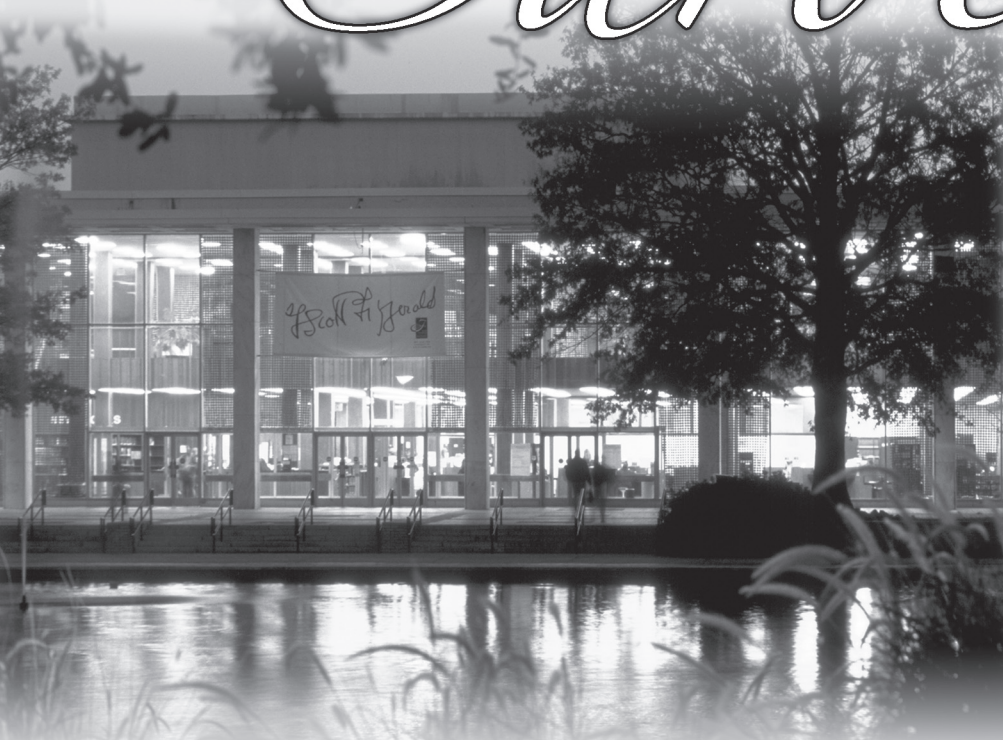




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The University of South Carolina

Founded in 1801, the University of South Carolina campus offers the best of both worlds -- a scenic academic oasis situated in the midst of a vibrant capital city.

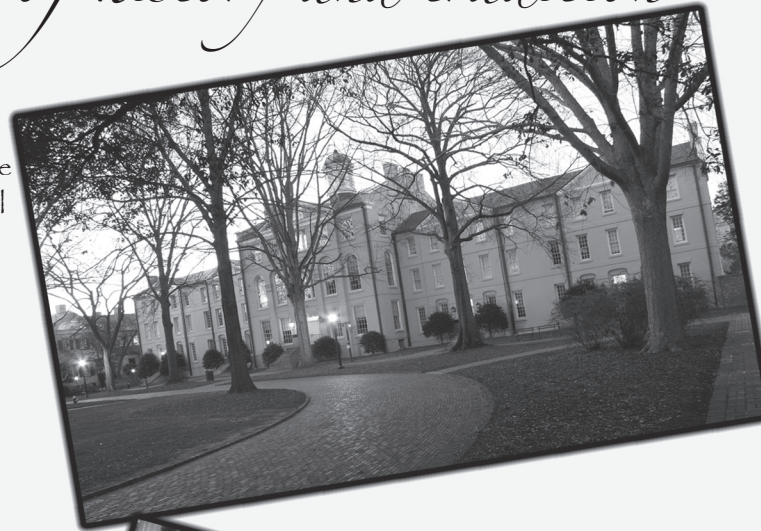
More than 200 years of history and tradition

:: The University of South Carolina's graduate program in international business is the top-ranked public university program in the country and No. 2 among all institutions, according to U.S. News & World Report. The ranking marks the 17th consecutive year that the program at the Moore School of Business has been ranked either No. 1 or 2.

:: Since the Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs was established in 1994, University students have won 305 national awards earning more than \$8.6 million for advanced academic study.

:: USC has been designated a research institution of "very high research activity" by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. It is the foundation's rating and places USC in the same research category with Harvard, Duke, Emory, Johns Hopkins and Vanderbilt universities, as well as the universities of North Carolina and California at Berkeley. USC is the only university in South Carolina to have this designation, granted to 62 public and 32 private research institutions.

:: A \$6 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will support a program at USC's Arnold School of Public Health to tackle the growing HIV/AIDS epidemic among minorities. The award to Dr. Donna Richter, USC's dean of public health and a leading HIV/AIDS educator, will support the Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership (IHPL).



Home of the Gamecocks

The Princeton Review's 2005 ranking of institutions of higher education -- The 357 Best Colleges -- names the University of South Carolina as the top public university for academics in the Southeastern Conference.

: : The university libraries house many comprehensive, valuable collections, including the papers and letters of Ernest Hemingway and related materials, Gen. William C. Westmoreland, the world's most comprehensive collection of F. Scott Fitzgerald research materials, the literary archive of writer Joseph Heller, the archive of James Ellroy and a collection of books, stamps, letters and material associated with the Italian patriot Giuseppe Garibaldi. Most recently, the university broke ground on the South Carolina Political Collection wing, which will house the papers and memorabilia of more than 70 leading South Carolinian political leaders.

: : The university's West Quadrangle Living Learning Center, known as the "green dorm," is the largest green residential hall in the world. The residential hall, which includes a 9,000 square-foot Learning Center in fall 2004.

: : The Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center is a world-class facility dedicated to healthy lifestyles and physical fitness and is one of the most comprehensive in the United States.

