

# THE BULLDOG CONNECTION

Newsletter of the Atlanta Chapter of South Carolina State University National Alumni Association

FALL 2020

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Loyal Sons and Daughters of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter of South Carolina State University. I am extremely honored to serve as your president and to represent the best chapter in our national association. It gives me great pride and joy to serve along side so many great alumni who have worked tirelessly for years to ensure that this chapter continues to grow and support our university and the national association.



Even during these uncertain times, our chapter continues to work hard ensuring that we remain fully engaged and you are totally informed. I owe a great deal of gratitude to our executive board and each committee chairperson for their commitment and support. I am equally thankful to each of you for your yearly financial membership and community involvement.

Over the past months, we have learned how to operate in a new normal. With that being said, it is particularly important we continue to explore new ways of doing business, having meetings, and engaging with each other. I welcome your ideas, comments, and any suggestions that will help us improve our chapter and support the needs of future and present students.

As you chart your course of engagement, start with these simple activities that inspire your pride and build our chapter.

- **Wear It Out!** – Proudly show off our SC State apparel wherever you are!
- **Bark It Up!** – Share your SC State experience with prospective students, parents, and fellow alums! Become a SCSU Alumni Ambassador!
- **Explore It All!** – Attend alumni events and monthly chapter meetings to stay informed!
- **Get Involved!** – Volunteer your time and expertise. Join one of our many committees that are working hard to support the chapter!

Bulldogs, the best way to stay connected and to be informed of the alumni chapter events is through our website and social media. I promise to promote our chapter's successes and ensure you are aware and included in every event. Moreover, I welcome your feedback and guidance as we plan our engagement strategy for the years ahead.

Finally, each of you is encouraged to help in our continued growth as we move toward greater milestones that will impact generations to come. Remember that our efforts are for the love of SC State. Thank you in advance for your support and your involvement!

Best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a New Year filled with love, happiness, and prosperity!

With Bulldog Tenacity,

*Michael A. Patterson, '82*

## YOUNG ALUMNA OF THE QUARTER

**Congratulations!** Young Alumna of the Quarter, **Capt. Oprah Odugbela**.

Captain Oprah Odugbela graduated from South Carolina State University in May 2013 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and shortly thereafter became a Professional Registered Nurse. She participated in a culture immersion study abroad trip to Ecuador in 2018. She graduated from Augusta University with a Doctor of Nursing Practice with a concentration as a Family Nurse Practitioner in 2019. Oprah is a Board-Certified Family Nurse Practitioner and serves as the primary healthcare provider for United States service members, retirees, spouses, and dependents.

Oprah was the 2009 Warren-Reese Scholarship recipient for the Atlanta Alumni Chapter. She was a SCSU Presidential Scholar, a SCSU Track and Field Student Athlete, and a SCSU Honors College Member who traveled on a mission trip to Haiti in December 2012 to help assist an underprivileged orphanage with Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. In 2012- 2013, she was elected as Miss Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. and received the 2013 Residential Assistant of the Year for Hugine Suites. Oprah has been a financial member of SCSU Atlanta Alumni Chapter since 2013 and served as Corresponding Secretary from 2014 – 2018. Her voice is notable well-known for the Chapter's Calling Post. In 2016, she was selected as SCSU Atlanta Chapter's Homecoming Queen. Oprah is currently a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. and the United States Air Force.

Volunteerism has been a cornerstone to Oprah's personal foundation. Her labors of love include: local college fairs, chaperoned Atlanta high school students at SCSU Youth Day, assisted with feeding Marching 101 Band when they traveled to Atlanta, mentored local nursing students, church activities, and educated the community on preventive health measures with her nursing sorority. Finally, Oprah earned 1st Place within her age group for the 2019 Atlanta HBCU Alumni 5K Run/Walk.



## DID YOU KNOW?

South Carolina State University is responsible for graduating 4 NFL Hall of Famers:

- Harry Carson (is missing NFL Hall of Fame Jersey)
- Deacon Jones
- Marion Motley
- Donnie Shell



# CONGRATULATIONS SC STATE "40 UNDER 40" CLASS OF 2020

The purpose of the "40 under 40" is to honor and engage young alumni who are making strides in their careers, contributions to their communities, or impressions on the SCSU campus and beyond. All 40 young alumni will be recognized virtually and in-person by the Office of Alumni Relations. Congratulations to our "40 Under 40" Class of 2020 Honorees!

