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## UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location.....	Columbia, S.C.
Founded.....	1801
Enrollment.....	32,972
Nickname.....	Gamecocks
Colors .....	Garnet (PMS 202) and Black
National Affiliation .....	NCAA Division I
Conference.....	Southeastern (SEC)
Athletics Web Address .....	www.GamecocksOnline.com
University Web Address.....	www.sc.edu
President .....	Dr. Harris Pastides
NCAA Representative .....	Dr. Valinda Littlefield
Athletics Director.....	Ray Tanner
Basketball Administrator/Chief Operating Officer.....	Kevin O'Connell

## BASKETBALL STAFF/INFORMATION

Head Coach .....	Frank Martin
Alma Mater .....	Florida International, '93
Record At South Carolina/Seasons .....	45-54 (.454), 3 seasons
Overall Record/Seasons .....	162-108 (.600), 8 seasons
Assoc. Head Coach/Recruiting Coord. ....	Matt Figger (Eastern Kentucky, '95)
Assistant Coach .....	Perry Clark (Gettysburg, '74)
Assistant Coach .....	Lamont Evans (Kansas State, '09)
Director of Basketball Operations .....	Andy Assaley (Cincinnati, '96)
Strength & Conditioning Coach.....	Scott Greenawalt (Muskingum College, '98)
Athletic Trainer .....	Mark Rodger (Buffalo, '01)
Video Coordinator .....	Patrick Schulte (Kansas State, '13)
Student-Athlete Development .....	Doug Edwards (Florida State, '07)
Associate Media Relations Director.....	Emily Miles (Feeney) (Ball State, '03)
Home Arena.....	Colonial Life Arena
Capacity.....	18,000
Arena General Manager.....	Lexi Boone
Press Row Phone Number.....	803-777-6182

## BASKETBALL HISTORY

First Year of Basketball.....	1908
All-Time Record.....	1342-1203-1 (.527)
Overall Postseason Record.....	25-18
NCAA Tournament Appearances .....	8 (1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1989, 1997, 1998, 2004)
NCAA Tournament Record.....	4-9
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance .....	2004, L vs. Memphis, 59-43
NIT Appearances .....	11 (1969, 1975, 1978, 1983, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2009)
NIT Record .....	21-9
Last NIT Appearance .....	2009, L vs. Davidson, 70-63
Conference Championships/Titles.....	.....
SoCon Regular Season (1927, 1933, 1934, 1945); SoCon Tournament Champion (1933); ACC Regular Season (1970); ACC Champion (1971); SEC Regular Season (1997); SEC East Division Co-Champions (2009)	

## TEAM INFORMATION

2014-15 Record .....	17-16
Southeastern Conference Record/Finish .....	6-12/11th
SEC Tournament Record .....	2-1
Postseason .....	N/A
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....	8/4
Starters Returning/Lost .....	4/1
<i>*based on final game starters from 2014-15 season</i>	
Newcomers .....	7
Roster Breakdown .....	4 seniors, 3 juniors, 2 sophomores, 7 freshmen

## RETURNING TEAM STATS

Percentage of Scoring .....	78.7% (1,689/2,146)
Percentage of Field Goals.....	78.7% (579/735)
Percentage of 3-Point Field Goals .....	83.3% (150/180)
Percentage of Free Throws .....	76.8% (381/496)
Percentage of Rebounding.....	75.4% (889/1178)
Percentage of Offensive Rebounding .....	87.6% (356/406)
Percentage of Assists .....	72.3% (316/437)
Percentage of Steals.....	73.5% (153/208)
Percentage of Blocks.....	75.9% (101/133)
Percentage of Minutes.....	77.7% (5,130/6,600)

### Players Returning (stats from 2014-15 season)

Duane Notice (Jr. - G) - 11.7 ppg/2.6 rpg/3.7 apg
Sindarius Thornwell (Jr. - G) - 11.1 ppg/4.9 rpg/2.2 apg/1.3 spg
Laimonas Chatkevicius (Sr. - F) - 8.6 ppg/5.2 rpg/1.3 bpg
Michael Carrera (Sr. - F) - 7.1 ppg/5.7 rpg
Mindaugas Kacinas (Sr. - F) - 6.1 ppg/5.1 rpg
Marcus Stroman (So. - G) - 4.3 ppg/2.6 rpg/3.1 apg
Justin McKie (Jr. - G) - 3.2 ppg/1.8 apg
Brian Steele (Sr. - G) - 1.7 ppg/0.6 rpg
TeMarcus Blanton (R-Fr. - G) - DNP in 2014-15, hip injury

### Players Lost:

Tyrone Johnson (Sr. - G) - team leader with 3.5 apg/9.5 ppg/83.0% FT
Demetrius Henry (So. - F) - 6.0 ppg/3.6 rpg
Shamiek Sheppard (Fr. - G) - 1.6 ppg/1.3 rpg
Reggie Theus Jr. (So. - F) - 0.3 ppg/0.2 rpg
Austin Constable (Jr. - G) - graduated/DNP in 2014-15, knee injury

### Newcomers:

<b>Eric Cobb</b> (Fr. - F) Jacksonville, Fla.; <b>Raymond Doby</b> (Fr. - F) Cahokia, Ill.; <b>PJ Dozier</b> (Fr. - G) Columbia, S.C.; <b>Jamall Gregory</b> (Fr. - G) Washington, D.C.; <b>John Ragin</b> (Fr. - G) Eastover, S.C.; <b>Chris Silva</b> (Fr. - F) Libreville, Gabon; <b>Jarrell Holliman</b> (R-So. - F) Alpharetta, Ga.
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## ROSTER BREAKDOWN

### Returning Starters (4)

Michael Carrera  
Laimonas Chatkevicius  
Duane Notice  
Sindarius Thornwell  
*\*based on final game of 2014-15 season*

### Returning Letterwinners (8)

Michael Carrera  
Laimonas Chatkevicius  
Mindaugas Kacinas  
Justin McKie  
Duane Notice  
Brian Steele  
Marcus Stroman  
Sindarius Thornwell

### Guards (9)

TeMarcus Blanton  
PJ Dozier  
Jamall Gregory  
Justin McKie  
Duane Notice  
John Ragin  
Brian Steele  
Marcus Stroman  
Sindarius Thornwell

### Forwards (7)

Michael Carrera  
Laimonas Chatkevicius  
Eric Cobb  
Raymond Doby  
Jarrell Holliman  
Mindaugas Kacinas  
Chris Silva

### By Height

Jamall Gregory (6-2)  
Duane Notice (6-2)  
John Ragin (6-2)  
Marcus Stroman (6-2)  
Justin McKie (6-4)  
TeMarcus Blanton (6-5)  
Michael Carrera (6-5)  
Brian Steele (6-5)  
Sindarius Thornwell (6-5)  
Raymond Doby (6-6)  
PJ Dozier (6-6)  
Jarrell Holliman (6-7)  
Mindaugas Kacinas (6-7)  
Eric Cobb (6-9)  
Chris Silva (6-9)  
Laimonas Chatkevicius (6-11)

## 2015-16 SOUTH CAROLINA MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

### Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown/High/Last School
5	TeMarcus Blanton	G	6-5	215	R-FR	HS	Locust Grove, Ga./Luella
24	Michael Carrera	F	6-5	214	SR	3VL	Anzoátegui, Venezuela/Montrose Christian School
14	Laimonas Chatkevicius	F	6-11	245	SR	3VL	Klaipeda, Lithuania/South Kent School
23	Eric Cobb	F	6-9	296	FR	HS	Jacksonville, Fla./St. Francis Academy (Maryland)
2	Raymond Doby	F	6-6	233	FR	HS	Cahokie, Ill./Montrose Christian/St. John's Northwestern Military Acad. (Wisconsin)
15	PJ Dozier	G	6-6	200	FR	HS	Columbia, S.C./Spring Valley
4	Jamall Gregory	G	6-2	202	FR	HS	Washington, D.C./Coolidge/Elev8 Institute (Florida)
31	Jarrell Holliman	F	6-7	200	R-SO	1VL	Alpharetta, Ga./Alpharetta/Elmhurst College
25	Mindaugas Kacinas	F	6-7	229	SR	3VL	Klaipeda, Lithuania/Word of Life Fire Traditional School
20	Justin McKie	G	6-4	197	JR	2VL	Columbia, S.C./Irmo
10	Duane Notice	G	6-2	218	JR	2VL	Woodbridge, Canada/St. Michael's/St. Thomas More (Oakdale, Conn.)
21	John Ragin	G	6-2	177	FR	HS	Eastover, S.C./Cardinal Newman
30	Chris Silva	F	6-9	220	FR	HS	Libreville, Gabon/Roselle (N.J.) Catholic
35	Brian Steele	F	6-5	204	SR	3VL	Greenville, S.C./Wade Hampton School
1	Marcus Stroman	G	6-2	185	SO	1VL	Columbia, S.C./Keenan
0	Sindarius Thornwell	G	6-5	215	JR	2VL	Lancaster, S.C./Oak Hill Academy

