



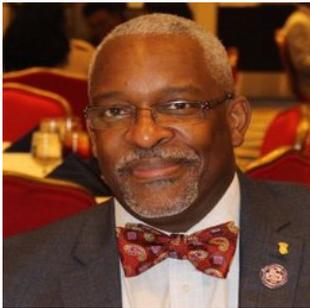
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<http://www.scsudcbulldogs.org>

President's Corner



Fellow Bulldogs,

It is now back to the business of support to our Alma Mater and the spirit of family and fellowship that comes along with it. I am honored to be your newly elected Chapter President and will work hard to advance the chapter.

The goals of our chapter are three-fold: Support SCSU, Fund Scholarships, Promote Fellowship, but I will need your help to be fully successful. I want to reach out to all local alumni; from the most recent graduate to the most seasoned Bulldog. Given the challenges that SCSU has faced recently, there is much to do! Our theme for the next two years will be "The Bulldog B.I.T.E!"

B.I.T.E stands for:

Bold

Innovative

Tenacious

Enduring

I have spent the past few years listening to the membership and have learned several things that concern alumni that align with the goals

mentioned above. The challenge is to meet those goals in ways that recognize the needs, skills and interests of the membership.

This chapter leads the SCSUNAA in many ways. I challenge everyone to step up and help us be not only advocates, but activists for SCSU.

The DC Chapter will continue to fund scholarships through our signature programs – the annual golf tournament (September 30th) and dinner dance (February 2017). We also fund scholarships on the local and national level through raffles, endowments and personal donations. Please find a way to contribute. My plea is for you to give. If not financially, then physically.

Concurrently, the chapter's leadership will find innovative and enduring ways for you to participate. I promise that there will be bold and fresh initiatives designed to advance and (in some ways) refresh our social and professional agenda. I need our young alumni to trust and give me your active participation.

Our chapter's final goal is to promote fellowship. The chapter is overflowing with experience to mentor our young alumni. In all walks of life, the DC Chapter has advice and wise counsel to lend and we will provide organized opportunities to do so. In order to get there, I need you to be engaged with me to establish the right mediums of communication. This is your chapter too and you are as much Bulldog as any of us. In order to serve, I need to understand your needs. In return, I ask that you pay it forward by helping current students discover the same opportunities that we enjoyed at State.

There will be more to follow.

Join us for a successful new year! Take a big B.I.T.E. and hang on!

Stan Cunningham
C/o '82

FUTURE CHAPTER MEETINGS

23 Sept - Epiphany Episcopal Ch, Parish Hall
28 Oct - Epiphany Episcopal Ch, Parish Hall
18 Nov - Epiphany Episcopal Ch, Parish Hall
TBD Dec - Epiphany Episcopal Ch, Parish Hall
28 Jan - South County Govt Bldg, Alex, VA
25 Feb - South County Govt Bldg, Alex, VA
25 Mar - South County Govt Bldg, Alex, VA
29 Apr - South County Govt Bldg, Alex, VA
20 May - South County Govt Bldg, Alex, VA

SCSUNAA Convention in Richmond, VA

You missed an outstanding SCSUNAA Convention held in Richmond VA on July 28-31, 2016. The Central Virginia Chapter hosted the event at the Hilton Hotel and we had excellent workshops and hospitality. The theme was SCSUNAA 101: Reshaping, Revitalizing and Reconnecting and we had over 220 registrants at the Conference. We had great speakers including remarks from newly selected President of SCSU: Mr. James E. Clark and Mr. Charles Way of SCSU Board of Trustees. One of the highlights was message provided by Rev. James Walker '77 and the music by Central Virginia Choir at Ecumenical Service on Sunday morning.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2016 Chapter Golf Tournament, Sept 30, 2016
http://www.scsudcbulldogs.org/store/c1/Featured_Products.html

Mini Homecoming during Howard vs. SCSU weekend on Oct 15, 2016

Homecoming Bus Trip
<http://www.scsudcbulldogs.org/store/p5/homecoming>

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

WANTED: SCSU ALUMNI

Come join the best Chapter in the SCSU National Alumni Association. Regular membership dues are only \$55 for the fiscal year (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017); life members pay only \$30 for the fiscal year. Membership dues provide the revenue for our chapter's operating budget, and we want YOU to become a member of the most progressive chapter in the SCSU National Alumni Association. We need your financial support and we encourage you to pay dues early in the fiscal year between August and December. Please remit payment with application at your earliest convenience. If you have questions, see POCs below.