**Coby D. Brandyburg's education began at South Carolina State University.** In 2006, Coby earned a B.S. degree in Business Management, 2008 an M.Ed in Counselor Education, and 2019 an Ed.S degree in Administration. Coby is employed as an Assistant Principal, Custodial Supervisor, and Athletic Director at Allendale-Fairfax High School, Allendale County, South Carolina. He was able to pursue his Doctoral degree in Administration while being employed at Allendale-Fairfax High School.



Coby has received many accolades including the 2018 Epsilon Omega Chapter's Omega Man of the Year and the 2019 South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association AA Classification-Region 5 Athletic Director of the Year! Coby sponsors the Annual Back to School Bash which provides school supplies to students in Allendale, SC. Since 2014, Coby continued to serve as Committee Chair and member of Epsilon Omega Chapter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. He is the founder/sponsor of the Gentlemen's Club at Allendale-Fairfax High School which benefits males from 9th through 12th grades.

South Carolina State University prepared Coby for his continuous growth in Education and being a Servant in the community, by putting graduates of SCSU and instructors who are trailblazers in his life to encourage him. Coby's mother and father support him in everything that he attempts to do for the good of others. Dr. Walter Tobin saw the work that needed to be done in Allendale and said, "Why not you Coby?" From the field to the school system, Coby has always given more than a 100% in playing sports; so naturally, he brought the same energy to his day-to-day practices. Coby has volunteered his time as an Interim Coach; he represents his school and community on several platforms, even when there is no publicity.

## HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Holiday celebrations will likely need to be different this year to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Avoid activities that are higher risk for spread. Consider fun alternatives that pose lower risk of spreading COVID-19. Christmas is a time when many families travel long distances to celebrate together. Travel increases the chance of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. If you must travel, be informed of the risks involved. -CDC

**Dr. LaTeshia C. McFadden** graduated from South Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. After moving to the Atlanta area in 2010, she attended Life University where she received a Master's of Science in Sports Injury Management and Exercise and Sports Science. She gained a lot of experience working with Clark Atlanta University Sports Medicine, the Atlanta Xplosion Women's Tackle Team, and the Atlanta Women's Flag Football League (AWFFL). LaTeshia continued on the path of higher education and became a Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine. She has established the L.C. McFadden Scholarship and the L.C. McFadden Book Scholarship created to assist a Lake City High School student who has been accepted and will be attending South Carolina State University as a freshman.



During her tenure at South Carolina State University, she excelled in the music arts performing actively with the South Carolina State University Music Department as a percussionist for the Marching 101 Band, SC State University Symphonic Band, Percussion and Mallet Ensembles, and eventually becoming the first African American Woman in the Atlanta Wind Symphony. The opportunities at South Carolina State University yielded featured roles in Drumline: A New Beat, HBO: Mix-tapes and Roller-skates, Rap Artist J. Cole's "Middle Child" video, and Marvel Studios' The Falcon and the Winter Soldier that premier in August 2020.

LaTeshia finished her first book titled, "Thinking Out Loud," a fictional book about a young woman navigating her way through college. In 2018, she gained employment at Active Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Stone Mountain, GA specializing in Sports Medicine and now works throughout the Atlanta metropolitan area. She is now the owner of Family First Home Care providing a safe, effective residential and commercial pressure washing and wood care services in South Carolina.

Current SCSU memberships include: Alumni Band Association and National Alumni Association Atlanta Chapter, where she serves as the Recording Secretary. Additionally, earned the distinction of Alumni Ambassador with the Atlanta Chapter to help recruit students to attend SCSU.

Dr. McFadden's motto is, "Your background and circumstance may determine who you are, but you are responsible for who you become."

LC McFadden Book Scholarship link: <https://www.facebook.com/lateshia.mcfadden/posts/10101131514723983>.

## GRATITUDE

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

- Melody Beattie

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In 2016, **Tyler Moore** earned her degree from South Carolina State University in Early Childhood Education while minoring in Theater. Upon graduation, she launched her career as a 1st grade teacher in one of metropolitan Atlanta's school system. She soon made the tough decision to take her career in a different direction.



Ms. Moore chose to focus her attention on her love for acting. She quickly gained representation by top agency BYSB Talent and worked on multiple independent and Screen Actors Guild films behind and in front of the camera.

In 2018, Ms. Moore founded her own film production companies, Tipa Productions, LLC. and Tipa Teaches Corporation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which focuses on providing hands-on film and television set experience to at-risk youth in the Atlanta area. In 2019, Tyler was among the four finalists for the Atlanta Business Chronicle's Person of the Year. In this same year she became co-owner of 33N3, a niche apparel and merchandising company. In 2020, her first feature film entitled, "Normal"; written, produced, directed by, and starring herself was accepted into the 25th American Black Film Festival.