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown/High/Last School
0	Sindarius Thornwell	G	6-5	215	JR	2VL	Lancaster, S.C./Oak Hill Academy
1	Marcus Stroman	G	6-2	185	SO	1VL	Columbia, S.C./Keenan
2	Raymond Doby	F	6-6	233	FR	HS	Cahokie, Ill./Montrose Christian/St. John's Northwestern Military Acad. (Wisconsin)
4	Jamall Gregory	G	6-2	202	FR	HS	Washington, D.C./Coolidge/Elev8 Institute (Florida)
5	TeMarcus Blanton	G	6-5	215	R-FR	HS	Locust Grove, Ga./Luella
10	Duane Notice	G	6-2	218	JR	2VL	Woodbridge, Canada/St. Michael's/St. Thomas More (Oakdale, Conn.)
14	Laimonas Chatkevicius	F	6-11	245	SR	3VL	Klaipeda, Lithuania/South Kent School
15	PJ Dozier	G	6-6	200	FR	HS	Columbia, S.C./Spring Valley
20	Justin McKie	G	6-4	197	JR	2VL	Columbia, S.C./Irmo
21	John Ragin	G	6-2	177	FR	HS	Eastover, S.C./Cardinal Newman
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25	Mindaugas Kacinas	F	6-7	229	SR	3VL	Klaipeda, Lithuania/Word of Life Fire Traditional School
30	Chris Silva	F	6-9	220	FR	HS	Libreville, Gabon/Roselle (N.J.) Catholic
31	Jarrell Holliman	F	6-7	200	R-SO	1VL	Alpharetta, Ga./Alpharetta/Elmhurst College
35	Brian Steele	F	6-5	204	SR	3VL	Greenville, S.C./Wade Hampton School

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**Video Coordinator:** Patrick Schulte (Kansas State, '13)

**Student-Athlete Development:** Doug Edwards (Florida State, '07)

**Special Assistant to the Head Coach:** Jarett Gerald (South Carolina, '11)

**Associate Media Relations Director:** Emily Miles (Feeney) (Ball State, '03)

## TOP RETURNING ...

Scorer..... Notice, 11.7 ppg  
Rebounder ..... Carrera, 5.7 rpg  
Assist Maker..... Stroman, 3.1 apg  
FG Shooter \*..... Kacinas, 56.1%  
3-Point FG Shooter \$..... Notice, 36.3%  
FT Shooter \$..... Notice, 79.1%  
Shot Blocker..... Chatkevicius, 1.3 bpg  
Steal Maker ..... Thornwell, 1.3 spg

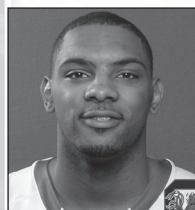
\* at least 100 attempts

\$ at least 50 attempts



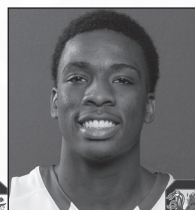


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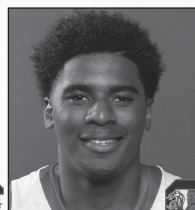
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**Sindarius Thornwell**  
Jr. - G - 6-5 - 215  
Lancaster, S.C.  
Oak Hill Academy



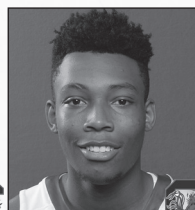
### #1

**Marcus Stroman**  
So. - G - 6-2 - 185  
Columbia, S.C.  
Keenan



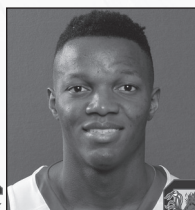
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**Raymond Doby**  
Fr. - F - 6-6 - 233  
Cahokia, Ill.  
Montrose Christian



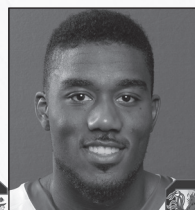
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**Jamall Gregory**  
Fr. - G - 6-2 - 202  
Washington, D.C.  
Coolidge



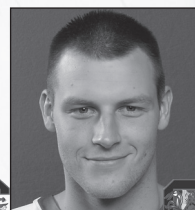
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**Temarcus Blanton**  
R-Fr. - G - 6-5 - 215  
Locust Grove, Ga.  
Luella



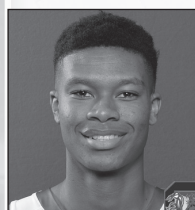
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**Duane Notice**  
Jr. - G - 6-2 - 218  
Woodbridge, Ontario  
St. Thomas More  
(Oakdale, Conn.)



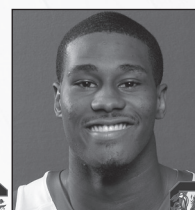
### #14

**Laimonas Chatkevicius**  
Sr. - F - 6-11 - 245  
Klaipeda, Lithuania  
South Kent School  
(South Kent, Conn.)



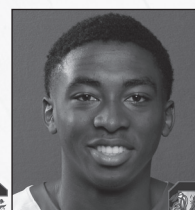
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**PJ Dozier**  
Fr. - G - 6-6 - 200  
Columbia, S.C.  
Spring Valley



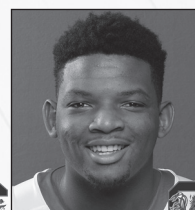
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**Justin McKie**  
Jr. - G - 6-4 - 197  
Columbia, S.C.  
Irmo



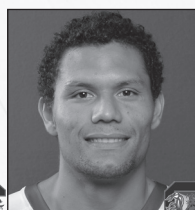
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**John Ragin**  
Fr. - G - 6-2 - 177  
Eastover, S.C.  
Cardinal Newman



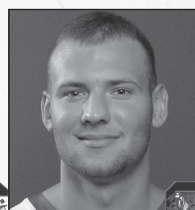
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**Eric Cobb**  
Fr. - F - 6-9 - 296  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
St. Francis Academy  
(Baltimore, Md.)



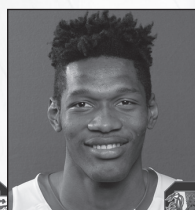
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Anzoategui, Venezuela  
Montrose Christian



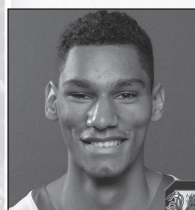
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**Mindaugas Kacinas**  
Sr. - F - 6-7 - 229  
Klaipeda, Lithuania  
Word of Life Fire  
Traditional School  
(Wichita, Kan.)



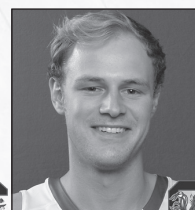
### #30

**Chris Silva**  
Fr. - F - 6-9 - 220 -  
Libreville, Gabon  
Roselle (N.J.) Catholic



### #31

**Jarrell Holliman**  
R-So. - F - 6-7 - 200  
Alpharetta, Ga.  
Alpharetta/Elmhurst  
College



### #35

**Brian Steele**  
Sr. - F - 6-5 - 204  
Greenville, S.C.  
Wade Hampton



**Frank Martin**  
Head Coach



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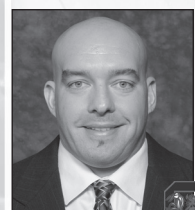
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**Lamont Evans**  
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**Andy Assaley**  
Director of Basketball  
Operations



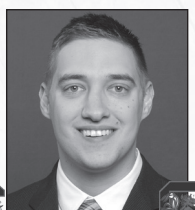
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**Doug Edwards**  
Student-Athlete  
Development