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INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - ANNA ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MEDALLION OF HONOR

(Given to Congressman James E. Clyburn)

President Barack Obama has said he is, "One of a handful of people who, when they speak, the entire Congress listens." Congressman James E. Clyburn is Assistant Democratic Leader in the 114th Congress and the number three Democrat in the House of Representatives. When Clyburn came to Congress in 1993, he was elected co-President of his freshman class and quickly rose through the ranks. Known as a leader and consensus builder, he was elected Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus in 1999 and three years later was unanimously elected Chairman of the Democratic Caucus. When Democrats regained the House majority in 2006, Congressman Clyburn was elevated to House Majority Whip. His humble beginnings in Sumter, South Carolina as the eldest son of an activist

fundamentalist minister and an independent civic-minded beautician grounded Clyburn securely in family, faith and public service. He was elected president of his NAACP youth chapter when he was 12 years old. He helped organize many civil rights marches and demonstrations as a student leader at South Carolina State College. His activism occasionally landed him in jail; he met his wife Emily during one of his incarcerations. As a national leader, Clyburn has worked to respond to the needs of America's diverse communities. He has been a champion for better services in rural communities, the expansion of Pell grants, economic growth in impoverished communities, and criminal justice reform.

*** This info was shared at the 67th Boule of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., July 8 - 14, 2016

SCSU to save \$11.9M on loan

South Carolina State University trustees approved the refinancing of debt on Hugine Suites during a special meeting.

S.C. State Vice President for Finance Edward Patrick said the loan's interest rate will be dropping from 5.83 percent to 1.85 percent. "The loan was initially created to build Hugine Suites," Patrick said.

Patrick said the university looks to save \$11.9 million over the life of the loan, which expires in 2035. He said the savings will benefit the state, since S.C. State is a state agency. "Just like the state forgave the \$8 million this year, this is our way of always looking to how we can give back to the state as well," he said.

University President James Clark said, "This is a part of our continued effort to look at all of the positive fiscal options to improve the financial condition of the university." Clark said the university has been looking at the different financial instruments available to it and this is the first step to putting S.C. State in a better financial position starting next year. "You'll get a sense of why this is a great thing, this is a wonderful thing,

and it's one of hopefully many more to come that will be adding to the improved financial conditions of S.C. State," he said.

The \$42 million dormitory housing 755 students was dedicated in 2007.

Subject: Study: Success of HBCU alumni exceeds Black grads from other institutions - News - Philly Tribune

Zenitha Prince Senior AFRO Correspondent
Despite their ongoing struggles, HBCUs are doing a better job than other institutions of producing Black alumni who are thriving, particularly in their financial well-being and career purpose, according to recent results of an ongoing Gallup study.

That is "positive news" for the nation's embattled HBCUs, Brandon Busteded, executive director of Gallup Education and Workforce Development, told Inside Higher Ed.

"There are still noticeable challenges around completion rates and loan default rates, and this data doesn't change that," Busteded said. "But this data does add a whole new dimension to the conversation about the value of HBCUs. Black students are having very meaningful experiences at HBCUs, compared to Black graduates from everywhere else."

The findings were published in the new "Gallup-USA Funds Minority College Graduates Report." The study is the result of an ongoing Gallup-Purdue University survey that has collected data from more than 55,000 college graduates. The study seeks to ascertain what colleges are doing to effect the future social, financial, purpose, community and physical well-being of their graduates.

Fifty-five percent of Black HBCU graduates were more likely to "strongly agree" that their colleges prepared them for life after graduation compared to 29 percent of Black graduates of other institutions.

That assessment seemed to correlate with experiences such as having a professor who

cared about them as a person, a professor who made them excited about learning and a mentor who encouraged them to pursue their goals and dreams.

Black graduates of HBCUs were also more likely to report involvement in applied internships, long-term projects and extracurricular activities.

Such experiences strongly impact graduates' well-being later in life, Gallup found.

Black HBCU alumni reported higher thriving rates in all five areas of well-being, the largest gap coming in the area of financial well-being. While four in 10 Black HBCU graduates reported doing well in managing their finances to reduce stress and increase security, fewer than three in 10 (29 percent) of Black graduates of other schools reported the same.

There was also an eight percentage point difference in reports of "purpose well-being" between Black HBCU graduates and Black graduates from other institutions.

Examinations of other minority graduates and institutions did not produce similarly striking results.

"Although HBCUs are struggling in a number of areas, their overall success in providing Black graduates with a better college experience than they would get at non-HBCUs needs to be examined more closely, and potentially modeled, at other institutions," the researchers wrote. "The profoundly different experiences that Black graduates of HBCUs and Black graduates of non-HBCUs are having in college leave the HBCU graduates feeling better prepared for life after graduation, potentially leading them to live vastly different lives outside of college."

40% Increase in New Student Enrollment at SC State

South Carolina State University is starting the 2016-2017 school year with a record number of new students. These new students represent a 40% increase versus last year and demonstrate the ability of SC State to attract talented new students.