Today, Tyler finds joy in serving on the SCSUNAA Executive Atlanta Chapter Board, building strong community relationships as a charter member of The Gathering Spot, and being a proud financial member of her beloved Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

She spreads her time as an accomplished full-time actress, entrepreneur, screenwriter, film producer, part-time teacher, and devoted daughter & sister. Ms. Moore is grateful and humbled to be amongst the esteemed inaugural class of "40 Under 40" honorees and looks forward to continuing to build and support the great legacy of South Carolina State University with the classes to come.

### 2021 ELECTION YEAR FOR SCSUNAA

Year 2021 is an election year for the South Carolina State University National Alumni Association. In order to be eligible to participate in the voting process, you must be a financial member of the Association by December 31, 2020.

According to the SCSUNAA Constitution & Bylaws, an officer can only serve in an elected position for a maximum of two 2-year terms. As a result, the tenure for our current SCSUNAA President John Funny will come to an end in 2021. Thank you President Funny for your continued leadership, tenacity, and commitment to the University and the Association. You represent the Atlanta Chapter well!

**Dr. Pia L. Scott** is a speaker, consultant, community servant, and educator. A native of Charleston, South Carolina, she graduated from South Carolina State University in 2008 with a Bachelors in Criminal Justice and Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling in 2012. She successfully defended her dissertation entitled "African American Men Speak: Unheard Perspectives of the Self-Paced in Class Education Program (SPICE) and Reentry in the 21st Century discussing the African American male experience in social justice spaces. In 2016, she received her EdD in Educational Leadership and Management from Drexel University.



As a Principal Consultant of the P L Scott Group, she provides services in the areas of counseling, workforce development, and inspiring women. As a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice, she provides comprehensive counseling services and is a certified Global Career Development Facilitator where she specializes in career counseling through training, professional development, and education. Her career spans from teaching, mentoring, and counseling in a variety of settings from human services, state government, and educational institutions. Additionally, she is a professor teaching first year courses in Student Success.

Pia speaks on many platforms discussing issues in the community such as mental health, access to care and female persistence. As a passionate and energetic speaker, she has delivered keynotes, hosted programs, conferences, and participated on panels; presentations at several institutions includes Columbia University, Georgia State University, University of North Carolina, Southern New Hampshire University, South Carolina State University, etc.

Pia is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the visionary author of, "How I Got Over: The Educational Pursuit of Black Female Scholars." She is passionate about education and volunteers her time working with youth serving on the nonprofits boards and mentoring youth. She was featured in Drexel University's EdD Newsletter "Alumni Spotlight Winter Edition" in 2020 for contribution to the program, and focuses on peer mentorship. Pia serves as co-chair for the Marketing Committee for the Atlanta Alumni Chapter of South Carolina State University.

Dr. Pia L. Scott book link: [https://www.amazon.com/How-Got-Over-Educational-Scholars/dp/1732989540/ref=cm\\_cr\\_ar\\_p\\_d\\_pl\\_foot\\_top?ie=UTF8](https://www.amazon.com/How-Got-Over-Educational-Scholars/dp/1732989540/ref=cm_cr_ar_p_d_pl_foot_top?ie=UTF8).



## CONGRATULATIONS TO JANE WILLIAMS '79

### SCSU NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ALUMNA OF THE YEAR



**Jane Elizabeth Mulligan Williams**, a loyal daughter from the class of 1979 is a native of Walterboro, South Carolina. While at South Carolina State University (SCSU) she majored in Speech Pathology and Audiology. After receiving her undergraduate degree, she obtained her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Eastern Michigan University in 1996.

Upon graduation from SCSC, she married the love of her life, Gregory "Greg" Williams of Johnston, South Carolina, a fellow Bulldog. She and Greg are the proud parents of an adult daughter, Ashley Lynnette. Jane was awarded Teacher of the Year in 2011 and Professional of the Year in 2016. Jane is a lifelong educator who has served as a Speech Therapist, Principal, Federal Program Grant Writer, Title I Coordinator, and Director of Head Start.