**Patrick Schulte**  
Video Coordinator



**Jay Gibbons**  
Graduate Manager



**Jarett Gerald**  
Special Assistant  
To The Head Coach



**Emily Miles**  
Associate Media  
Relations Director





## SOUTH CAROLINA 2015-16 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	BROADCAST
Nov. 8	Allen (exhibition)	Columbia, S.C.	4 p.m.	SECN+
Nov. 14	Norfolk State %	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.	SECN+
Nov. 16	Oral Roberts	Columbia, S.C.	7:30 p.m.	SECN
<i>U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam (UVI Sports and Fitness Center)</i>				
Nov. 20	DePaul	St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands	6 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Nov. 21/22	TBD	St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands	TBD	TBD
Nov. 23	TBD	St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands	TBD	TBD
Nov. 27	Lipscomb	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m.	SECN+
Nov. 30	Western Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.	SECN
Dec. 5	USF	Columbia, S.C.	4 p.m.	SECN
Dec. 15	Drexel	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.	SECN+
Dec. 18	at Clemson ^	Greenville, S.C.	7 p.m.	ESPN3
<i>Hall of Fame Shootout (Mohegan Sun Arena)</i>				
Dec. 22	vs. St. John's	Uncasville, Conn.	9 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Dec. 30	Francis Marion	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.	SECN+
Jan. 2	Memphis	Columbia, S.C.	6 p.m.	ESPNU
Jan. 5	at Auburn*	Auburn, Ala.	7 p.m.	SECN
Jan. 9	Vanderbilt*	Columbia, S.C.	3 p.m.	ESPNU
Jan. 13	at Alabama*	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	9 p.m.	SECN
Jan. 16	Missouri*	Columbia, S.C.	1 p.m.	SECN
Jan. 19	at Ole Miss*	Oxford, Miss.	7 p.m.	SECN
Jan. 23	at Tennessee*	Knoxville, Tenn.	12 p.m.	SECN
Jan. 26	Mississippi State*	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.	SECN
Jan. 30	Alabama*	Columbia, S.C.	6 p.m.	SECN
Feb. 2	at Georgia*	Athens, Ga.	7 p.m.	ESPN/U/SECN
Feb. 6	at Texas A&M*	College Station, Texas	4 p.m.	ESPNU
Feb. 10	LSU*	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.	ESPN2
Feb. 13	Kentucky*	Columbia, S.C.	12 p.m.	ESPN/2
Feb. 16	at Missouri*	Columbia, Mo.	7 p.m.	SECN
Feb. 20	Florida*	Columbia, S.C.	12 p.m.	SECN
Feb. 24	Tennessee*	Columbia, S.C.	9 p.m.	SECN
Feb. 27	at Mississippi State*	Starkville, Miss.	2:30 p.m.	SECN
March 3	Georgia*	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.	ESPN/2
March 5	at Arkansas*	Fayetteville, Ark.	5 p.m.	SECN
<i>SEC Tournament (Bridgestone Arena)</i>				
March 9	vs. First Round	Nashville, Tenn.	TBD	TBD
March 10	vs. Second Round	Nashville, Tenn.	TBD	TBD
March 11	vs. Quarterfinals	Nashville, Tenn.	TBD	TBD
March 12	vs. Semifinals	Nashville, Tenn.	TBD	TBD
March 13	vs. Finals	Nashville, Tenn.	TBD	TBD
<i>NCAA Tournament</i>				
March 15-16	First Four	Dayton, Ohio	TBD	TBD
March 17-20	First/Second Rounds	Various Sites	TBD	TBD
March 24-27	Regionals	Various Sites	TBD	TBD
April 2-4	Final Four/Final	Houston, Texas	TBD	TBD

All dates and times subject to change | All home games in **bold** | All times listed Eastern | \* indicates SEC contest | & indicates exhibition | % part of Paradise Jam | ^ game will be played at Bon Secours Arena | SECN indicates broadcast on SEC Network





## THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

### MISSION STATEMENT

*The University's mission is threefold: the education of the state's diverse citizens through teaching, research and creative activity, and service.*

The University of South Carolina is home to more than 200 years of history and tradition, rising from a single building in 1805 on what would become the heart of the campus, the Horseshoe. Today, the 11 buildings that make up the Horseshoe frame a lush lawn that is an irresistible gathering place for students, faculty and staff members and alumni and the scene of many important university events.

And while the Horseshoe will always be the symbol of Carolina's proud tradition, the university's presence and reach stretch across the state, with baccalaureate universities in Aiken, Spartanburg (Upstate) and the sea islands (Beaufort and the gateway to Hilton Head) as well as Palmetto College, which encompasses our associate degree-granting campuses — in Allendale and Walterboro (Salkehatchie), Sumter, Lancaster and Union — and our online bachelor's degree completion programs.

Together, they are building economic prosperity; fulfilling the university's mission of teaching, research and service to the state; and preparing future leaders in business, law, education, the arts, tourism, communications, medicine and the health sciences.

The University of South Carolina's Columbia campus offers more than 300 degree programs through its 14 degree-granting colleges and schools.

The South Carolina Honors College is the nation's best public honors college based on honors college factors according to the guidebook "A Review of Fifty Public University Honors Programs."

U.S. News & World Report recognizes the Moore School of Business for having the No. 1 undergraduate international business program and No. 1 graduate international business program, and Financial Times credits the Moore School with the No. 1 international course experience.

USC launched a new online degree completion program in 2013. Palmetto College's online offerings bring together the resources of the entire University of South Carolina system to combine the quality of a USC degree with the flexibility of online learning.

Students at the University of South Carolina have earned 716 national fellowships and scholarships valued at \$21.7 million since 1994. University of South Carolina faculty members generated \$242.8 million in funding for research, training and outreach programs in fiscal year 2015, one of the highest totals ever at the university.

### UNIVERSITY HISTORY

*In 2001, the university celebrated the bicentennial of its charter, but 2005 also marked a watershed anniversary: 200 years since the first classes began at South Carolina College, as it was then known. Carolina has endured the Civil War and Reconstruction, closings and name changes. Permanently chartered in 1906 as the University of South Carolina, it grew throughout the 20th century and today is building its reputation as a cutting-edge research institution.*



USC is ranked in the top 5 percent of U.S. public universities in the number of national awards its faculty has received.

The new Darla Moore School of Business building serves as the front door of Innovista, the university's research district, and is a hub for creativity, research and entrepreneurial activity. The school is pursuing a net zero status and LEED Platinum rating for its new home.

The USC School of Medicine pioneered the nation's first medical school curriculum that teaches first- through fourth-year students how to use leading ultrasound technologies for bedside diagnosis.

Twelve USC students received Fulbright grants in 2012 for research, study or teaching abroad, and the Chronicle of Higher Education named USC a "Top Producer of U.S. Fulbright Students." Another six students were awarded National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships.

USC has partnered with IBM and Fluor Corporation to open the Center for Applied Innovation on the Columbia campus. The center promises to reshape how technology is used in higher education.

USC is consistently recognized by Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine, Princeton Review and USA Today for being one of the best values among public colleges and universities.

USC is one of only 40 public universities to receive the Carnegie Foundation's top-tier research designation and community engagement designation and is the only university in South Carolina with the Carnegie top-tier designation for "very high research activity."





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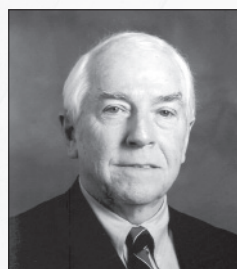
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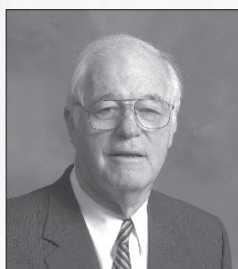
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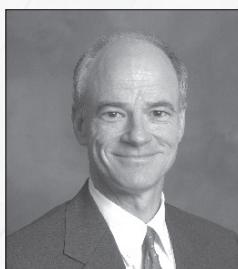
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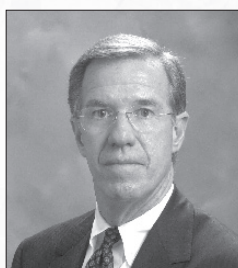
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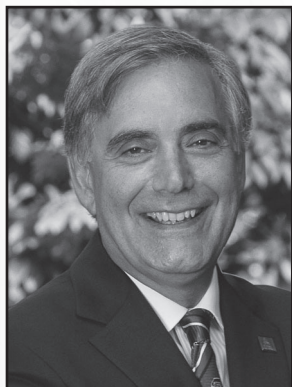


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## UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION



**UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENT  
DR. HARRIS  
PASTIDES**

Harris Pastides began his presidency at the University of South Carolina on Aug. 1, 2008. Just a few months later, the Great Recession began. Strong in the face of adversity, Pastides promised to accelerate USC's momentum as a world-class university. He has kept that promise. Today, serving in his eighth year, USC is experiencing remarkable growth and positive change.

USC Columbia's freshman classes have grown continuously while posting the highest average SAT scores in university history. USC's Honors College has been named the No. 1 public honors college in the nation, and the Palmetto State's only Carnegie top-tier university is also home to top programs in areas such as undergraduate international business; public health; engineering; and hospitality, retail and sport management. In addition, Carolina's Promise, USC's historic capital campaign successfully exceeded the \$1 billion goal through gifts and pledges from more than 120,000 donors.

An unwavering advocate for a superior student experience, President Pastides encourages engagement beyond the classroom through leadership, service learning, international experience, internships and undergraduate research. Innovative programs like Palmetto College, On Your Time Graduation, Gamecock Gateway and Gamecock Guarantee are successfully providing greater access, flexibility and affordability to South Carolinians seeking a higher education degree. To date, 68,507 degrees have been awarded systemwide during Pastides' presidency. He often says, "Nothing makes me prouder than the students we enroll and those that we graduate."

In January 2015, during a time of great reform and transformation, Pastides was selected to serve as the chairman of the NCAA's Division I Board of Directors. He also serves on many local and state boards including the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities.

Prior to joining the university's faculty as dean of the Arnold School of Public Health, Pastides was a professor of epidemiology and chairman of the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

He received his master's in public health and his Ph.D. in epidemiology from Yale University, President Pastides and the first lady, Patricia Moore-Pastides, live on USC's historic Horseshoe.

## UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS

**Dr. Harris Pastides is the institution's 28th President since 1804, when Johnathan Maxcy became the first to lead South Carolina College, the University's precursor.**

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J. Rion McKissick .....	1936-1944
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James Woodrow .....	1891-1897
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Robert W. Barnwell .....	1835-1841
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Jonathan Maxcy .....	1804-1820

*Gaps in the presidential timeline indicate periods when the University was closed or under interim leadership or when its chief executive was known by a different title.*



**FACULTY  
ATHLETICS  
REPRESENTATIVE  
DR. VALINDA  
LITTLEFIELD**

Dr. Valinda Littlefield begins her first season as the Athletics Faculty Representative at the University of South Carolina. Littlefield is an associate professor of history and African-American studies in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is a scholar of the history of women, African Americans and education with an emphasis on Southern African-American history from 1877 to the present. Dr. Littlefield graduated Magna Cum Laude from North Carolina Central University in 1987 with a double major in political science and history. She earned her doctorate from the University of Illinois in 2003.

Dr. Littlefield joined the South Carolina faculty in 1999 after professional stops at each of her alma maters, North Carolina Central and Illinois.

While at USC, Dr. Littlefield has served on numerous university committees including co-chair of the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Desegregation, QEP, University Women's Faculty Organization, and Faculty Committee on Instructional Development. She currently serves on the University Caroliniana Society Board and as a TRIO Ronald McNair Faculty Research Mentor. In addition, Littlefield serves on boards and executive committees of a number of local, state and national organizations such as One Columbia, the SC Academy of Authors, the SC African American Council for the Social Studies and the Southern Historical Association.

She is the co-editor with Marjorie Spruill and Joan Marie Johnson of a three-volume anthology, *South Carolina Women: Their Lives and Times*. She also served as subject editor of Education for the *African American National Biography*.

Dr. Littlefield is married to Dr. Daniel C. Littlefield, Carolina Professor of History.





## ATHLETICS DIRECTOR - RAY TANNER



University of South Carolina Athletics Director Ray Tanner is in his fourth year guiding the fortunes of the Gamecocks' athletics programs. He was named to the position on July 13, 2012 after a long and highly successful career as Carolina's baseball coach. Tanner officially began his new duties on Aug. 2, 2012.

In his first season as AD (2012-13), Tanner experienced a wealth of success. The football team turned in its highest national ranking in school history at that time, while women's basketball, men's and women's golf, men's and women's tennis, women's indoor and outdoor track & field, men's

outdoor track & field, equestrian, men's and women's swimming and diving, softball and baseball all reached the NCAA postseason.

His second year (2013-14) produced another stellar campaign in Gamecock Athletics history. The football team won 11 games for the third-straight season and finished as the nation's No. 4 ranked squad. Equestrian (second), women's golf (sixth), women's basketball (eighth) and men's golf (ninth) joined football as teams that were ranked in the Top-10 nationally in its final poll or national championship. Twelve of the Gamecocks' programs were ranked at one time during the season in its sport's Top-25. A total of 92 student-athletes graduated during the 2013-14 academic year. Additionally, Gamecock student-athletes performed more than 5,000 hours of community service.

More success followed in year three (2014-15), led by a national championship in equestrian, a Final Four berth in women's basketball, and an Elite Eight appearance by the women's soccer team. South Carolina had 15 of its 21 programs ranked among the nation's Top-25 at one point, including seven in the Top-10. In the Spring 2015 semester, the department posted a combined 3.256 GPA, the second-highest on record. Ninety-four student-athletes graduated during the academic year, and student-athletes performed a record-setting 8,860 hours of community service.

A dedicated community leader whose charitable organization has made a difference in many South Carolina families, a three-time National Coach of the Year and Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year, Tanner completed 16 years as head coach at the University of South Carolina, establishing one of the premier programs in college baseball prior to being named AD. He led the Garnet & Black to two NCAA Division I Baseball Championships, a pair of national runner-up finishes, six College World Series appearances, three SEC championships, six SEC Eastern division titles, a SEC tournament crown and 13 consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances.

Under the direction of Tanner, South Carolina's postseason success from 2010-2012 is arguably the greatest run in collegiate baseball history. In the three-year span, the Gamecocks established NCAA records with 22 consecutive postseason wins and 12 consecutive wins in the College World Series. The Gamecocks won the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship in 2010 and 2011 with a national runner-up finish in 2012. South Carolina's 30-4 (.882) record over that three-year period in the NCAA Tournament is the fifth best three-year postseason record in NCAA history.

In addition, the 2012 CWS trip marked the sixth time in 11 years that South Carolina had reached Omaha. No Division I baseball team made more appearances than the Gamecocks over the 11-year span.

Tanner and the Gamecocks have created one of the top environments in college baseball at Carolina Stadium. After a successful run at Sarge Frye Field through 2008, the Gamecocks made the move to the new \$36 million Carolina Stadium where college baseball has continued to grow. South Carolina's total attendance of 295,389 in the 2012 season was second highest in the nation. The average attendance of 7,574 also was a Carolina Stadium record, besting the previous mark of 7,431 in the 2011 season. The Gamecocks also set a record for sellouts in 2012 with 15 games at a capacity of 8,242 fans.

For all of his accolades, Tanner's uniform No. 1 was retired and the street outside Carolina Stadium was renamed in his honor. He was inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame in May 2013 and will be inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) Hall of Fame on Friday, January 8 in Nashville, Tenn.

The 2012 season was Tanner's 25th year as a collegiate head coach. He posted a 738-316 record at South Carolina with a .700 winning percentage, second highest all-time among SEC coaches. His career record was 1,133-489-3 for a winning percentage of .699. His final 12 teams featured 23 All-Americans.

Tanner gained valuable experience at an international level in his association with USA Baseball. He has served five stints with Red, White and Blue, including in 2003 as head coach for the USA National Baseball Team. At the helm of some of the top freshmen and sophomores in the country, Tanner's club finished with a 27-2 record, the best record for a U.S. National Team (.931 winning percentage) and won a silver medal at the 2003 Pan American Games. He was named the U.S. National Coach of the Year for his work that season. Prior to his head coaching stint, Tanner served as an auxiliary coach under Tommy Lasorda for the 2000 Olympic Team that won a gold medal at the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney, Australia. He was also an assistant under former LSU coach Skip Bertman with the 1995 and 1996 USA teams that culminated in a bronze medal win at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Ga. Tanner also served alongside former Mississippi State coach Ron Polk on Bertman's staff. Tanner's first stint with USA Baseball came as an assistant coach to the national team in the summer of 1993.

Tanner was named the South Carolina head coach June 14, 1996, after nine successful seasons at North Carolina State. At NC State, Tanner led his alma mater to seven appearances in the NCAA postseason tournament and ranked second for most wins in school history. He was the 1990 Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year and in 1993 was named Atlantic Region Coach of the Year when his team won 49 games.

Tanner was affiliated with the Wolfpack baseball program for more than 20 years. He came to the Raleigh campus in the fall of 1976 as a player following an outstanding career at South Johnston High School in Four Oaks, N.C. A four-year starter, he earned All-ACC honors his senior season and still ranks among the Wolfpack's all-time leaders in several categories.

