

# THE BULLDOG CONNECTION

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

SUMMER 2022

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PAST PRESIDENT

Greeting Bulldogs,

I am incredibly pleased to say that this was an extraordinarily successful year for our chapter. We have excelled in all areas; thanks to the challenging work and dedication of our executive board and each of you. Our chapter continues to support the needs of our university in more ways than one. We have rallied to the call to provide support to our class reunions, the band, the athletic department, the STATE Club, the university president, and so much more.

It is always grateful to see all the fresh faces that are now a part of our chapter. I encourage all our new members to get involved with the chapter if your schedule permits. There is always a need for additional members to serve on various committees. Your assistance and support would be appreciated as we continue to seek innovative ideas to help strengthen our chapter.

I am extremely grateful to have served as your president for the last four years. Over these years, the chapter has grown and increased our support to local students, alumni, and the university in unprecedented ways. I have personally grown as a leader and a loyal alum. Serving as president allowed me the opportunity to get to know many of you better and to work closely with other great chapter presidents, the national alumni association, several university officials and our university president. I am confident in the new leadership of the chapter. They have accepted the challenge of taking the chapter to greater heights. Many congratulations to President Sandra Mack and the new officers; I look forward to working with each of you to offer assistance.

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, again thanks for your loyalty to the chapter, the national alumni association, and our beloved university. Continue to remember those in our bulldog family who have lost loved ones and need our prayers.

With Bulldog Tenacity,

*Michael A. Patterson, '82*

Chapter President Atlanta Alumni Chapter, [mapque84@bellsouth.net](mailto:mapque84@bellsouth.net)



## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greeting Bulldogs,

It is my distinct pleasure to serve as the 2022 – 2024 President of the South Carolina State University National Alumni Association (SCSUNAA) Atlanta Chapter. I have served as First Vice President for the past eight years and on various committees on the national and local levels since becoming a member of the chapter. I am excited to build on the blueprint layout from our past presidents by:

- Continuing the growth of chapter membership
- Helping to increase the number of students from the Atlanta area who will attend South Carolina State University
- Continuing the commitment to give scholarship funds to support local students and supporting our beloved Alma Mater.

Thank you for entrusting me to lead the Atlanta Chapter onward and upward. Your passion and tenacity for SCSU speak volumes. We are raising the bar. Each of you holds the pen to help write the chapter's steps to stay in the forefront of SCSUNAA alumni chapters.

**For the love of South Carolina State University, continue to be loyal sons and daughters.**

- **Let's stay informed.** Attend monthly chapter meetings and alumni events.
- **Our thoughts should be optimistic for our future** – growth in chapter membership, scholarship funds, enrollment and our University overall.
- **You are the best publicist for our University.** Spread the word; share your experiences about SC State with parents, prospective students, family, and friends.
- **Always wear SC State apparel** when and wherever you can!
- **Let's stay involved.** Join a committee and be an active participant.

I look forward to us working collaboratively. Let us continue to show our loyalty and always rally to her call.

With Bulldog Tenacity,

*Sandra Mack, '91*

Chapter President Atlanta Alumni Chapter, [scsuatlpres@gmail.com](mailto:scsuatlpres@gmail.com)



## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

**Dr. Pia L. Scott** is a Counselor, Speaker, Consultant, Community Servant, Educator, and Author. She is the CEO and Founder of the P L Scott Group, LLC an organization that focuses on a 3C's approach: Counseling, Coaching, and Consulting. As a Licensed Professional Counselor, she works with individuals, groups, and families to address mental health issues. As a certified Career Development Facilitator, she leads workforce initiatives and college to career programs bridging the gap from education to employment. As a consultant she develops a continuing education curriculum and provides training on diversity, equity, inclusion, mental health, and healthy work-life balance. Specialized topics are available upon request.



The P L Scott Group is accepting new clients. As they recognize Mental Health Month, they are offering a discount price in services. The staff is always ready to work with you!

Contact information: [info@plscottgroup.com](mailto:info@plscottgroup.com) or 843.864.7812. You can also visit the group website at [www.plscottgroup.com](http://www.plscottgroup.com) and LinkedIn at Dr. Pia L. Scott or IG: piathedocscott.