: : The College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management has received a gift of \$250,000 from the Coca-Cola Foundation to fund approximately 30 individual scholarships in 2006 - 07 for students interested in careers in event management.

: : The Wachovia Foundation presented a gift of \$1 million to help under-represented students earn degrees in business at USC's Moore School of Business.

: : The economic impact of USC's eight campuses and its alumni on the state of South Carolina is more than \$4 billion, according to a report compiled by a USC economist.

Degree Programs

College of Arts & Sciences

Arts:

African-American Studies
Anthropology
Art Education
Art History
Art Studio
Classics
Comparative Literature
Criminology & Criminal Justice
Dance
Economics
English
European Studies
Film Studies
French
Geography
German
History
International Studies
Italian
Latin American Studies
Media Arts
Philosophy
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
Russian
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre & Speech
Women's Studies

Sciences:

Biological Sciences
Cardiovascular Technology
Chemistry
Geology
Geophysics
Marine Science
Mathematics
Physics
Statistics

Moore School of Business

Accounting
Business Economics
Finance
Insurance & Risk Management
International Business
Management
Management Science
Marketing
Real Estate

College of Education

Early Childhood Education
Elementary Education
Middle Level Education
Physical Education

College of Engineering and Information Technology

Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering

Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Computer Information Systems
Computer Science
Electrical Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

School of the Environment

Environmental Studies minor

College of Hospitality, Retail and Sports Management

Business & Technology Education
Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Management
Interdisciplinary Studies
Retailing (emphasis in Retail Management or Fashion Merchandising)
Sport & Entertainment Management
Technology Support & Training Management

School of Journalism & Mass Communication

Advertising
Broadcast Journalism
Journalism (Print)
Public Relations
Visual Communications

School of Music

Music
or
Music with emphasis in choice of one of the following: Composition, Jazz Studies, Education (Band, Strings, or Vocal), Theory, Performance (Brass, Guitar, Organ, Percussion, Piano, Strings, Voice, or Woodwinds); Piano Accompaniment; Piano Pedagogy

College of Nursing

Nursing

South Carolina College of Pharmacy

Pre-Pharmacy
Pharmacy Doctorate

Arnold School of Public Health

Exercise Science

The South Carolina Honors College

- Relevant to all undergraduate majors
- Graduate with honors and major in any other undergraduate major, or pursue the Honors College degree

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University of South Carolina President

Dr. Andrew Sorensen



Scholarships and Research Productivity

With every new class, USC's student body grows in academic excellence. This year's freshman class promises to be the most talented academically in the history of the university. And they're joining an impressive group of students. Last year, University students won 41 national awards, earning more than 1.3 million for advanced academic study. Winners included a Truman Scholar and Truman Scholar Finalist, four Fulbright Fellows, a Udall Scholar, three National Science Foundation Research Fellows, a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Scholar, two Goldwater Scholars and a Honorable Mention, a Knowles Science Teaching Fellow, a National Physical Science Consortium Scholar, five Rotary International Scholars, three National Security Education Program Scholars, eight Gilman Scholars, a Freeman-Asia Scholar, a NOAA Hollings Scholar and three Tau Beta Pi Scholars among others.

Carolina has received the Carnegie Foundations highest designation for its superior research activity and is the only university in the state to be designated for very high research activity. As Carolina builds its research campus, faculty are garnering prestigious grants to conduct research in areas that have real world applications for our state and our nation. Most recently, USC signed agreements with two leading research institutes in Korea and in Germany to share research and faculty in an area of immense importance to the world – next energy, specifically hydrogen fuel cells and other alternative energy sources. USC researchers also are directing their efforts toward the environment, biomedical sciences, and nanotechnology.

Selected Program Rankings

The University of South Carolina's capstone program for seniors and the undergraduate international business program at the Moore School of Business are among the nation's best, according to the 2006 "American's Best Colleges Guide," published by U.S. News and World Report. USC's Moore School of Business is ranked No. 1 for undergraduate international business education—a ranking that USC has held since 1995. USC's programs in library and media and health librarianship captured the No. 2 and No.8 spot in their respective ratings categories. USC's programs for first-year and senior students are cited among the nation's best by the magazine in its "Programs to Look For" section, which list colleges and universities with outstanding programs that lead to student success.

USC's successful University 101 program began in 1972 to introduce first-year students to life at Carolina and increase retention. This year's listing of top first-year programs places USC among the successful programs.

Dr. Andrew A. Sorensen

Andrew A. Sorensen came to USC after serving as president of the University of Alabama (1996-2002) and provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Florida (1990-1996). Dr. Sorensen also has been executive director of the AIDS Institute at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and director of the School of Public Health at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He was a faculty member at Lincoln University, the University of Rochester, and Cornell University, and has been visiting faculty member at the Harvard University School of Medicine and the University of Cambridge School of Medicine.

Author or editor of seven books and more than 138 articles, he is professor of epidemiology and biostatistics in USC's Arnold School of Public Health. He holds a bachelor's degree in ethics and master's and doctoral degrees in medical sociology from Yale University. He also earned a B.A. in history from the University of Illinois and a master of public health from the University of Michigan.

Currently, he is president of the Southeastern Conference, past president of the Southern University Conference, past chair of the Southern Universities Research Association Council of Presidents, and a trustee of the Universities Research Association. He was a member of the Education Advisory Committee for President Bush's Transition Team during 2000-2001, and was appointed in 2005 to the NIH National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity. He is active in community affairs, serving as Honorary Chairman of the Board of Big Brothers/Big Sisters.



Home of the Gamecocks

University of South Carolina Athletics Director

Eric Hyman



Former National Athletics Director of the Year Eric Hyman is in his second year as the Director of Athletics at the University of South Carolina. Hyman officially began his duties at Carolina on July 1, 2005.