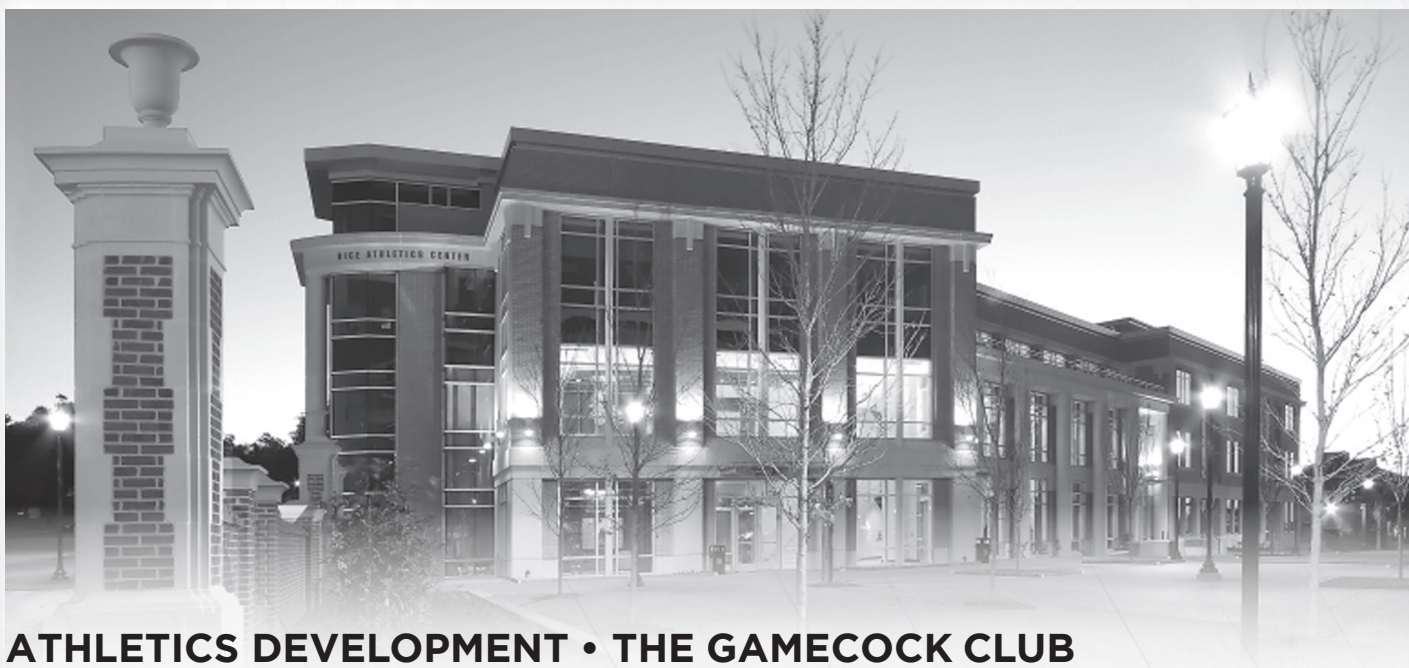
Following his playing career, Tanner served as an assistant for NC State coach Sam Esposito, overseeing recruiting efforts and coaching third base. During his tenure as an assistant, the Wolfpack reached the NCAA Tournament twice. He had additional duties as assistant to the athletics director and as assistant athletics director in charge of game operations.

After Esposito's retirement, Tanner was named head coach at the age of 28 by the legendary late Jim Valvano, becoming one of the youngest head baseball coaches in the nation.

Tanner has a bachelor's degree in recreational administration from NC State (1980) and a master's of public affairs, public administration (1983).

Born Donald Ray Tanner, Jr., March 25, 1958, in Smithfield, N.C., Tanner grew up in Benson, N.C. He is married to the former Karen Donald, a native of Charleston, S.C. A University of South Carolina graduate, she was formerly head women's athletic trainer at NC State. During the summer of 1997 she served as trainer for the Charlotte Sting in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). She is the former director of athletics and director of sports medicine at Columbia College. The Tanners have two daughters, Bridgette Grace ("Gracie") and Margaret Pearl ("Maggie") and one son, Joseph Luke ("Luke").





## ATHLETICS DEVELOPMENT • THE GAMECOCK CLUB



The Gamecock Club, established in 1940, provides financial support to the more than 500 student-athletes representing the University of South Carolina. This aid is in the form of tuition fees, meal costs, housing costs, medical costs, injury assistance, and other educational needs. Gamecock Club membership is open to all alumni and friends of the University. More than 19,000 South Carolina fans donate to the Athletics Department through annual Gamecock Club memberships.

South Carolina Athletics' mission centers on developing championship caliber programs in the Southeastern Conference and nationally. There are four components needed to create a championship program: a prominent university committed to its athletics program, a vibrant community that can be proudly presented to recruits, excellent coaches, and outstanding facilities. South Carolina is a distinguished university with an energized and supportive community in Columbia and throughout the state. The Gamecock coaching staff blends hall-of-fame experience and exciting new perspectives that, together with a seasoned athletics staff, give South Carolina Athletics a competitive advantage in the recruiting battle. It is time to focus on providing outstanding facilities for Gamecock student-athletes and fans.

Announced in November of 2011, the *Carolina's Promise* Campaign raised over \$1 billion through July 2015 to improve every facet of the University of South Carolina. The athletics portion of the *Carolina's Promise* Campaign, the Garnet Way Campaign, was charged with raising \$200 million in support of athletics facilities and scholarships. Thousands of donors have contributed more than \$245 million total in support of Gamecock Athletics.

The Gamecock Club is located at 1304 Heyward Street in Columbia, can be reached at (803) 777-4276 and is also online at [www.GamecocksOnline.com/GamecockClub](http://www.GamecocksOnline.com/GamecockClub). Be sure to like The Gamecock Club on Facebook and follow @TheGamecockClub on Twitter.



**Coliseum Renovation Project**  
Approximate Cost: \$4 million  
Estimated Completion: April 2017

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### COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

The University of South Carolina Office of Compliance Services is committed to a comprehensive compliance program that educates everyone about the importance of adhering to NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules. We strive to create a "compliance conscience" within the University and throughout the community.

The commitment to compliance ensures institutional control over the department of athletics and furthers the mission of the University of South Carolina. The existence of a successful compliance program depends on the willingness of coaches, administrators, staff, student-athletes and boosters to be cognizant of NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules.

#### WHAT IS COMPLIANCE?

At South Carolina, the Office of Compliance Services works within the department of athletics and the University to ensure South Carolina's compliance with all applicable rules. In doing so, the compliance staff is charged with the following tasks:

- Educating administrators, coaches, staff, prospects, student-athletes and boosters about NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules;
- Developing monitoring systems to ensure compliance with these rules. These systems are designed to monitor rules pertaining to recruiting, academic eligibility, financial aid, awards, extra benefits, ethical conduct, amateurism, agents, employment, occasional meals, and the playing and practice seasons for each sport; and
- Investigating and reporting violations of NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules to the appropriate governing authority.

#### ARE YOU A BOOSTER?

You are a booster if you are or ever have:

- Been a member of a booster organization that supports University of South Carolina athletics;
- Made any financial contributions to any area the University of South Carolina;
- Made any annual or lifetime membership commitment to a booster organization;
- Been involved with the recruitment of a prospect;

- Provided benefits to an enrolled student-athlete or his/her relatives or friends;
- Been involved in promoting South Carolina's athletics program;
- Provided or helped to arrange employment for student-athletes;
- Been a season ticket holder.

#### PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES

A prospective student-athlete (prospect) is a student who has:

- Started classes for the ninth grade, or
- Ever received any financial assistance or other benefit prospective students do not generally receive.

An individual remains a prospect until one of the following occurs (whichever is earlier):

- The individual officially registers and enrolls in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends classes in any term (including summer) of a four-year collegiate institution's regular academic year.
- The individual participates in a regular squad practice or competition at a four-year collegiate institution that occurs before the beginning of any term.

Remember a prospect remains a prospect even after signing a National Letter of Intent with the University of South Carolina.

#### EXTRA BENEFITS

A recruiting inducement or extra benefit is any special arrangement by a University of South Carolina employee or booster to provide a prospect, a student-athlete, or their relatives or friends a benefit not expressly authorized by the NCAA. Examples of impermissible extra benefits include, but are not limited to:

- Free or reduced cost services, rentals, or purchases of any type (e.g., meals, drinks, clothing, laundry, haircuts, legal fees, tattoos, car repairs, free upgrades on products or services, etc.)
- Gifts of any kind, including special occasions (birthdays, holidays, graduation, etc.)
- VIP access to bars, clubs, events, etc.
- Free or reduced cost housing for any length of time
- Loans (including co-signing)
- Cash or like items
- Use of an automobile or transportation

- An employment arrangement for a prospect or student-athlete's relatives
- Entertainment
- Use of your telephone or credit card
- Providing a meal in your home
- Academic assistance of any kind (e.g., tutoring, editing papers/projects, assistance in completing classwork, use of computer, etc.)
- Any tangible items, including merchandise

#### WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES?

South Carolina is responsible for the actions of its boosters. If a booster provides an impermissible benefit to a prospect, a student-athlete, or their relatives or friends, South Carolina may be subject to penalties, even if the student-athlete has completed his or her eligibility. The prospect or student-athlete who accepts an impermissible benefit jeopardizes his or her eligibility for intercollegiate competition. A booster who provides an impermissible benefit may be disassociated from the University's athletics program. Disassociation results in a loss of all benefits or privileges offered by the department of athletics and may involve other penalties as appropriate.

#### GOT QUESTIONS? ASK COMPLIANCE.

The above information is a brief overview of compliance and rules pertaining to boosters and their interactions with prospective and current student-athletes. It is not an exhaustive discussion. If you have any questions about any NCAA, SEC, or institutional rules, please contact the Office of Compliance Services at (803) 777-1519 or via email at ath-compl@mailbox.sc.edu.

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## MEDIA SERVICES

The 2015-16 edition of the University of South Carolina basketball media guide is a source of information for the news media. Additional information is available upon request. News releases, action and still photographs, video tapes and digital images are also available to accredited members of the news media upon request.

### MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Credentials are limited to working daily print and electronic media and to others whose duties make necessary access to press row. Photo credentials are issued only to working photographers and cinematographers. Photographers are restricted to the baselines and may use natural light only. Flash units are not allowed.