As a Stellar Calendar Honoree in the area of Education, she actively planned and participated in 3 to 4 college fairs annually at local schools and churches. She is an Ambassador and one of her proudest moments was exposing an African American young man from Fayetteville, Georgia to SCSU. She served as co-chair of the class of 1979's 40th Reunion Committee; the class exceeded the goal for contributions to the university. Jane was honored during the 50th Year Celebration with the Extra Distance Award as a chapter member who gives the best and does not say no or make excuses. She serves as co-chair of the Metropolitan Atlanta Scholarship and Recruitment Committee.

She is the proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Friendship Community Church of College Park, Georgia, and The STATE Club. She is a life member of the SCSU National Alumni Association and longtime financial contributor; she understands and fully embraces the village concept of assisting others to obtain monies to attend South Carolina State. She continues to serve and cares about young people doing their best academically and encourages them to consider SCSU.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STELLAR HONOREES

The 2021 Stellar Calendar will feature 12 outstanding individuals who made indelible marks in their respective communities and career fields. For over a decade, SCSU National Alumni Association has highlighted and honored the lives of our beloved alumni.

**Ellaway D. Amiker, III, JD** is a native of Columbia, South Carolina and received a Bachelor of Art Degree in Professional History in 1980. In 1988, he received his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from John Marshall Law School in Atlanta, Georgia. He is a member of Atlanta Chapter of South Carolina State University National Alumni Association and a member of Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity.



One of his greatest joys at SCSU was becoming the first freshman Head Drum Major in the history of "The Marching 101". During Homecoming 2000, Mr. Amiker presented a \$10,000 check to President Cooper and Band Director, Ronald Sergeant.

In 1981, Mr. Amiker accepted a management position with Kennedy Memorial Gardens Cemetery, where he discovered his passion for giving to others in their time of need. In six months, he was named Vice President of the company, which allowed him to interact with people. Because of his dedication, he was named President and part owner of Kennedy Memorial Gardens.

After many years of success, the Loewen Group acquired Kennedy Memorial Gardens in a multi-million-dollar sale. Mr. Amiker became the first Black President of the Georgia Cemetery Association. Under his administration, the state of Georgia formed The Board of Cemeterians. His presidency saved millions of dollars for an overly regulated industry. Mr. Amiker became the first Black President of the Southern Cemetery Cremation and Funeral Association and he represented sixteen southern states which resulted in a \$36 Billion impact on the US economy. The title of Certified Cemetery Executive (CCE) was bestowed upon him at a Las Vegas Convention.

Ellaway married his college sweetheart, Francina Whiteside and they are blessed with three children: Ellaway D. Amiker IV, Francesca C. Amiker, and Franjellica D. Amiker. He enjoys golfing, traveling, and fishing.

**Marcellus Pitts** has a BS in Civil Engineering from SC State and a MS in Environmental and Water Quality Management Engineering from MIT. He is married to Linda Hall Pitts and they have 3 children, Vernisha (graduate of SC State, Electrical Engineering), DeMario, and Trevor. They have four grandchildren, Jayla, Ania, Samaria, and DeMario Theodore II.



He is a veteran in community and economic development with a proven track record in planning, design, and construction of above and underground infrastructure systems. He is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Pitts Fowler Enterprises, Inc. (PFE), a community development consulting company offering services to Private, Governmental, Academic, and Non-Profit institutions in the areas of Engineering and Technology, Financial Management, Health and Education Strategies. PFE created and uses "The Beyond Benediction Development Model" to facilitate the development process.

He has worked with the New Jersey Department of Transportation; Betchel Engineering Company; Williams, Russell, and Johnson Company; Fulton County Department of Public Works; Mayes, Sudderth, and Etheredge Company; and Sekisui SPR Americas International Infrastructure Firm, etc.

Recognizing the need to address the lack of exposure to the engineering industries for K-12 students, PFE developed an educational project-based beyond school hours STEM/STEAM program called "E Is For Engineering©". This program has been adopted by school systems in Cobb County, Georgia, and the Southeastern United States.

Marcellus has received the awards, Who's Who in Georgia, Who's Who America, Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership, Outstanding Professional in Science and Engineering, American Registry of Outstanding Professional, and the ASCE 2019 Civil Engineering Entrepreneur of the Year, etc.

# COMMITTEE UPDATES:

## ALUMNI PROGRAMMING

The Programming and Planning Committee consists of two co-chairs and alumni chapter members. As outlined in the Alumni Association By-Laws, it is the responsibility of the Programming and Planning Committee to recommend, develop and coordinate events and projects for the chapter during the fiscal year. The committee strives to include recruitment activities, community service projects, fellowship, and networking activities that are inclusive to all generations of alumni. To achieve these goals, the committee will sponsor and/or assist with an Adopt a Family service project, virtual vendor fair, MEAC Cookout, and Bulldog Roundup, etc. The committee plays a vital role in the success of the chapter; therefore, they need **ALL** alums to support, participate and volunteer at greater levels than before to make this a successful undertaking.