During the 2005-06 academic year, Carolina was one of only 11 schools in the country and the only school in the Southeastern Conference to have its football team participate in a bowl game, have both its men's and women's basketball programs compete in post-season tournaments and have its baseball squad reach regional play. In addition, the women's outdoor track & field team finished third in the country while crowning a pair of individual national champions and the equestrian hunt seat squad claimed a national title. Men's soccer earned a conference title while both men's and women's golf and tennis teams advanced to post-season action.

Hyman came to South Carolina from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, where he served as the athletics director for over seven years. At TCU, Hyman worked to solidify a national reputation as an architect of championship programs, as an advocate for academic success and as a skilled administrator. For his success, Hyman was named the 2003-2004 Street and Smith's Business Journal National Athletics Director of the Year and was also chosen as the Division I-A West Regional Athletics Director of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). In his final year at TCU, the university produced three conference championships, seven second-place finishes and the C-USA Male and Female Athlete of the Year.

Under his leadership, TCU teams recorded 32 conference titles and consistently posted a graduation percentage rate higher than that of the overall TCU student body. Hyman was instrumental in orchestrating TCU's invitation to join Conference USA in July 2001 and spearheaded the effort for TCU to join the Mountain West Conference in July 2005, moving the program from the Western Athletic Conference it was in when Hyman arrived.

In the 2000-2001 school year, TCU teams turned in the best athletics record in school history when the Horned Frogs registered a school record eight WAC championships and had seven teams nationally ranked. TCU was one of only four schools to record 10 victories in football and 20 wins in both men's and women's basketball, while setting a school record for football season tickets sold.

TCU turned in the most successful overall season of any Conference USA member in 2001-02. The Horned Frogs' debut campaign in the league featured nine NCAA appearances, five tournament championships and one regular season title. In 2003-04, TCU captured four Conference USA crowns along with nine second-place finishes. The conference titles in women's swimming and women's indoor track & field were the first in school history for those programs, while the baseball team reached the NCAA Tournament for just the third time ever. In addition, the football team was ranked as high as sixth in the BCS polls during the season.

During Hyman's tenure, the football team went to six bowl games in seven seasons, the women's basketball team went to five straight NCAA Tournaments and the baseball team earned back-to-back regional appearances for the first time in school history.

As TCU's Athletics Director, Hyman worked diligently to improve ath-

letic facilities. He directed a three-phase building plan that included the construction of a soccer stadium, a track complex and football practice fields during the first phase, renovations to the coliseum and the construction of an athletics center housing the football offices and meeting rooms, an academic center, athletic administration offices and an athletics heritage area in the second phase, and the construction of a baseball stadium, basketball practice complex, tennis offices and locker room building, an all-weather football practice field and a volleyball gymnasium in the final phase.

Before joining TCU, Hyman was the athletics director at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. During his tenure, Miami had the fifth-highest student-athlete graduation rate among all NCAA Division I schools in the country. His last two years at Miami brought home 10 conference championships. Hyman also served as athletics director at VMI in Lexington, Virginia, in the 1980s.

No stranger to the Carolinas, Hyman coached football for nine years under Art Baker and Dick Sheridan, and was an associate athletics director for two years at Furman University, where he earned a master's degree in educational administration (1975). He and his wife, Pauline, coached the women's basketball team at North Greenville College in Tigerville, S.C., leading the team to national rankings in the '70s.

Hyman played football at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was an all-ACC football player, on the Dean's list and selected for the Hula Bowl. He also served as the Executive Associate Athletics Director at North Carolina State University in Raleigh in the early 1990s.

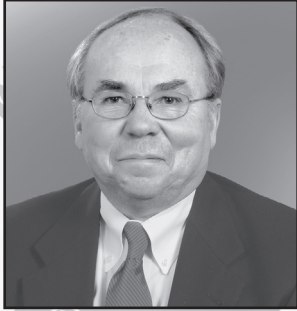
His wife, Pauline, is a native of North Carolina and also graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to her arrival at UNC, she played and later coached women's college basketball, taught sociology and psychology as well as serving as a college administrator. Pauline developed and taught the NCAA CHAMPS Life Skills course and various seminars for student-athletes at both Miami University and TCU. This past year she taught the Etiquette Seminar as part of South Carolina's Life Skills course and will lead other seminars to help prepare the student-athletes for their futures after Carolina athletics.

The Hymans have two adult children: Ryan, who graduated from TCU in 2001 and Corrine, a 2004 graduate of TCU. Ryan works for L.T. Barton Insurance Company in Fort Worth and Corrine is a realtor with Williams Trew Real Estate in Fort Worth.



The Hyman Family: Eric, Pauline, Corrine and Ryan

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Faculty Athletics Representative *Dr. Bill Bearden*

William O. Bearden is in his first year as the University of South Carolina's Faculty Athletics Representative. Bearden is The Bank of America Chaired Professor of Marketing in USC's Moore School of Business.

As Faculty Athletics Representative, Bearden's duties include advising University President Andrew Sorensen on matters related to the athletics program and working with Dr. Sorensen to determine the university's position on NCAA legislation. Bearden will also review the eligibility, admission and progress of student-athletes. He also assists in evaluating compliance with NCAA regulations and attends SEC and NCAA meet-

ings, serving as the university's voting delegate at the NCAA's annual meeting and participates in the organization's certification program.

Bearden received his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina in 1975. Before returning to South Carolina, he served on the faculties of Western Kentucky and the University of Alabama from 1976-1978.

Dr. Bearden is currently on the editorial review boards of the *Journal of Consumer Research*, the *Journal of Consumer Psychology*, the *Journal of Retailing* and the *Marketing Education Review*. He served for six years on the Board of Directors for the American Marketing Association. He has been President of the Academic Division of the American Marketing Association and President of the Southern Marketing Association. Dr. Bearden received the University of South Carolina Amoco Teaching

Award and the USC Mungo Award for Teaching Excellence that are presented annually to one faculty member and, as well as the Outstanding MBA Teacher Award, and twice has been awarded the Alfred G. Smith Darla Moore School of Business Teacher of the Year Award. He has been recognized as a faculty initiate in Mortar Board, ODK and Golden Key, and received the 2004 University of South Carolina Educational Foundation Research Award for Professional Schools and the 2005 USC Trustee Professorship Award.