South Carolina will use the online credentials system. Please go to [www.sportssystems.com/seccredentials](http://www.sportssystems.com/seccredentials) to register for credentials (photo, press row).

**ALL** credentials will be distributed on game day at the press pass gate on the College Street entrance of the Colonial Life Arena. A limited number of media parking spaces are available. Media parking passes must be requested at the time of credential requests.

### INTERVIEW POLICIES

All interview requests must be made in advance to SID Emily Miles in the South Carolina Media Relations Office. Beginning with the start of practice in October, Miles will release a weekly coach and student-athlete availability schedule to media on Monday's.

**Post-Game Interview Policy:** After each home game, the visiting coach will address the media first, followed by South Carolina student-athletes then South Carolina head coach Frank Martin. (Depending on deadline, this may be altered on a game-by-game basis).

**Road Interview Policy:** Interviews with Coach Martin and student-athletes while on the road will be scheduled according to the home post-game media procedure.

### HOME GAME SERVICES

**Press Room:** The South Carolina basketball media room is located behind the visitor bench near the locker room cluster at Colonial Life Arena. This room is open only to accredited media with proper credentials.

**Internet:** There is wireless and high speed data lines in the press room. Those data lines are available on a first come, first served basis. Wireless is also available in the arena.

### FOOD SERVICES

Each credentialed media member will be issued a food coupon that can be used at the concession stands inside Colonial Life Arena.

### STATISTICAL SERVICES

Complete play-by-play, full halftime and final boxscores and post-game coaches' quotes are provided to the media. South Carolina uses Statbroadcast.com to provide statistical data in-game to media.

### BROADCASTS

Announce positions for radio and TV broadcasts are at courtside. Under contracted reciprocal agreements, the official designated originating station or network of the visiting team is allowed to originate radio broadcasts without charge. All others will be charged an origination fee.

Stations must contact Liz McMillan of Gamecock Sports Properties at (803) 777-7895 for information.

### PRESS ROW PASSES

**NEWSPAPERS** are eligible to apply for credentials and access to media opportunities. The granting and number of credentials for daily newspapers will be based on the newspaper's circulation on a space available basis.

Those newspapers publishing more than twice a week, but less than six, will have priority after those in the daily newspaper category.

**WEBSITES** that meet one of the following criteria will be issued a maximum of three (3) season approved press credentials, which includes the videographer, and two (2) photo passes to be used for still photography.

1. Is the official website of the home or visiting school or its conference;
2. Is the official online service of a national over-the-air or cable television network;
3. Has a "national affiliate agreement" with or is an official licensed site of a national or local newsgathering organization and has at least one full-time employee dedicated to writing for the site; or
4. Is a local newsgathering organization that has at least two full-time employees and is owned by a media company with multiple assets.

Websites that are an extension of a non-digital local media outlet (newspaper, radio, television) will not be issued credentials independent of their originating organization.

Sport-specific websites with more than two full-time writers will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

No credentials will be issued to any website that is not deemed by University of South Carolina Assistant Athletics Director/Media Relations to have adequate editorial oversight. Credentials will not be approved to anyone who writes or posts under an alias.

**TELEVISION** stations will be issued a maximum of two (2) season approved credentials.

Local **RADIO** stations will be granted one (1) season approved press row credential per daily sports show. In addition, one (1) press row credential will be distributed per station for the sports director. Non-daily local radio sports shows and out-of-market radio stations that have a daily sports show will be granted a maximum one (1) credential on a game-by-game space available basis.

**STUDENT MEDIA** outlets for the home and visiting schools will be issued credentials in accordance with the policy or their format (newspaper, website, radio, television). To be considered student media, the outlet must be sanctioned as such by the university, have full-time university staff overseeing the training of staff or be governed by a university-appointed board, and receive some portion of its funding from student fees.

**PHOTO WIRE SERVICES** that distribute nationally and retain all rights for sale and usage of any image taken at the event will be issued one (1) season photo pass. Any wire service that sells/shares its images for non-editorial uses must provide the University of South Carolina Athletics Media Relations department with a statement indicating how it ensures that non-editorial clients use its images within NCAA regulations.

#### • Non-affiliated bloggers will not be credentialed.

All other credential requests, including non-daily newspapers, magazines, out-of-market radio stations, etc. will be issued on a game-by-game, case-by-case and space available basis at the discretion of the media relations director.

**Please note:** Due to the high number of applications, it is not possible to accommodate all requests. No one under 18 years of age will be issued a credential without prior approval of the SID.

No credentials will be issued to any website that is not deemed by the University of South Carolina Assistant Athletics Director/Media Relations to have adequate editorial oversight.

### COACH, STUDENT-ATHLETE RADIO POLICY

South Carolina coaches are limited to one appearance from one member of a sport's coaching staff per seven-day period on any radio station or any radio show that is aired as part of a state-wide, regional or national network in the Columbia market. The length of the interview should be no more than one segment, defined as "commercial break to commercial break." The segment shall run no longer than 10 minutes. In addition, the same member of a sport's coaching staff or South Carolina administrator cannot make appearances in consecutive seven-day periods on the same radio station. Media outlets in which the institution or the SEC is contractually affiliated are exempt from this language. Exceptions can be made in the occurrence of a major "breaking news" event.

South Carolina student-athletes may not participate in any live radio show other than during a regularly scheduled newscast and for no longer than four minutes, postgame interview times, conference media days and structured media opportunities during NCAA championships, without the consent of the South Carolina Media Relations department. This policy is in effect year-round and does not apply to institutional networks. It does apply to internet chat rooms that are sponsored by a media outlet for the sole purpose of conducting Q&A sessions with the viewing public concerning the student-athlete's athletic career.

It is not permissible for any non-rightsholder to archive audio or video Event content that exceeds five (5) minutes in length. Events are defined as varsity contests, press conferences and any other group media availability. Archiving may not begin until the conclusion of the entire event.

### SPOTTERS AND STATISTICIANS

The Media Relations Department can supply radio and television broadcasters with spotters and stat personnel if notified of their needs in advance.

### SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENT-ATHLETE MEDIA INTERVIEW POLICY

All interviews are to be coordinated through the Media Relations Department and men's basketball SID Emily Miles. This allows the staff to arrange the interview when it best suits the student-athlete's and the reporter's schedules. Please contact the Media Relations Department in advance to make your interview requests.

**Media are not permitted to contact student-athletes on their own at any time.** All interviews will take place at the designated interview site for that day as listed in the weekly media advisory, or in the media relations office.

Residence hall, apartment or cell phone numbers for student-athletes will not be provided to the media. Should you need to conduct a telephone interview with a student-athlete, a call will be placed to you from the student-athlete at a mutually agreeable time.





# GAMECOCKS

## PRINT

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C: Ron Morris (rmorris@thestate.com)  
Beat: Dave Cloninger  
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### **Charleston Post & Courier**

134 Columbus Street  
Charleston, S.C. 29403  
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Beat: David Caraviello  
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### **Greenville News**

Box 1688  
Greenville, S.C. 29602  
864-298-4268  
Beat: Willie T. Smith  
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### **Anderson Independent-Mail**

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Anderson, S.C. 29622  
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### **Augusta Chronicle**

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Scott Michaux  
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### **Charlotte Observer**

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Charlotte, N.C. 28202  
704-358-5118

### **Florence Morning News**

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### **Hilton Head Island Packet**

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### **Myrtle Beach Sun News**

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### **Orangeburg Times & Democrat**

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Rock Hill, S.C. 29731  
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### **Spartanburg Herald-Journal**

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### **Sumter Item**

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### **WIS-TV (Channel 10)**

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29201  
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### **WLTX-TV (Channel 19)**

6027 Garners Ferry Rd, Columbia, S.C.  
29209  
803-647-0233  
Reggie Anderson  
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### **WOLO-TV (Channel 25)**

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### **WACH FOX (Channel 57)**

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### **WCSC-TV (Channel 5)**

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### **WBTW-TV (Channel 13)**

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### **WPDE-TV (Channel 15)**

Box 51150, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29579  
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### **WCBD-TV (Channel 2)**

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Allbritton Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, S.C.  
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Casey Manning, analyst

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## SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE MEDIA INFORMATION



### COACHES TELECONFERENCE

The weekly SEC men's basketball coaches teleconference will begin Monday, Jan. 4 and continue through March 7. Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact the SEC Communications Department for further details. Each coach will appear on the teleconference for seven minutes, according to the following schedule:

#### ORDER OF APPEARANCE

*(All Times Eastern)*

11:00 a.m. .... Kevin Stallings, Vanderbilt  
11:07 a.m. .... Mike White, Florida  
11:14 a.m. .... **Frank Martin, South Carolina**  
11:21 a.m. .... Mark Fox, Georgia  
11:28 a.m. .... Johnny Jones, LSU  
11:35 a.m. .... John Calipari, Kentucky  
11:42 a.m. .... Rick Barnes, Tennessee  
11:49 a.m. .... Mike Anderson, Arkansas  
11:56 a.m. .... Avery Johnson, Alabama  
12:03 a.m. .... Bruce Pearl, Auburn  
12:10 a.m. .... Andy Kennedy, Ole Miss  
12:17 a.m. .... Ben Howland, Miss. State  
12:24 a.m. .... Kim Anderson, Missouri  
12:31 a.m. .... Billy Kennedy, Texas A&M

In addition, the SEC men's basketball teams who make it to postseason will be on a teleconference on Monday, March 14 beginning at 10:00 a.m. CT.