The overall enrollment for SC State however, dropped 3% versus the prior year due to a number of students that did not return for the fall semester due to unpaid bills to the school. As reported in *The Times and Democrat* newspaper SC State has ended the practice of allowing students owing a large balance to enroll for the new year until the balance has been addressed.

SC State has a promising future for overall enrollment growth and not just freshman growth. We forecast overall enrollment growth to be +4% in 2017 based on the current momentum and diligent recruiting efforts by the administration and alumni.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) were severely hurt by the 2011 Federal Financial Aid overhaul, which led to enrollment drops and disastrous budget shortfalls. In recent years, though several HBCUs including those in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) that SC State belongs to have turned around their declining enrollment numbers. With determined leadership and active recruiting by school officials and supporters, SC State will continue to grow.

South Carolina State 2016 Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
SEPTEMBER			
03	Central Florida	Orlando, FL	TBA
10	Louisiana Tech	Ruston, LA	TBA
17	Clemson	Clemson, SC	TBA
24	Florida A & M*	Tallahassee, FL	TBA
OCTOBER 01			
08	Open BETHUNE COOKMAN*	ORANGEBURG, SC	1:30 P.M.
	<i>(Hall of Fame/Former Student-Athlete App./Business & Industry Day/ Pink Game)</i>		
15	Howard *	Washington, DC	TBA
22	DELAWARE STATE*	ORANGEBURG, SC	1:30 P.M.
	<i>HOMECOMING)</i>		
29	Hampton*	Hampton, VA	TBA
NOVEMBER			
05	North Carolina A&T*	Greensboro, NC	TBA
12	NORFOLK STATE*	ORANGEBURG, SC	2:00 P.M.
	<i>(Youth/ROTC/Military Appreciation/Greek Day)</i>		
19	SAVANNAH STATE*	ORANGEBURG, SC	1:30 P.M.
	<i>(Senior Day/High School Band Day/Faculty & Staff App. Day)</i>		

***MEAC Contest – Home games in Bold – #Dates, times and locations subject to change**

Washington DC Chapter, SCSUNAA Annual Golf Classic

The Washington, DC Chapter will host "The Annual DC Alumni Golf Classic" to raise funds for deserving scholars at our Dear Alma Mater. In order for our golf classic to be a success, we need your support. We're asking every member to solicit and register as many participants for the tournament as possible.

Ask your friends and local businesses, (i.e. church, funeral homes, beauty salons, barbershops, restaurants, day care centers, etc.). We are asking for their support in one of three categories:

- A) Golfing Foursome
- B) Non Golfer clinic with lunch
- C) Sponsor/Vendor

See the enclosed flyer for registration information to share with potential sponsors and please feel free to register them via the website, <http://www.scsudcbulldogs.org/> or forward your sponsorship information to Lester Whitfield @ 301-442-3877

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Company Name/Logo Signage displayed prominently at Golf Tournament and Awards Reception Luncheon

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Privilege to provide promotional items and company branded items in gift bags and prizes at Awards Luncheon

SILVER SPONSORSHIP \$1,000.00

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Privilege to provide promotional items and company branded items in gift bags and prizes at Awards Luncheon

BRONZE SPONSOR \$500.00

4 Golfers to include: Greens Fees w/ Cart, Awards Reception Luncheon, and gift bags

Company Name/Logo Signage displayed prominently at Golf Tournament and Awards Reception Luncheon

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Privilege to provide promotional items and company branded items in gift bags and prizes at Awards Luncheon

HOLE SPONSOR \$125.00

Company Name/Logo Signage displayed on Tee Box at Golf Tournament

STATE SUPPORTER < \$100.00

Name to appear on clubhouse Banner/Poster at Golf Tournament

Washington, DC Chapter
 South Carolina State University National Alumni Association
 ~ Membership Application ~

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Telephone () _____ Email _____ Birth date ____ / ____ / ____
Month Day
 Employer _____ Occupation _____
 Work Telephone () _____ Email _____
 SCSU Graduate: Yes ____ No ____ Major _____ Degree _____ Year _____
 ROTC Graduate Yes ____ No ____ Branch _____ Grade _____
 Graduate School _____ Major _____ Degree _____ Year _____
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 Retired: Yes ____ Year _____ Retired ____ No ____
 Please Volunteer! I am interested in assisting with the following:
 ____ Membership ____ Scholarship Dance ____ Outreach ____ Scholarship
 ____ Newsletter ____ Special Activities ____ Recruitment ____ Ways & Means
 ____ Social ____ Publicity ____ Other _____ ____ Young Alumni

Membership Fee: Regular (\$55) Life member (\$30) Mail this form and check to: Washington, DC Alumni Chapter, SCSUNAA, PO Box 2921, Washington, DC 20013-2921

Pay your chapter dues online now!!! Members can now submit chapter dues on line via PayPal by going to the chapter website <http://www.scsudcbulldogs.org/> and clicking on the "Membership" button and following instructions.

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