His teaching and research interests include consumer behavior, marketing research, and the evaluation of marketing promotions. He was faculty co-director for the University Lilly Teaching Fellows from 1992-1995.

Carolina Head Coaches



Mark Berson
Men's Soccer



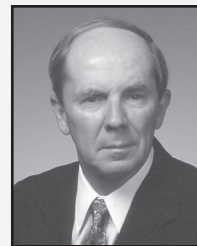
Puggy Blackmon
Men's Golf



Kristi Coggins
Women's Golf



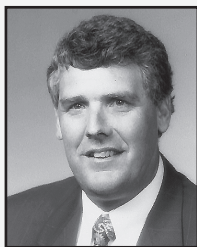
Joyce Compton
Softball



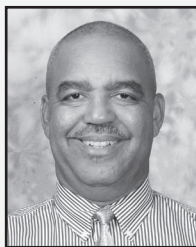
Kent DeMars
Men's Tennis



Boo Duncan
Equestrian



Arlo Elkins
Women's Tennis



Curtis Frye
Track & Cross Country



Don Gibb
Swimming



Dave Odom
Men's Basketball



Todd Sherritt
Diving



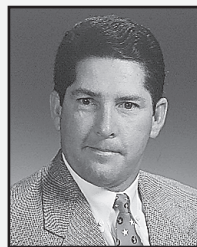
Nancy Somera
Volleyball



Steve Spurrier
Football



Shelley Smith
Women's Soccer



Ray Tanner
Baseball



Susan Walvius
Women's Basketball

Home of the Gamecocks

2005-06 Highlights

:: The football team set a school-record with five consecutive SEC victories with wins over Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Arkansas and Florida. The Gamecocks also played in the Independence Bowl in coach Steve Spurrier's inaugural season. Wide receiver Sidney Rice earned National Freshman of the Year honors from Rivals.com.

:: The men's soccer team claimed the Conference USA Championship and an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament, the 18th in school history, in its first season competing in the league.

:: For the second straight season, the men's basketball team made an impressive run to the National Invitation Tournament Championship. Renaldo Balkman was named NIT MVP.

:: The women's basketball team advanced to the postseason in 2006, competing in the Women's NIT. The Gamecocks set new school records for blocked shots, scoring defense and field goal percentage defense.

:: For the eighth consecutive year, the women's golf team advanced to the NCAA Regional in 2006. Senior Erica Battle was the recipient of the prestigious Dinah Shore Trophy and sophomore Whitney Simons was recognized as the 2006 SEC Women's Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

:: The Gamecock women's tennis team advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the 12th year in a row, and freshman Gira Schofield made the field of 64 at the NCAA Singles Championship.

:: The volleyball team completed its first season under head coach Nancy Somera in 2005. The Gamecocks ended the year with three consecutive wins and knocked off two teams during the year that advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

:: The equestrian team won its second consecutive Hunt Seat national title and captured the 2006 Co-Reserve Championship at the Varsity National Equestrian Championships.

:: Senior catcher Ashley Smith was named SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year for the third consecutive season and earned CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America honors for the third straight year.

:: Senior diver Allison Brennan finished second on the one-meter board at the NCAA Championships and won the SEC title on both the 1-meter and 3-meter boards. The women's swim team posted a team GPA of 3.523, the third-best GPA among Division I schools.

:: The men's golf team finished in the top 25 at the NCAA Championship and senior Eirik Johansen earned honorable mention All-America honors.

:: The men's tennis team competed in the NCAA Championship for the 13th-straight year. Senior Tom Eklund was named USC's Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

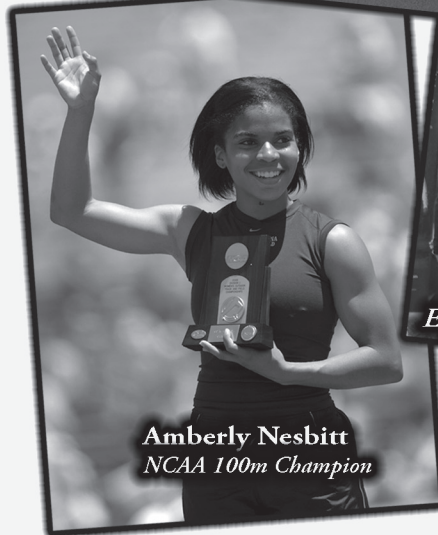
:: The women's track and field team captured their second straight NCAA East Regional title and placed third the NCAA Outdoor Championship. Amberly Nesbitt won the 100 meter outdoor crown and Shalonda Solomon swept the 200 meter titles, indoors and outdoors. The Gamecock men's team placed third at the NCAA East Regional and finished in the top 30 at the NCAA Outdoor Meet.

:: The baseball team competed in an NCAA Super Regional for the sixth time in the last seven years and finished one game shy of the College World Series. In a 15-6 win over Georgia in the Super Regional, the team tied an NCAA record by hitting five consecutive home runs.

:: Women's soccer senior Kimmy Criss was selected a CoSIDA Academic All-American while sophomore Ashley Kirk made the All-SEC second team.



