Counselor (NCC), and an Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS), she has impacted the lives of many individuals and organizations seeking guidance in navigating mental health challenges, improving cultural competence, and fostering diversity and inclusion.

Her services extend beyond traditional counseling. Through Think Positive Counseling & Coaching, Dr. Scott-Boston offers personalized counseling and workshops tailored to meet the unique needs of individuals and families. Meanwhile, her consulting firm, The P L Scott Group, provides organizational coaching and consultation, focusing on improving workplace culture, leadership, and diversity initiatives. You can reach Pia at info@thinkpositivecc.org.



DID YOU KNOW?

In celebration of Women's History Month, we would like to recognize our past women presidents who have served the Atlanta Alumni Chapter.



Bernice Bell

Audrey Tyler Batiste

Willie Mae McLeod

Phyllis Williams Davenport



Beverly Curry

Valerie Wrice

Sandra Mack

JOHN FUNNY APPOINTMENT

Brookhaven council member John Funny has been appointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) Transportation and Infrastructure Advisory Council.



Funny has more than 30 years of professional experience in planning and engineering. In his role, Funny will provide insight and leadership from his professional and political experience in Brookhaven where he has supported initiatives to enhance the city's transportation networks and ensure the infrastructure meets the growing needs of its residents and businesses.

NLC's Transportation and Infrastructure Advisory Council is a group of local government leaders responsible for advising on policies related to infrastructure improvements, transportation innovations, and the development of sustainable, resilient cities.

"Councilman Funny's appointment to this national council reflects his strong leadership in Brookhaven," said Brookhaven Mayor John Park. "He remains a dedicated public servant, working tirelessly to ensure that our city's transportation infrastructure meets today's needs and is prepared for tomorrow. His expertise will be a tremendous asset to the NLC."

*This article was written by Logan C. Ritchie who writes features and covers Brookhaven for Rough Draft Atlanta (The entire article can be read at <https://roughdraftatlanta.com/2025/03/16/brookhaven-council-member-john-funny/>).

ATLANTA SCSU UPCOMING EVENTS

- Golden Bulldog Luncheon, Golden Bulldogs classes 1983 and earlier. The honoring classes of 1984 and 1985. Saturday, March 29, 2025, 12:00 PM- 2:00 PM. Magnolia Room Cafeteria, 4450 Hugh Howell Rd #10, Tucker, GA 30084.
- SCSU Track & Field – March 27-29 – Edwin Moses Relay (Morehouse College – TBD)
- Sadie Grice Scholarship Foundation/New Bethel AME Gospel Explosion March 29 – Georgetown, SC
- Beatdown Percussion Showcase – Southwest DeKalb HS – 3 PM
- SCSU 127th Founder's Day Scholarship Gala & Tribute, Saturday, April 12, 2025, 7:00 PM, Greenville Conference Center, Greenville, SC.
- SCSU Football Spring Game – April 12 – Orangeburg, SC
- Sharonda Coleman-Singleton Track Invitational – April 9 – Orangeburg, SC
- Atlanta Chapter Meeting – May 8 – Virtual
- SCSU Spring Commencement – May 9 – Orangeburg, SC
- SCSU Reunion Weekend – May 9 – 11 – Orangeburg, SC
- Bulldog Roundup – May 31 – Location TBD
- Atlanta Chapter Meeting – June 12
- MEAC Cookout – June 14 (Tentative)
- HBCU Run/Walk is held annually in Atlanta's Piedmont Park on Saturday, Jun 28, 2025. WARM UP - 7AM RACE START - 8AM.
- Bulldog Alumni Getaway – June 26 – 30, 2025 – Cancun, Mexico
- SCSUNAA Convention – July 31 – August 3 – Charlotte, NC
- HBCU Homecoming Jazz Cruise 2026 – January 2026

THIS IS OUR WHY...

Our Atlanta students are doing exceptional in his/her course of study, and we are proud of the dedication and effort that they put into achievements. The students reason for being at SCSU is because it provides a safe and comfortable environment, allows us to meet students from other states and countries through sports and academics and meet lifelong friends, and provides family oriented staff who work together to make sure we get what is needed to have a successful career after graduation.

“WHY” WE GIVE BACK TO S.C. STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP.



Semaj Givens, Sophomore
AG Business
Honor Roll



Samaritan Hardeman-Hines
Freshman, AG Business



Samuel Mitchell, Sophomore
Education
Dean List



Ajia Smith, Senior
Speech Pathology



Maykala Walker, Junior

The South Carolina State University Honor Roll recognizes undergraduate students in Georgia with a grade point average of 3.00-3.49 or higher earned on a minimum of 12 credited semester hours..