## MEAC COOKOUT

MEAC cookout was held at Pinckneyville Park on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Eight HBCU schools participated at this event. Our chapter had a great turn out!



## EVENTS TO REMEMBER

**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.

## ATLANTA ALUMNI OF SCSUNAA FY23 BULLDOG ROUND-UP



Hosted by the  
Atlanta Alumni Membership Services  
& Alumni Programming Committees  
of the NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
ATLANTA CHAPTER OF  
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### COME RESURGE, REJUVENATE AND REJOIN 2023

SATURDAY

**JULY  
09**

### JONES BRIDGE PARK

4901 East Jones Bridge Road  
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092, Pavilion #1  
**STARTS @ 1:00 PM - ENDS @ 7:00 PM**

### FOOD | MUSIC | MEET & GREET UNIVERSITY STAFF

### FY23 is upon us, and it is time to pay annual alumni dues.

- Our fiscal year runs from July 1st – June 30th.
- Annual dues are \$65 and can be paid by check, Cash App\*: (\$AtlantaAlumniSCSUNAA), credit card, money order, Zelle: ([finance@scsuatlbulldogs.org](mailto:finance@scsuatlbulldogs.org)), and PayPal\* on our chapter's website: <https://scsuatlbulldogs.org/all-about-dues>. \*Processing fees will apply for a final total of \$67.
- National Life Membership can also be paid.
- Let's repeat our efforts for FY23! It is strongly suggested that all payments be made on-line or by mail prior to the event.
- The Bulldog Round-Up is free to financial members and \$10 for non-financial alumni & additional guest (add processing fees language for Cash App & PayPal. Final cost \$11.55).
- **RSVP** by July 4, 2022. Come prepared to fish, boat, and play volleyball.
- Please bring water, ice, coolers, and a lawn chair.

## SCSUNAA 2022 VIRTUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

### RECONNECT | CELEBRATE | ENVISION

The SC State National Convention  
Friday, July 29 to Saturday July 30, 2022

9:00 AM

PRICE: \$50

For more information: [WWW.SCSUNAA.ORG](http://WWW.SCSUNAA.ORG)







Reverend Raushanah Butler and Dr. Pia L. Scott will be featured in the premier of the “BIPOC in America” documentary. Please support the viewing +on July 30, 2022. You can purchase your tickets here. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bia-premier-web-based-documentary-screening-tickets-322082767227>

## SAVE THE *Date!*

The Atlanta Alumni Chapter of SCSU  
Presents the Inaugural Scholarship Fundraiser

**STOCKBRIDGE AMPHITHEATER**  
4650 N Henry Blvd  
Stockbridge, GA 30281

**SATURDAY**  
September 17, 2022

**STARTS @ 5:00 PM**

**HBCU  
UNITY**

*The Fedora & Linen Experience*

Scan QR code then press play and listen to HBCU Unity videos.

HBCU Fellowship | HBCU Musical Artists | Vendors | Food Trucks

## DON'T FORGET TO TAKE YOUR VACATION THIS SUMMER

What are the benefits of taking a vacation?

- Better Mental and Physical Health
- Decreased Burnout and Stress
- Improves Sleep
- Increases Heart Health
- Lifts Mood

Remember to practice self-care and take time out to spend with your family and friends.

Take a look at some of our alumni vacation pictures. Have a great summer!



Robbi and her kiddos at Animal Kingdom in Disney.



Faye and her classmate, RV Brown and his wife, Frances in Clearwater Beach, Florida.



Greg at the Harry Carson's golf outing in Florence, SC along with Harry Carson, Mr. Smalls, Mr. Smalls Jr., and Mr. Dicks.



Carey Dial Jackson visiting Moreno Valley, CA.



The Bells visiting their grands in Manchester, VT.



Brenda Casey Strickland enjoying sisterhood, AKA in Stonecrest, GA.



Sandra Mack celebrating another trip around the sun with her line sisters in San Salvador, El Salvador.