## ATLANTA METROPOLITAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Metro Atlanta Scholarship Committee has continued to be active in recruiting efforts despite the coronavirus pandemic. We support virtual events that advertise SC State and highlight its current student population. Under the direction of the National Alumni Association, our support for the Virtual HBCU College Fair, SCSU 2020 Virtual Homecoming, and other civic and fraternal college fairs are some ways the committee is displaying our brand to potential students interested in attending SC State. Applications are always accepted, as there is a continuous admissions process. Visit [www.scsu.edu/admissions](http://www.scsu.edu/admissions) for an application.

## MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

The Marketing Committee is extremely excited about the launch of the newsletter. This newsletter will share the organization's success, promote social advocacy, share what's going on, boost branding, highlight the great things alum are doing, bring a voice to the organization, provide insight and resources, employment engagement, advocacy, reinforce transparency, share news updates, provide data, highlight new trends, and any additional information that the SC State Alum need to know.

The purpose of the Marketing Committee is to ensure ongoing, high-quality marketing. "Marketing" wishes to cultivate and ensure that our alumni at SCSU gains useful sufficient information about the status of our wonderful institution in our communities. They look forward to sharing your message to better serve our students, alumni, and committees.

## MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

**HELP DRIVE A CHANGE: ENGAGE, MOTIVATE, AND JOIN 2021!!!**

**ENGAGE** – Become engaged, an active participant, and engage other **Alumni!**

**MOTIVATE** – Become motivated, motivate other alumni e.g. frats, former dorm mates etc.

**JOIN** – Finally, pay your dues and become an active Alumni!

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021) is here, the SCSU Atlanta Alumni Needs YOU! Annual dues are \$65 and can be paid by check, money order, credit card, Cash App or PayPal\* on our website. National Life Membership is also available. \*Fees added via the electronic payments\*. Please provide your birthday to the Courtesy & Welfare Subcommittee, Rosa Hall [rhall910@icloud.com](mailto:rhall910@icloud.com).

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**After election update - Congratulations! BIDEN/HARRIS, President and Vice President Elect**

The 2020 elections will probably go down in history as one of the most energized and impacting elections of all times. We have seen what many pundits and politicians thought was impossible – we've turned **Georgia blue** and delivered for Joe and Kamala. Also, now control of the U. S. Senate could be determined here in Georgia. How did we get here...is the question? First and foremost was the turnout by the African American community. The African American community not only voted in large numbers but also served as election workers, passed out refreshments to those standing in the voting lines, made telephone calls, drove vehicles that delivered voters to the polls, etc. The African American community went into these elections with a single minded focus, to vote at all cost. That was witnessed as voters stood in voting lines, in many cases, for times in excess of nine hours, standing in the rain and hot sun. Through it all, the African American community came to vote and vote in numbers. However, it is not over in Georgia because we have a runoff on **January 5, 2021 for two Senate seats**. So what does that mean, basically we have to repeat the NOVEMBER 3, 2020 efforts. Calling all BULLDOGS, GOTV, "Get Out The Vote" is our mandate. This must be done with every fiber of our BULLDOG TENACITY. Please encourage persons to register to vote, if they have not done so, then **GO VOTE!** Here are a few key dates to remember.

Last day to register to vote in the **January 5, 2021 Runoff Elections is December 7, 2020 (Federal Offices)**.

Last day to register to vote in the **December 1, 2020 Runoff Elections was October 5, 2020 (State and Local Offices)**.

Advance/Early in person voting starts **December 14, 2020 for runoff (Federal Office)**.

**Earliest mail out of Absentee Ballots started November 18, 2020** for runoff (Federal Offices). Absentee Ballots can be requested now.

Runoff election day is **January 5, 2021 (Federal Offices)**.

Faith without works is dead! Let's make a difference!

## TECHNOLOGY

The Technology Committee is responsible for providing Atlanta alumni, students, and supporters information about the chapter activities and the National Alumni Association via current technologies! The technologies include maintaining the following:

- Chapter website
- Constant Contact email distribution
- Social Media (SM) platforms

Our committee is excited to partner with the Marketing & Communication Committee within the coming months to rebrand the website. As technology in today's world continues to evolve and grow, new committee members are welcome to further ascend us to new heights!