Men's Soccer: Conference USA Champions

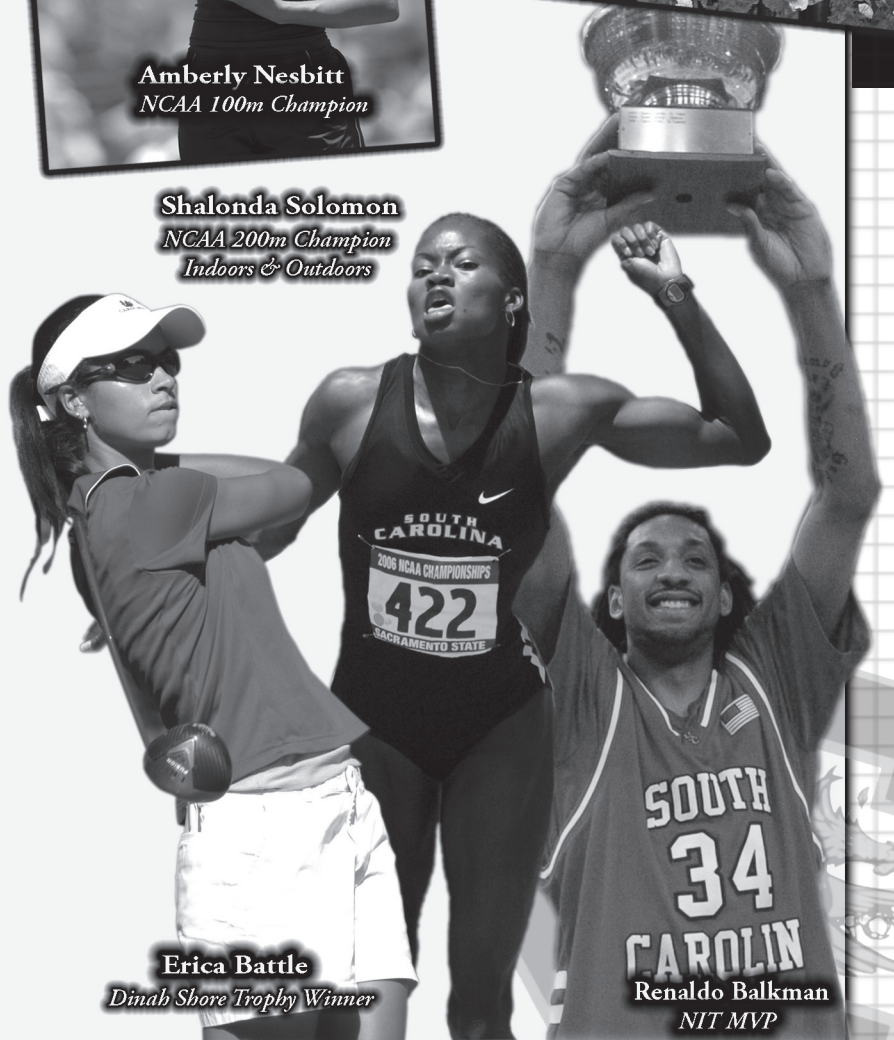


Amberly Nesbitt
NCAA 100m Champion



Equestrian: National Hunt Seat Champs

Shalonda Solomon
NCAA 200m Champion
Indoors & Outdoors



Erica Battle
Dinah Shore Trophy Winner

Renaldo Balkman
NIT MVP

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Located in the heart of South Carolina, Columbia combines the graces of a rich past with the vibrance of the emerging Southeast.

The city serves as center for education and government.

Columbia offers something for everyone

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South Carolina's Capital City

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia's Population: 121, 395

Metro Area Population: 689,878

:: Columbia is the largest city in the state of South Carolina which provides USC student-athletes with an array of opportunities for internships and networking while in college.

:: Entrepreneur.com listed Columbia 8th of 50 mid-sized metropolitan areas nationwide in its 2005 Hot Cities for Entrepreneurs rankings. In addition, Expansion Management ranked Columbia 21st in its "America's 50 Hottest Cities" list for business expansions and relocations

:: Columbia was recently listed among "America's 30 Most Livable Communities" by Partners for Liveable Communities. In June of 2006, Richland County, which encompasses the majority of Columbia, was one of 10 cities to earn an All-America City award from the National Civic League.

:: The area is often cited for its high quality of life offerings, with its many cultural amenities, parks, and recreational features. The city is at the confluence of two major rivers, which makes it one of the best destinations in the country for kayak and canoe enthusiasts.

Columbia Climate

(Average Monthly Temperatures)

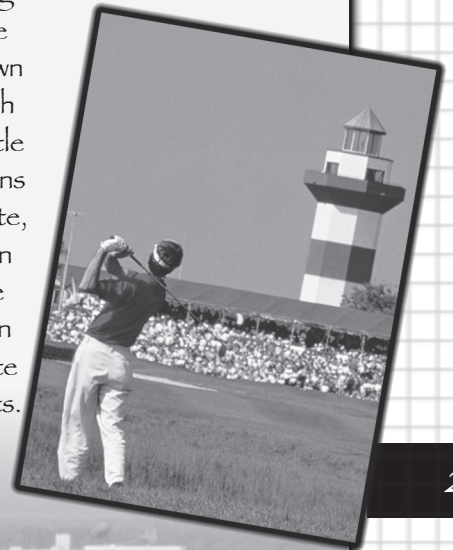
Month	High	Low
January	55	32
February	59	34
March	68	42
April	77	49
May	84	58
June	89	66
July	92	70
August	90	69
September	85	63
October	76	50
November	68	42
December	59	35

Home of the Gamecocks

Known for its friendly people and hospitality, The Palmetto State is also filled with beauty and history. South Carolina is one of the most scenic and thriving states in all of America.

The State of South Carolina

South Carolina features everything - more than 60 miles of wide, white beaches stretching from Georgetown to the North Carolina border, which includes the popular resort of Myrtle Beach, to the foothills and mountains of the northwestern part of the state, to historic Charleston and vacation hot spot Hilton Head Island in the Lowcountry. Columbia is located in the geographical center of the state and is just short drive from all points.



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The Palmetto State
Smiling Faces. Beautiful Places.



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South Carolina is the only SEC school and one of just 11 across the country that had its football, men's basketball, women's basketball and baseball teams compete in the postseason in 2005-06.