All SEC basketball teleconferences can be listened to on the internet at [www.secdigitalnetwork.com](http://www.secdigitalnetwork.com) shortly after the conclusion of the teleconference.

### SEC WEBSITES

General SEC basketball information can be accessed on the World Wide Web at [www.secsports.com](http://www.secsports.com). The basketball section is updated with new material daily on the page, with standings, statistics, game previews, notes and other important information.

The SEC also offers a media-only section of the website - [www.secsportsmedia.com](http://www.secsportsmedia.com). Media covering the SEC can retrieve information from the conference office as well as the 14 SEC institutions from the media site. An internet photo gallery, logos and a championship credentialing system for SEC basketball is available on the site. (The site houses all media information for the other 20 sports the SEC sponsors).

### SEC RELEASE

The conference basketball release will be available each Monday beginning in early November via the league's websites. Any media representative wishing to receive information via e-mail should register on [www.secsportsmedia.com](http://www.secsportsmedia.com). SEC standings and team-by-team results will be updated each weekday, while conference statistics will be updated as often as needed based on the schedule of play. Information is also available via the school's SIDs.

### SEC WEEKLY AWARDS

The SEC will name a Player of the Week and Freshman of the Week throughout the 2015-16 season (November-March). Nominations for both awards are made by the SEC men's basketball sports information contacts. The honorees are selected by a vote of the SEC Communications staff.

### SEC TOURNAMENT CREDENTIALS

Media credential request forms for the 2016 SEC Tournament will be available in early January on the SEC media website at [www.secsportsmedia.com](http://www.secsportsmedia.com). The 2016 SEC Men's Tournament is March 9-13 (Wednesday-Sunday) at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn.

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## THE SEC - AMERICA'S ELITE BASKETBALL CONFERENCE



■ Throughout the history of men's college basketball, the Southeastern Conference has captured 11 NCAA Championships and four NIT titles, putting the SEC as one of the nation's top basketball conferences.

■ During the 2006-07 academic year the Southeastern Conference became the first conference to win the Division I National Championship in Football (Florida), Men's Basketball (Florida) and Women's Basketball (Tennessee) in the same school year.

■ Only the SEC, the Big East and American have ever won both the men's and women's basketball titles in one season. SEC won both three times in 1996, 1998 and 2007. The Big East has won both twice in 2003 and 2004. The American did it in 2014.

■ The SEC swept both the NIT and NCAA Tournaments in 2006 when Florida won its first NCAA championship and South Carolina earned its second straight NIT title. Only four conferences have won both the NIT and NCAA title, including the Big East (2003), ACC (1992) and Big Ten (1979).

■ The SEC has won three of the last 10 NCAA titles (2006-Florida, 2007-Florida, 2012 Kentucky). No other conference has won more titles during that stretch.

■ Every team in the SEC has made at least one NCAA Tournament appearance in the last 12 editions of the NCAA Tournament.



### The SEC Network

The Southeastern Conference and ESPN signed a 20-year agreement through 2034 to create and operate a multiplatform network which launched August 14, 2014. The network and its accompanying digital platform carried SEC content 24/7 including more than 1,000 events in its first year making every SEC basketball game available nationwide. Programming also includes studio shows and original content such as SEC Storied and SEC Inside. The Network has reoccurring weekday programming such as SEC Now, a news & information show featuring SEC Network hosts Peter Burns, Dari Nowkhah or Maria Taylor and network analysts, discussing all the SEC news of the day, the show airs at 7 p.m. ET on Monday and Tuesday and begins at 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. The network also has weekend programming, including SEC Rewind, when the Network takes a look back at a historic game from the SEC, and SEC Scoreboard, a Saturday evening recap show featuring highlights and analysis of all the day's events.

### The South Carolina Operation

The University of South Carolina will produce 110-120 events with an ESPN-caliber production. These include baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, softball, volleyball and sand volleyball games that are not covered by CBS, ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU or the SEC Network linear channel. Live operations for the SEC Network at Carolina are led by David Cockfield (producer), Mark Slice (engineer), Justin Stoll (graphic design), Valerie Gerfin (associate producer) and Kim Justice (assistant engineer). Play-by-play duties will be handled by familiar voices Brad Muller, Andy Demetra and Derek Scott.







## GAMECOCK RADIO NETWORK



Gamecock Sports Marketing, a partnership between the University of South Carolina Athletics Department and IMG College is the originating medium for radio coverage of the 2015-16 South Carolina basketball games.

Gamecock Sports Marketing is responsible for the overall management of the athletic program's corporate partnership effort, which includes producing, selling and distributing the Gamecock Radio Network (live play-by-play and call-in shows) and television programming (coaches shows), print advertising in various athletic department publications, and selected signage in University athletic facilities.

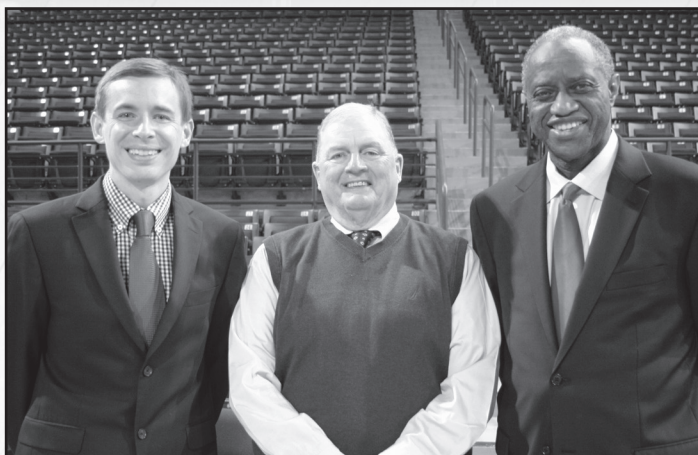
Andy Demetra begins his seventh season as the play-by-play announcer for Gamecock men's basketball and baseball. Prior to re-joining the Gamecock broadcast team in 2009, Demetra worked for ISP Sports in Winston-Salem, N.C. While at ISP, he did basketball play-by-play for the Big East National Game of the Week and football play-by-play for the ACC National Game of the Week. Demetra has also done television play-by-play for CBS Sports Network and Fox Sports South. Demetra, who began his career as the play-by-play voice of South Carolina women's basketball from 2003-06, has also done telecasts for the Pac-12 Network.

Casey Manning, the color analyst for the Gamecock Radio Network, earned a varsity letter for the legendary coach Frank McGuire from 1971-73 (freshmen were not eligible to play varsity basketball) and attended South Carolina from 1969-73. He won the Freshman Academic Award. He was selected to Who's Who in Colleges and Universities and chosen as a South Carolina outstanding senior. He was a member of Carolina's ACC Tournament Championship team in 1970-71, while he was player of the year in South Carolina in 1969 and a high school All-American.

Manning is currently a Circuit Court Judge for the state of South Carolina, having served in that capacity since April 1994. He served as the Assistant Attorney General for the state of South Carolina for five years (1983-88), and was the Chief of Prosecutions from 1988-89. Manning is a member of the American Bar Association and is a past president of the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame.

Carroll Senn has served as engineer/producer for the Gamecock Basketball Radio Network since 1981.

Liz McMillan is Executive Director for the Network and has been involved since 1993 as the first woman in the SEC to serve in this capacity.



(L TO R): ANDY DEMETRA, CARROLL SENN, CASEY MANNING

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## COLONIAL LIFE ARENA - HOME OF THE GAMECOCKS

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■ Colonial Life Arena is more than just the home of South Carolina men's and women's basketball. It's also a thriving entertainment venue that the city of Columbia and its surrounding metropolitan area are able to enjoy throughout the year.

■ Colonial Life Arena was ranked 12th in the United States for first quarter tickets sales by Pollstar 2014. The arena was also ranked third in the nation's highest grossing university arenas for "University Top Stops" in Venues Today for ticket sales in 2014 and ranked number one in South Carolina for 2015 in Venues Today for "Carolina Top Stops".

■ Colonial Life Arena is the largest arena in the state of South Carolina with 18,000 seats, and the 10-largest on-campus basketball facility in the nation. Located on the beautiful University of South Carolina campus, this one-of-a-kind facility features 41 suites, four entertainment suites, and the Frank McGuire Club, a full-service hospitality room that has a capacity of 300. The state-of-the-art facility also features plush seating, a technologically advanced sound system, a four-sided video scoreboard, and a one-of-a-kind selection of unique concession foods that will delight fans of all ages.