Sometimes for our situations to change, we must shift our way of thinking and our actions. Going from worry to worship and from pity parties to praise, changes obstacles into opportunities, stumbling blocks into stepping-stones, and trials into triumphs! -Raushanah N. Butler

### WAYS AND MEANS

#### GIVING TUESDAY

Loyal Sons and Daughters, please join the Atlanta Alumni Chapter for our **BULLDOG DAY of GIVING**. This one-day effort is in conjunction with our ongoing Capital Campaign. 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](http://www.scsuatlbulldogs.org). The goal is each alum donate a minimum of \$25.00 each month on **'GIVING TUESDAY.'**

Our minimum goals of \$3,000 per month and a year-end goal of \$18,000 are highly achievable, but only with your support. Below provides the illustration how your generous donations will be utilized:

- Invest in local students attending SC State.
- Invest in students who have unmet financial needs.
- Provide operating capital for the Atlanta Alumni Chapter.

Donate to the SC State University Foundation - General Scholarship Fund.

We strongly encourage each of you to support this campaign and to solicit others that believe in the dream of giving back to others. Please help us demonstrate to our students! We consider our giving an investment in their future! Thank you!

#### MONTHLY VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Monthly chapter meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of each month, unless otherwise indicated. Meeting notifications are sent via email or Calling Post.

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**Website:** [www.scsuatlbulldogs.org](http://www.scsuatlbulldogs.org)

**Twitter:** [@SCSUAtlantaAlumni](https://twitter.com/SCSUAtlantaAlumni)

**SCSUNAA Website:** [www.scsunaa.org](http://www.scsunaa.org)



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**Sponsored by:** Marketing & Communications Committee  
(Raushanah Bulter, Brenda Holmes, Pia Scott, Doug Stewart, and Gregg Williams)

The newsletter is targeted to come out the 15th of each ending season. If you would like to submit a poem, quote, etc., please email to Pia Scott ([drpscott2016@gmail.com](mailto:drpscott2016@gmail.com)) and Brenda Holmes ([holmesrbh@bellsouth.net](mailto:holmesrbh@bellsouth.net)).

## DID YOU KNOW?

MEAC releases all-time football team, 50 of the greatest to ever play. Here are the greatest from SCSU:

- Tristan Bellamy, Offensive Lineman (Offensive Lineman of the Year 2013)
- Barney Bussey, Defensive Back/Kick Returner (First Team All-MEAC 1981, 1982, 1983; Defensive Player of the Year 1983)
- Harry Carson, Defensive Lineman (First Team All-MEAC 1974, 1975; Defensive Player of the Year 1974, 1975; MEAC Hall of Fame 1981; Black College Football Hall of Fame 2012; College Football Hall of Fame 2002)
- Johnny Culbreath, Offensive Lineman (First Team All-MEAC 2008, 2009, 2010; Offensive Lineman of the Year 2009)
- Chartric Darby, Defensive Lineman (First Team All-MEAC 1996, 1997; MEAC Hall of Fame 2018)
- David Erby, Linebacker (First Team All-MEAC 2009, 2010; Defensive Player of the Year 2010)
- William Ford, Running Back (First Team All-MEAC 2007, 2008, 2009; Rookie of the Year 2006; Offensive Player of the Year 2008)
- Javon Hargrave, Defensive Lineman (First Team All-MEAC 2014, 2015; Defensive Player of the Year 2014, 2015)
- Dwayne Harper, Defensive Back (First Team All-MEAC 1986, 1987; MEAC Hall of Fame 2019)
- Raymond Harrison, Offensive Lineman (First Team All-MEAC 2006, 2007, 2008; Rookie of the Year 2008; Offensive Lineman of the Year 2008)
- Michael Hicks, Running Back (First Team All-MEAC 1993, 1994, 1995; Offensive Player of the Year 1995)
- Darius Leonard, Linebacker (First Team All-MEAC 2015, 2016, 2017; Rookie of the Year 2014; Defensive Player of the Year 2016, 2017)
- Robert Porcher, South Carolina State, Defensive Lineman (First Team All-MEAC 1991; Defensive Player of the Year 1991; MEAC Hall of Fame 2017; Black College Football Hall of Fame 2017)
- Donnie Shell, Defensive Back (First Team All-MEAC 1973; MEAC Hall of Fame 1986; Black College Football Hall of Fame 2015; College Football Hall of Fame 1998; Pro Football Hall of Fame 2020)



**SC State University Website:**

<http://www.scsu.edu/>

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