:: Hall-of-Fame Coach Joyce Compton has led the South Carolina softball team to 12 NCAA Championship appearances and two trips to the Women's College World Series. With 33 years in existence, South Carolina has the oldest softball program in the Southeastern Conference.

:: In 2005, USC claimed its first Equestrian national title. The team also won back-to-back Hunt Seat National titles in 2005 and 2006.

:: All-American Allison Brennan won the title on the 1-meter and 3-meter boards at the 2006 SEC Championships, and finished second on the 1-meter at NCAAs. The women's swimming and diving team recorded a team GPA of 3.5 which ranked them third among all Division I women's swim programs.

:: The Carolina women's basketball team advanced to the Elite Eight at the 2002 NCAA Tournament and has made three trips to the postseason in the last five seasons.

:: South Carolina is one of only four schools who has had a player selected among the first 25 picks in each of the last three NFL Drafts and is home of the 1980 Heisman Trophy winner, George Rogers.

:: The baseball team has reached the NCAA Super Regional in six of the last seven years and made three trips to the College World Series in that span. Coach Ray Tanner holds the second-highest winning percentage in SEC all-time history with a .695 winning percentage in 10 seasons at Carolina. Current Major Leaguers Brian Roberts and Adam Everett attended USC.

:: The women's soccer program boasts a strong young crop of talent entering the 2006 season including two-time All-SEC midfield performer Ashley Kirk. The Gamecocks finished strong in the classroom this past semester with a team cumulative GPA of 3.263 with senior Kimmy Criss earning CoSIDA Academic All-America honors and Amanda Thurber finishing her second straight season as a CoSIDA Academic All-District recipient.

:: The women's tennis team has competed in 12 consecutive NCAA Tournaments, which is tied for the 11th longest active streak in the country. Gira Schofield was named the SEC Freshman of the Year and the ITA Southeast Region Rookie of the Year in 2006.

A Total Program



Home of the Gamecocks

South Carolina offers a total athletics program that has achieved success across the board. The Gamecock staff features some of nation's best coaches and they have made a home at Carolina. Of the 16 head coaches, 11 of have been at South Carolina 10 or more seasons.

:: The South Carolina volleyball team has posted eight 20-win seasons in the past 12 years. Senior Shonda Cole has been involved with USA Volleyball each of the last two years.

:: The women's golf team has made eight consecutive trips to the post-season. Erica Battle was the 2006 recipient of the prestigious Dinah Shore Trophy, which honors the top golfer in the country who combines success on the golf course with success in the classroom, service to the community and extraordinary leadership. She is the second Gamecock in the last three years to win the award. Carolina was recognized as the 2004-05 NGCA All-Scholar Team of the Year and Whitney Simons was honored as the 2006 SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

:: The women's track and field team has placed in the top-10 11 straight years, joining only the Texas women and Arkansas men in accomplishing this outstanding feat. In addition, they have been in the top five, five of the last six years. The women's program, started in 1991, has also had unprecedented success on the professional circuit with its alums including Olympic gold medalists Tonique Williams-Darling (400m), Aleen Bailey (4x100m relay) and Charmaine Howell (4x400m relay).

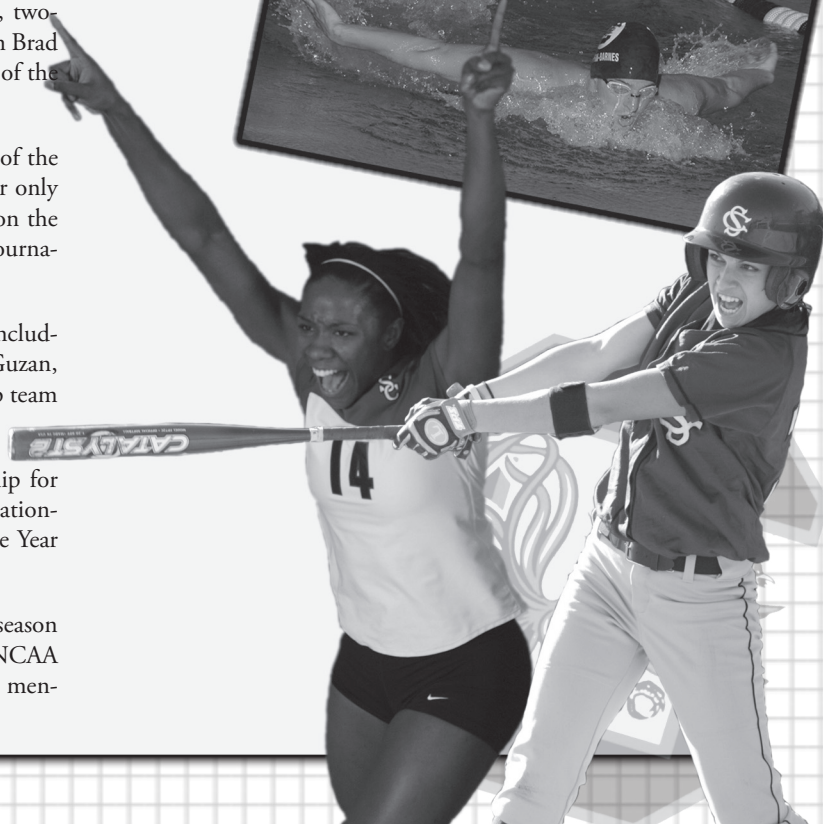
:: The men's track and field team, which has won 14 NCAA titles over 12 years, finished in the top 30 seven of the last eight years. USC track alums include two-time Olympic silver medalist Terrence Trammell, two-time Olympic medalist Otis Harris (gold, silver), three-time Olympian Brad Snyder and five-time NCAA champion and National Scholar Athlete of the Year Otukile Lekote.

:: The men's basketball team, which has won 20 plus games in four of the last four years, has won the last two NIT post-season titles, an honor only accomplished by one other team (St. John's, 1943-44). The team won the season series with 2006 NCAA champion Florida, making the SEC Tournament finals.

