

## MISSION STATEMENT

*The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education will promote quality and efficiency in the State system of higher education with the goal of fostering economic growth and human development in South Carolina.*

## COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

**Dr. Layton McCurdy** - Chairman

**Dr. Douglas Forbes** - Statewide Appointee

**Ms. Cynthia Mosteller** -Statewide Appointee

**Mr. Kenneth Wingate**- Statewide Appointee

**Mr. Daniel Ravenel** - 1st District Rep.

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**Dr. Bettie Rose Horne** - 3rd District Rep.

**Mr. Randy Thomas** - 4th District Rep.

**Mr. James Sanders** - 5th District Rep.

**Mr. Hood Temple** - 6th District Rep.

**Dr. Louis Lynn** - Research Univ. Rep.

**Col. John Bowden** - Teaching Univ. Rep.

**Mr. Neal Workman** - Technical Coll. Rep.

**Dr. Mick Zais** - Independent College President

*14 members are appointed to the Commission including: for 4-year terms— 1 at-large appointee serving as Chair; 3 at-large, statewide appointees; and 1 appointee from each of the six Congressional districts, and for 2-year terms—1 representative each from the Board of Trustees of a research institution, a comprehensive college, and a technical college and 1 president of an independent college. Members are appointed by the Governor upon the advice and consent of the Senate, except for Congressional District Representatives who are recommended by their legislative delegations.*



## PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

### Research Institutions

1. Clemson University
2. University of South Carolina—Columbia
3. Medical University of South Carolina

### Four-Year Comprehensive Institutions

4. The Citadel
5. College of Charleston
6. Coastal Carolina University
7. Francis Marion University
8. Lander University
9. South Carolina State University
10. University of South Carolina—Aiken
11. University of South Carolina—Beaufort
12. University of South Carolina—Upstate
13. Winthrop University

### Two-Year Regional Campuses of USC

14. University of South Carolina—Lancaster
15. University of South Carolina—Salkehatchie
16. University of South Carolina—Sumter
17. University of South Carolina—Union

### Technical Colleges

18. Aiken Technical College
19. Central Carolina Technical College
20. Denmark Technical College
21. Florence-Darlington Technical College
22. Greenville Technical College
23. Horry-Georgetown Technical College
24. Midlands Technical College
25. Northeastern Technical College
26. Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
27. Piedmont Technical College
28. Spartanburg Technical College
29. Technical College of The Lowcountry
30. Tri-County Technical College
31. Trident Technical College
32. Williamsburg Technical College
33. York Technical College

## South Carolina



## Commission on Higher Education

*Promoting quality and efficiency  
in higher education through  
advocacy and accountability*

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## ***A FEW FACTS ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA***

### ***Access***

South Carolina is home to 61 public and private institutions including:

- 13 four-year and 20 two-year public institutions
- 23 four-year and 3 two-year private institutions and 2 private professional schools (law and chiropractic)

In addition, 18 other degree-granting institutions are licensed by CHE to operate programs within the state.

### ***Enrollment***

214,363 students were enrolled in SC's public and independent, two- and four- year institutions in fall 2006. Enrollment has increased by 11% over the past 5 years.

*Of the 214,363 students in fall 2006:*

- 176,686 or 82% are in public institutions with 96,577 in public four-year and 79,838 in two-year public institutions
- 174,453 or 81% are South Carolinians
- 188,787 or 88% are seeking undergraduate degrees
- 146,265 or 68% are full-time
- 63,616 or 30% are minority
- 130,634 or 61% are female

### ***Degrees Awarded***

40,819 degrees were awarded at public & independent institutions in FY 2005-06 including:

- 5,310 Certificates and 1,456 Diplomas
- 7,452 Associate's Degrees
- 19,825 Baccalaureate Degrees
- 5,225 Master's Degrees
- 107 Post-Baccalaureate and 3 Post-Master's Certificates
- 122 Specialist and 453 Doctoral Degrees
- 866 First Professional Degrees (Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry and Law)

### ***Higher Education Appropriations***

Higher Education represents 16.5% of the total \$6.4 billion in State Lottery and General Funds appropriated in FY 2006-07 including:

- \$689 million in educational and general operating funds for public institutions
- \$276 million for merit- and need- based aid for undergraduates at public and independent institutions
- \$94 million for other higher education programs and initiatives

## ***The SC Commission on Higher Education (CHE)***

serves as the state's coordinating board for public higher education and strives to promote quality and efficiency in the state system of higher education with the goal of fostering economic growth and human development in South Carolina. We act both as an advocate for higher education and as an oversight entity for the state. We carry out our mission through statewide planning and working with institutions and other constituencies to promote quality, access and efficiency in the state's higher education system while balancing advocacy, stewardship and accountability. Major functions include:

### **Advocacy and Coordination**

- Working with educators and other stakeholders to develop and implement strategies to meet state needs and to increase higher education's quality, efficiency and productivity.
- Analyzing and articulating policy issues on topics including workforce needs, pre-kindergarten to grade-12 student preparation, academic program needs and issues, research needs and opportunities, affordability, and higher education needs within various geographic regions and statewide.
- Working with the Governor and General Assembly to develop an agenda for higher education that addresses the priorities and vision for the state.
- Recommending to the Governor and General Assembly higher education budget allocations that address state priorities, reflect the state's fiscal capacities, address the needs and utilize the resources of existing institutions and programs, and enhance the cost-effectiveness of higher education.

### **Information**

- Collecting and providing public access to comprehensive, relevant data on higher education to help the state develop its vision and agenda for higher education.

### **Accountability**

- Ensuring accountability of public higher education through approval of institutional mission statements, review of admission standards, academic program review, approval of new academic program offerings, performance funding, institutional effectiveness, facilities management and data verification.
- Examining and licensing non-public providers of higher education programs for operation in South Carolina.

### **Administration**

- Overseeing approximately \$250 million in state-funded student aid programs including: Palmetto Fellows; LIFE; HOPE; Lottery Tuition Assistance; Need-based Grants; National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program; Access and Equity Programs including Graduate Incentive Scholarships, Undergraduate Scholars Program, and SREB Doctoral Scholars Program; and Teacher Development Grants.
- Administering other state and federal higher education programs impacting higher education in areas such as early college awareness, student access and participation, program quality, and research.