■ The Arena has hosted numerous sold out shows, including Barnum and Bailey Circus, Paul McCartney, country superstars Kenny Chesney and George Strait, WWE Wrestling, Usher and numerous other acts.

■ The arena is the largest building ever constructed at the University of South Carolina at 342,000 square feet. It features two spacious, identical locker rooms for the Gamecock men's and women's basketball teams with team meeting rooms, recruiting rooms, coaches locker rooms and a training room facility.

■ South Carolina ranked 33rd in the nation and fourth in the SEC in 2014-15 with an average of 11,520 fans for home games.



### FUN FACTS ABOUT COLONIAL LIFE ARENA

- 16,880 cubic yards of earth moved, which is enough to fill 222 swimming pools
- 3,848 tons of steel, which would weigh equal to 96,200 quarters, which would equal \$24,050
- 125 miles of cable, which would stretch between Columbia and Folly Beach
- 1,872 tons of cooling, which would cool an average of 12 grocery stores
- 205,384 bricks and 60,137 concrete blocks, which would stretch the entire length of Lake Murray (41 miles)
- 8,750 gallons of paint, which would paint approximately 115 average Columbia 2-story houses
- 4,781 square yards of carpet, which would carpet approximately the field at Williams-Brice Stadium
- 443 people working on building the arena at a given time, which would staff 44 fast food restaurants
- 1,158,000 man-hours to complete Colonial Life Arena, which would equal two working hours from each person living in the Columbia Metro area





## 2015-16 SEASON OUTLOOK

*South Carolina head men's basketball coach Frank Martin enters his fourth season leading the Gamecocks this fall, and excitement for Carolina basketball is at an all-time high in Columbia.*

*Martin's team welcomes seven newcomers to the roster for the campaign ahead, and the squad will look to tackle a challenging schedule. It will see them travel to St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands for the Paradise Jam, an away matchup with intrastate rival Clemson and a neutral-site matchup against perennial basketball powerhouse St. John's, before the Gamecocks embark on the 2016 SEC campaign.*

Martin's squad is comprised of eight returning letterwinners, including four returning starters. With a roster foundation that features four seniors and three juniors, Martin's team has experience and understands the rigors of not only the non-conference season, but also what lies ahead in the SEC season this winter.

The Gamecocks return at least 72 percent of their stats in every major category from last season. In returning four of its top five scorers, the Gamecocks will see 78.7 percent of their scoring output, 78.7 percent of made field goals and 83.3 percent of made 3-point field goals back on the court for 2015-16. Leading that pack are the top two returning scorers in junior guards Duane Notice (11.7 ppg) and Sindarius Thornwell (11.1).



NOTICE



THORNWELL

Notice emerged as a consistent threat from 3-point range as a sophomore, ranking eighth in the SEC with 61 made 3s on the season, and he also contributed 2.7 assists per game. While hampered by sore knees much of last season, Thornwell continued to pose an offensive threat for the Gamecocks with his 11.1 points per game. His rebounding (4.9 rpg) and steals (1.3 spg) were also key components for the Carolina defense. The duo is joined by junior guard Justin McKie and sophomore point guard Marcus Stroman in the backcourt. Each played significant minutes for the Gamecocks last season, and Martin is excited to have that level of experience returning.

"For the first time since I've been here, we have a group of guards that have been together for a while," Martin said. "In Duane Notice, Sindarius Thornwell, Marcus Stroman and Justin McKie, you have a quartet of guys that have all played major minutes and dealt with losing together, have dealt with winning together and are fully prepared in the understanding of what we want and the challenges that the other teams and the season bring. Their experience, leadership and guidance are what is going to allow newcomers to adapt and be allowed to grow at a normal rate."

Notice, Thornwell and Stroman combined for 249 of Carolina's 437 assists last season. Stroman battled a late-season throat infection that sidelined him for five games, but the sophomore enters this season back at full speed and looks to fill the point guard position left by the graduation of Tyrone Johnson. Also of note is the anticipated debut of redshirt-freshman TeMarcus Blanton. Blanton suffered a hip injury during last fall's preseason camp, with a severity that isn't often seen in basketball. Without a definite time frame for return, Blanton worked tirelessly in the training room with athletic trainer Mark Rodger, and is fully cleared for the 2015-16 campaign.

Carolina returns 75.4 percent of rebounding, including an important 87.6 percent of its offensive rebounding, from a year ago. The senior trio of Michael Carrera, Laimonas Chatkevicius and Mindaugas Kacinas return as the team's top three rebounders, led by Carrera's 5.7 per contest. Chatkevicius added a career high 5.2 per game and Kacinas 5.1 per outing, including a team best 2.3 offensive boards per game. The group, along with senior guard Brian Steele, comprise Martin's first senior class in Columbia. Under the guidance of their coaching staff, the posts and Steele have honed their games in every aspect, whether it's on the court or in the weight room, which will give the Gamecocks

an extra edge in the paint that can be the difference in a game. Martin looks to the veterans to mentor the newcomers this season at the position.

"On the front line we have three guys who started off undersized, height-wise and physically, in Michael Carrera, Laimonas Chatkevicius and Mindaugas Kacinas," Martin commented. "They have stayed the course and battled, and now we have three guys who are going into their senior season and have an unbelievable understanding of expectations, of responsibility and they have fully invested in what it takes to win and to represent our uniform. Their ability to defend, rebound and fight for our culture every day will allow the crop of young guys to understand the daily approach that's needed to be able to sustain success."



CARRERA

"Freshmen Eric Cobb, Raymond Doby and Chris Silva, while they are all extremely talented and bring a personality and a talent and size that we need, it's that daily work ethic that they'll learn from these three seniors that will also help them grow as players."





**DOZIER**

While Carrera, Chatkevicius and Kacinas can rebound and defend, they can also provide double-figure scoring and pose an offensive threat for opponents. Carrera averaged 7.1 points per game last season, but finished the campaign recording double-figures in four of the final five contests, including back-to-back 14-point outputs versus Arkansas and Tennessee. He was also instrumental in the Carolina victory over Ole Miss in the SEC Tournament, scoring just shy of a season high with 16 points, six rebounds and three steals versus the Rebels. Chatkevicius saw his scoring average nearly double from the previous season, scoring 8.6 points per game, which included a career high 13 double-figure scoring outings. He also averaged 1.3 blocks per game, which ranked eighth in the SEC. While Kacinas pulled down at least six rebounds in 10 games, he also posted five double-figure scoring performances as a junior.

Joining the group of returners is a strong and highly-touted rookie class led by McDonald's All-American PJ Dozier, and Silva, one of the top-ranked inside players in the country. Also joining the squad are guards Jamall Gregory and John Ragin, the aforementioned forwards Cobb and Doby and transfer Jarrell Holliman. Dozier, a lengthy and tall point guard, averaged 19 points and six assists per game during his senior season of high school. Silva and Gregory are noted as athletic players who can change games with their explosive moves to the basket and Cobb and Doby bring a size element to the court that the Gamecocks haven't seen of late.

"Our coaching staff is extremely excited about this year's group of freshmen. We have added unbelievable size, athleticism and basketball ability to an established group of players. At the guard position you have PJ Dozier, Jamall Gregory and John Ragin, that all bring athleticism, toughness and skill. In PJ, you're adding a component that is unique in a 6'7" player that can play point guard.

"On the front line, we have always been the skinny team the last couple years, and now with the addition of Raymond Doby and Eric Cobb, we have become bigger, from a strength and size component. They both bring a toughness and an approach that is very consistent with what Mindaugas, Michael and Laimonas have created. In Chris Silva, we have added something that we haven't had in my time here, which is a 6'9" player with unbelievable athleticism that brings that dynamic to go along with the other guys in the front line. Also, Jarrell Holliman is a transfer that played at the Division II level, and he is an older, mature personality that will help us in numerous ways that probably won't show up in stat sheets."

Another challenging schedule awaits the Gamecocks, keeping with Martin's goal of preparing his team for the rigors of the SEC campaign with one of the top non-conference schedules in the country. Carolina travels to a destination tournament for the fourth-straight season, competing in the Paradise Jam in late November in the U.S. Virgin Islands. An away matchup with Clemson and a neutral site meeting with St. John's highlight December, and the Gamecocks welcome Memphis to Colonial Life Arena in early January. Norfolk State, Western Carolina and Drexel also travel to Columbia this season in non-conference action.

"The schedule is once again challenging, and continues to challenge the mettle of our team to prepare us for conference play. We as a staff want our guys to be challenged so we have to live on daily preparation. That is the only way that you can survive a conference such as the SEC. Our goal to compete for an SEC Championship remains the most important part of what we are trying to accomplish as a program."

Southeastern Conference play will begin for the Gamecocks at Auburn on Jan. 5. Carolina will face Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi State, Missouri and Alabama in home-and-home series this season. Vanderbilt, Florida, and Kentucky will also travel to Columbia in league play.



**COBB**