:: The men's soccer team has competed in 18 NCAA Tournaments, including two trips to the final four. USC has produced MLS stars Brad Guzan, Clint Mathis and Josh Wolff, who also played on the U.S. World Cup team in Germany in 2006.

:: The men's tennis team has advanced to the NCAA Championship for the last 13 years, a streak that ranks as the sixth-longest active streak nationally. Tom Eklund was selected the USC Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2005-06.

:: The men's golf team has made 11 straight trips to the NCAA postseason under Hall-of-Fame coach Puggy Blackmon and competed in the NCAA Championship a total of 14 times. Eirik Johansen earned honorable mention All-America honors in 2006.



The University of South Carolina

The Carolina Academic Resources and Enrichment Services program employs a team of dedicated staff and tutors to work in a collaborative effort to assist student-athletes with day-to-day activities. It is the mission of the C.A.R.E.S. staff help all student-athletes realize their personal, academic, and athletics potential.



Developing the total student-athlete



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:: Seniors Kimmy Criss (Women's Soccer) and Ashley Smith (Softball) were named to the CoSIDA ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America team.

:: Six USC student-athletes were named to CoSIDA's ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District III team, including Ashley Smith (Softball), Kimmy Criss (Women's Soccer), Neil Giesler (Baseball), Erica Battle (Women's Golf), Tom Eklund (Men's Tennis) and Eirik Johansen (Men's Golf).

:: Seniors Tom Eklund (Men's Tennis) and Tracey Richardson (Women's Diving) were South Carolina's recipients of the SEC H. Boyd McWhorter Postgraduate Scholarships.

:: South Carolina student-athletes set a record with a 2.978 cumulative GPA for the Fall, 2005 semester and then bettered that mark with a 2.992 GPA for the Spring, 2006 semester.

:: Twelve of 17 programs achieved a GPA of 3.0 or higher in both semesters during the 2005-06 school year. Seventy two student-athletes made the President's List with a perfect 4.0 GPA and 238 were named to the Dean's List.

:: Tom Eklund (Men's Tennis) was chosen the USC Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year and Ashley Smith (Softball) and Amanda Thurber (Women's Soccer) shared the Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award. Erica Battle (Women's Golf) was presented the President's Award, the highest honor for a USC student-athlete.

CHAMPS/LIFE SKILLS

USC was selected to begin a CHAMPS/Life Skills Program by the NCAA in 2000. CHAMPS is an acronym meaning CHallenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success. The Life Skills program addresses commitment to five areas: Academic Excellence, Athletic Excellence, Personal Development, Career Development and Service.

ETIQUETTE SEMINARS: "MANNERS MATTER"

The Etiquette Seminar prepares student-athletes for internships and job hunting by emphasizing table manners and other etiquette appropriate for interview situations in an interactive, formal dinner setting.

GAMECOCK ATHLETICS CAREER NETWORK

The Gamecock Athletics Career Network has resources available for identifying practicum and internship experiences. Other programs include: mentoring, assistance with resume development and job interviewing skills, networking seminars and collaborations with the University Career Center.

UNIVERSITY 101

Each freshman student-athlete enrolls in University 101, an internationally renowned seminar course dedicated to helping new students succeed, during their first semester.

THE STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

USC has a Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) made up of student-athlete representatives from each sport team within the Athletics Department. SAAC has been active in promoting department-wide community service projects and student-athlete camaraderie, and is a means for student-athletes to communicate with administration about issues that affect student-athletes.

ALL-SPORTS BANQUET

The Athletics Department gives special recognition to all student-athletes each spring at the All-Sports Banquet by honoring athletic and academic accomplishments of student-athletes and teams.



Home of the Gamecocks

The athletics department's community service program, "Team Gamecocks," represents a continuing commitment by Gamecock student-athletes, coaches and staff to respond with both time and effort to the needs of their local communities.

Team Gamecocks: Student-Athletes who care

CAROLINA IN THE COMMUNITY:

: In 2005-2006, South Carolina student-athletes participated in over 125 community service projects, logging more than 3,000 hours of service.

: : The Equestrian team won the athletic department's 2005-06 Team Community Service Award.

: : Kris Clark, a senior on the football team, received the Male SEC Community Service Postgraduate Scholarship while senior track and field athlete Kemesha Whitmire received the Female SEC Community Service Postgraduate Scholarship for 2005-06.

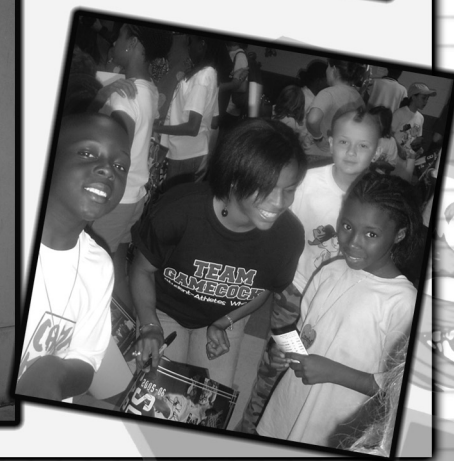
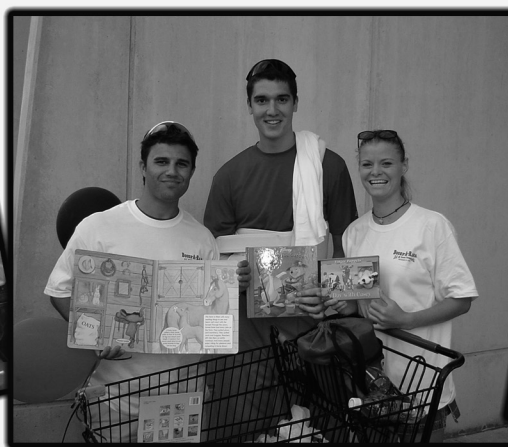
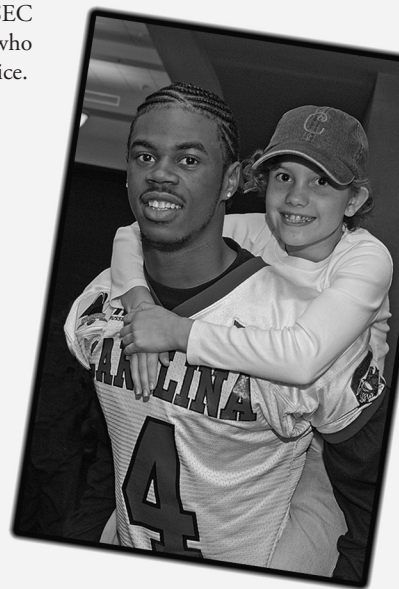
: : Team Gamecocks annually participated in a variety of service projects, including Pigskin Poets, Camp Kemo, Children's Chance, hospital and elementary school visits and food drives.