President's Honor List Fall

Covington: Kentuan Hicks

Douglasville: JeMarius Wiley

Marietta: Alana Watts

Dean's Honor List

Atlanta: Jamell L. Franklin, Makayla Monique Walker

Covington: Kenton George

Dallas: Kayla A. Moses

Decatur: Desiree Nashay Preston

Douglasville: Myah P. Pelzer

Ellenwood: Anyla Aynn-Elizabeth Edwards

Evans: Colette Elyse Alston, Amani DeBerry, Keleya Zion Hilson

Fayetteville: John Wendell Seay-Oliver

Jonesboro: Arayah Sanaa Muhammad

Lawrenceville: Nakella Jyninia Warren Miles

Lilburn: Aliya N. Richardson

Lithonia: Unique H. Ward

Locust Grove: Brooke McKenzie Gloster

Norcross: Cameron T. Jackson

Mableton: Samuel Andrew Mitchell

Marietta: Marley Anaya Quammie

Riverdale: Symone Arianna Clayborne

Oxford: Idris Mansur Uqdah

Powder Springs: Florian Jerome Tenebay

Stockbridge: Nina Faith Clark

Honor Roll Fall

Atlanta: Zakariya Y. Benton, Taraji Davis, Emmely Gomez, Emery J. Jones, Michai, Raashard Reid, Joshua J. Salami, Mitchell Lamonte Taylor, Gianna Gisele Wright

Conyers: Samiah Marie Sanders, Kevin M. White

Covington: Kiara Leanne Bundrage, Jasmine Donovan

Decatur: Einaj Carter, Tiara Jerde Hamilton, Niomi Young

Douglasville: Keyanni D. Chalmus, JaiQue S. Hart, Sivayah Thomas, Shia Tobias Wolffe

Ellenwood: Jerkarean Leonard West

Evans: Madison Williams

Fairburn: Daniel Miller, Zhania Myeshia Sims

Grayson: Caden Jamal High

Hampton: Alaysia Khalan Polk

Jonesboro: Brianna Jenee' Sexton, Trinity N. Stevenson

Lawrenceville: Kyle Jaden Baytops, Joel Ntumba Kashila, Mason Allen Kidd, Trinity R. Williams

Lilburn: Nylah Randall, Gerald Franklin Wilson

Lithonia: Patrica Yvonne Irene Pettway

Locust Grove: Makayla Patrice Toussaint.

Mableton: Semaj Givens

McDonough: Tugari A.G. Meggett

Norcross: Dominique Lashay Woods

Villa Rica: Makenzie Alyssa Edwards

GIVING TUESDAY

Loyal Sons and Daughters, please join the Atlanta Alumni Chapter for our BULLDOG DAY of GIVING. This day of giving will provide support for our local scholarships, operating costs, and also allow the chapter to support the SC State University's General Scholarship Fund.

We have designated the 3rd Tuesday of each month as 'GIVING TUESDAY'! Please make your donations at www.scsuatlbulldogs.org. The goal is each alum donate a minimum of \$25.00 each month on "GIVING TUESDAY."

Please consider recurring monthly payment/giving. Auto draft, credit/debit card, PayPal, Zelle, and mailed payments are accepted. However, the "preferred" method is recurring – auto draft. Thank you for making the commitment.

2025 MILLER SOCIETY INDUCTION

Congratulations to Mr. And Mrs Nathaniel Howard inducted into the S.C. State University's 2025 Miller Society.



MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly chapter meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of each month; otherwise a notice will be sent. Meeting notifications are sent via email or Calling Post.

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THE BULLDOG CONNECTION

Sponsored by: Marketing & Communications Committee (Raushanah Butler, Beverly Curry, Brenda Holmes, Pia Scott, and Faye Brown-Stone).

Submission deadlines and publishing for our chapter newsletter are quarterly. If you would like to submit a poem, quote, etc., Email Pia Scott (drpscott2016@gmail.com) or Brenda Holmes (holmesrbrh@bellsouth.net).



CLASS OF 1985 REUNION

The class of 1985 will celebrate their 40th anniversary since graduating from The South Carolina State University. This milestone reflects the groundbreaking moments that shaped your experiences at SC State. We look forward to welcoming you back for the Alumni Reunion Weekend, May 9-11, 2025, to honor this incredible achievement.

Reunion Weekend Details for Class of 1985

Hotel: SpringHill Suites Orangeburg, 675 Citadel Road, Orangeburg, SC 29118, Phone: (803) 809-0111

Deadline to book: March 31, 2025

Registration Fee: \$250/person (additional \$50 for class-specific events)

Itinerary: Details forthcoming

*Encourage classmates and others to update their Alumni Profiles at scsu.edu/alumni to ensure accurate contact information.

If you have any questions or need assistance please contact Angel E. R. Pointer, Director of Alumni Affairs & Engagement at (803) 855-2282 or epointe1@scsu.edu.

Thank you for your loyalty, generosity, and unwavering support of SC State. Together, we amplify Bulldog excellence.

CONGRATULATIONS SONJA



Sonja Atkinson '86 recently served as a featured speaker to the Georgia Organization of School-Based Speech Pathologist (GOSSLP) Spring Best Practice Conference. Sonja is a dedicated education professional with a rich background in Speech Lanaguage Pathology and Criminal Justice.

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