## CHAPLIN'S CORNER

A Proclamation of Peace (#KeepYourHeadToTheSky) – Rev. Raushanah N. Butler, MBA, MDiv

The word proclamation is a noun defined as a public or official announcement, especially one dealing with a matter of significant importance. The word peace is also a noun defined as freedom from disturbance; quiet or tranquility. In other words, a “Proclamation of Peace” is an official announcement of significant importance for freedom from disturbance. Just think about that for a moment. We live in a world where chaos is all around us, deceit is breaking news, and extreme violence is a weekly occurrence. Where is the peace? Social media has been inundated with people posting fight videos, hurt relatives airing family business, and folks venting about betrayals in friendships, dissipated partnerships, and fractured relationships. Where is the peace?

What I love about Isaiah 26:3 is that we are reminded that God will keep us in perfect peace when we trust in Him and keep our minds fixed on Him. Peacemaking is not an optional commitment, but it is a requirement of our Christian faith. We are called to be peacemakers, not by some movement of the moment but by our Lord Jesus; to be the peacemakers in this crazy world we must be free, forgiving, and faithful...yes, all three.

The end goal is peace. Perfect peace. Life-giving, lifesaving, and life-sustaining peace. A peace that keeps us calm amid life's storms and reminds us that God is in control. So, my brothers and sisters, just as The Elements sang, remember to “Keep Your Head to the Sky”:

Master told me one day/I'd find peace in every way/but in search for the clue/wrong things I was bound to do.

Keep my head to the sky/for the clouds to tell me why/As I grew with strength/Master kept me as I repent. Keep your head to the sky!





## SC STATE BOUND



**Niah Brooks**  
Atlanta, GA  
Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School



**Asya Campbell**  
Stone Mountain, GA  
Stephenson High School



**Alyssia Davis**  
Atlanta, GA  
Frederick Douglass High School



**Anyla Edwards**  
Ellenwood, GA  
The Christian School of Anointed Word



**Brooke Gloster**  
Locust Grove, GA  
Luella High School



**Kennedi Hallinquest**  
Hampton, GA  
Hampton High School



**ShaNiyah Lyde**  
Lithonia, GA  
Stephenson High School



**Tugari Meggett**  
MCDonough, GA  
Stockbridge High School



**Mekhi Parson**  
Stockbridge, GA  
Stockbridge High School



**Amari Thomas**  
MCDonough, GA  
Luella High School



**Moses Umoren**  
Atlanta, GA  
Early College At Carver



**Makayla Walker**  
Atlanta, GA  
DM Therrell High School



**Kevin White**  
Conyers, GA  
Heritage High School



Congratulations to the class of 2026 **ON YOUR SELECTION** to our wonderful university. The Atlanta Chapter of SCSUNAA is here to support you throughout your tenure at SCSU. We are **PROUD** of **YOU!**



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022-2024 NEWLY ELECTED AND RETURNING OFFICERS!

President – Sandra Mack '91  
First Vice President – Dr. Robbi Brown '99  
Second Vice President – Matthew Mitchell '80  
Treasurer – Yolanda Faye Brown-Stone '79  
Financial Secretary – Delores Fulton '77  
Recording Secretary – Dr. LaTeshia McFadden '2010  
Corresponding Secretary – Mary Epps '82  
Chaplain – Rev. Raushanah N. Butler '99



Congratulations to our new elected officers who stepped forward to take on the challenge; we look forward to working with you. Also, thanks to our previous president, Michael Patterson and his administration for a great job!

## MONTHLY VIRTUAL 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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Sponsored by: Marketing & Communications Committee  
(Raushanah Butler, Brenda Holmes, Pia Scott, Doug Stewart, Faye Brown-Stone, and Greg Williams).

The newsletter is targeted to be released each season. If you would like to submit a poem, quote, etc., Email Pia Scott ([drpscott2016@gmail.com](mailto:drpscott2016@gmail.com)) or Brenda Holmes ([holmesbrh@bellsouth.net](mailto:holmesbrh@bellsouth.net)).



## 15<sup>TH</sup> ATLANTA HBCU ALUMNI ALLIANCE 5K RUN/WALK

The 15<sup>th</sup> Atlanta HBCU Alumni Alliance 5K Run/Walk took place on June 25<sup>th</sup> at Piedmont Park. It is one of the largest races of its kind. Our alumni members had a great time. So, save the date of June 24<sup>th</sup> for the 16<sup>th</sup> Atlanta HBCU Alumni Alliance 5K Run/Walk.



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