SEC GOOD WORKS TEAMS

The team consists of a student-athlete from each SEC institution, nominated by his school's personnel, who has devoted himself or herself to community service.

South Carolina's 2005-2006 Recipients

Baseball – Ian Paxton
Football – Kris Clark
Men's Golf – David Kite
Women's Golf – Erica Battle
Women's Soccer – Kimmy Gillespie
Softball – Melanie Henkes
Men's Swimming – Justin Kata
Women's Swimming – Stephanie Margalis
Men's Tennis – Tom Eklund
Women's Tennis – Justine Walsh
Men's Track & Field – Shawn Cunningham
Women's Track & Field – Cheryl Terrio
Volleyball – Nicole Miller



The University of South Carolina

Gamecock Athletics Facilities



Williams-Brice Stadium

Football • Capacity: 80,250
Largest Crowd: 85,000 (vs. Clemson, Nov. 17, 2001)



The Colonial Center

Men's and Women's Basketball • Capacity: 18,000
Largest Crowd: 18,000 (MBB vs. Kentucky, March 3, 2004)



Sarge Frye Field

Baseball • Capacity: 6,000
Largest Crowd: 6,811 (vs. Clemson, April 24, 2004)



Eugene E. Stone III Stadium

Men's and Women's Soccer • Capacity: 5,700
Largest Crowd: 6,025 (MSOC vs. Clemson, Oct. 14, 1990)



Beckham Field

Softball • Capacity: 1,500
Largest Crowd: 2,250 (vs. Kansas, May 18, 1997)



Carolina Natatorium

Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving • Capacity: 1,200

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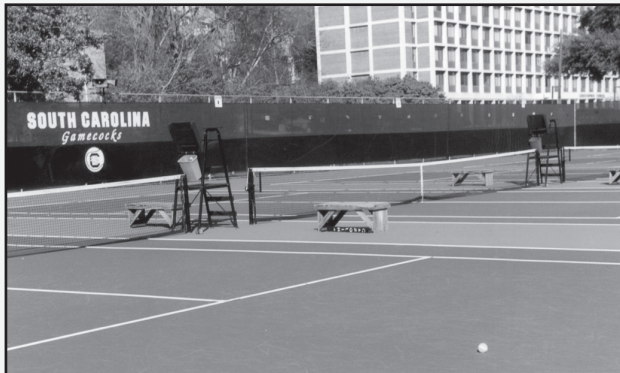
Gamecock Athletics Facilities



University Club
Men's and Women's Golf



Sam Daniel Tennis Center
Men's Tennis • Capacity: 1,500



Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center
Women's Tennis • Capacity: 700



Weems Baskin Track
Men's and Women's Track and Field • Capacity: 2,200



One Wood Farm
Equestrian



Volleyball Competition Facility
Volleyball • Capacity: 2,000
Largest Crowd: 1,793 (vs. Florida, Sept. 21, 2001)

The University of South Carolina

Alumni and fans hold a deep love for the Gamecocks. You won't find more passionate and loyal fans any place in the country.

You're a Gamecock for life.

2001

The University of South Carolina features perhaps the most unique and electrifying pregame entrance in all of college football. The Gamecocks assemble in the southeast corner of Williams-Brice Stadium, and as more than 82,000 fans begin to roar in anticipation, the theme song from "2001 - A Space Odyssey" begins to blare over the stadium sound system. At the music continues, the excitement builds and the sound of the crowd grows deafening. At the precise moment, in perfect coordination with the music, the Gamecocks storm onto the field.

The theme "2001" corresponds with the University's Bicentennial, which was celebrated six years ago.

Cocky

South Carolina's official mascot, Cocky, appears at many Gamecock Athletics events. Known for his zany antics and widely-recognized around the country, Cocky has been a member of Capital One's Mascot All-America team for three straight years.

Alma Mater

"We Hail Thee Carolina"

We hail thee, Carolina, and sing thy high praise
With loyal devotion, remembering the days
When proudly we sought thee, thy children
to be: Here's a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

Since pilgrims of learning, we entered thy walls
And found dearest comrades in thy classic halls
We've honored and loved thee as sons
faithfully; Here's a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

Generations of sons have rejoiced to proclaim
Thy watchword of service, thy beauty and fame;
For ages to come shall their rallying cry be:
Here's a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

Fair shrine of high honor and truth, thou shalt still
Blaze forth as a beacon, thy mission fulfill,
And crowned by all hearts in a new jubilee:
Here's a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

Fight Song

"The Fighting Gamecocks Lead the Way"

Hey, Let's give a cheer, Carolina is here,
The Fighting Gamecocks lead the way.

Who gives a care, If the going gets tough,
And when it is rough, that's when the 'Cocks get going.

Hail to our colors of garnet and black,
In Carolina pride have we.

So, Go Gamecocks Go - FIGHT! Drive for the goal - FIGHT!
USC will win today - GO COCKS!
So, let's give a cheer, Carolina is here. The Fighting Gamecocks All The Way!

