Prelude
Processional
Welcome.................................................................Glenn F. McConnell ’69
President
The National Anthem .............................................Mary Elizabeth Ott
Music major
Remarks and Conferring of Honorary Degrees............Glenn F. McConnell ’69 and
David M. Hay ’80
Chair, Board of Trustees
Address........................................................................Michelle Asha Cooper ’95
President of the Institute for
Higher Education Policy
Remarks on Behalf of the Student Body ....................Timothy R. Buttram
President
Graduate Student Association
Alumni Address ..........................................................D. Sherwood Miler III ’74
President, Alumni Association
Presentation of Candidates for Master’s Degrees ........Glenn F. McConnell ’69
Presentation of Diplomas.............................................Brian R. McGee
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs
Conferring of Degrees ..................................................Glenn F. McConnell ’69
Presentation of Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees ....Glenn F. McConnell ’69
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The Alma Mater .......................................................Mary Elizabeth Ott
Recessional

Graduates and their guests are invited to a reception in the Cistern Yard immediately following the Commencement Ceremony or, in case of inclement weather, in TD Arena’s concourse.

—— COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT ——

Michelle Asha Cooper ’95
A practitioner, researcher and policy advocate, Michelle Asha Cooper ’95 is president of the Institute for Higher Education Policy, a D.C.–based research center committed to fostering solutions to the challenges facing today’s students. She has also held leadership positions with the Association of American Colleges and Universities and the U.S. Department of Education. She recently co-authored the book, Becoming a Student-Ready College: A New Culture of Leadership for Student Success. Cooper was also named one of the Top 25 women leaders in higher education and is the 2016 recipient of the Aspen Institute Presidential Fellowship. A native of Charleston and graduate of Burke High School, Cooper was an English major and member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority at the College. She received her master’s degree in Africana Studies from Cornell University and her Ph.D. in education policy and leadership from the University of Maryland, College Park. She served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and was the 2016 recipient of its Distinguished Alumna Award.
H. Biemann Othersen Jr. ’50
Throughout his career, Dr. H. Biemann Othersen ’50 has served as a tireless advocate for children’s health and pediatric surgical specialists. He joined the faculty of Medical University of South Carolina in 1965 to serve as assistant professor of surgery and was the university’s first chief of pediatric surgery, the first pediatric surgeon in South Carolina, and one of the first in the entire Southeast. Over the years he also served as medical director of Medical University Hospital, associate medical director of MUSC and the first medical director of MUSC Children’s Hospital. In 1998, he was elected president of the American Pediatric Surgical Association. After graduating from the College of Charleston in 1950, he earned his medical degree from MUSC in 1953. At the College of Charleston, he has served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and on the Cougar Club Board. He received the 1986 Alumnus of the Year Award and the 1999 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the College of Charleston Alumni Association, and the 2003 Pre-Medical Society’s Outstanding Service Award in Medicine.

Catherine Peronneau Murray-Smith
Catherine Murray-Smith is a trustee of the Samuel Freeman Charitable Trust, secretary of the South Carolina Aquarium Board of Directors and a member of the Gibbes Museum of Art Board of Directors. She is a graduate of Georgetown University, where she received degrees in foreign management and marketing. Murray-Smith previously worked for the World Bank and was owner and president of Commercial Design Services, a commercial interior design firm in Maryland. At the College of Charleston, she serves on the School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs Advisory Board and has played an integral role in the growth of the school. As a result of her advocacy, the school has been able to expand interdisciplinary and international programming, recruit and retain distinguished faculty and increase study-abroad opportunities for students. Murray-Smith previously served on the Friends of the Library Board of Directors. She and her husband, Hilton, were members of the BOUNDLESS Campaign Steering Committee.

Hilton Charles Smith Jr.
Hilton C. Smith Jr. is the president and CEO of East Bay Co. Ltd. and president and CEO of numerous real estate development and home building companies in Maryland, West Virginia and South Carolina. He graduated from Georgetown University with a degree in international finance and began his career in that field at the World Bank. In the late 1970s, Smith joined his father-in-law, William Murray, at East Bay Company and has been president since 1998. Smith serves on the boards of the Oliver S. and Jennie R. Donaldson Charitable Trust, Spaulding-Paolozzi Foundation, Hollings Cancer Center of the Medical University of South Carolina, Palmetto Project and The EastWest Institute. He is past chair of the College of Charleston Foundation Board. He is the chairman of the School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs Advisory Board. He and his wife, Catherine, are members of the College’s Bishop Robert Smith Society.
Core Values

As members of the College of Charleston community, we affirm, embrace and hold ourselves accountable to the following core values:

INTEGRITY: adherence to the highest ethical standards in all our professional obligations and personal responsibilities.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: commitment to a dynamic intellectual community, high academic standards, strong academic programs and a high-quality faculty of engaged and engaging teacher-scholars.

LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION: dedication to a liberal arts and sciences education that encourages intellectual curiosity and fosters each student’s ability to think creatively and analyze, synthesize, apply and communicate knowledge from many sources.

RESPECT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL STUDENT: devotion to the intellectual, ethical and social development of each student.

DIVERSITY: commitment to a globally oriented and diverse academic community.

COMMUNITY: commitment to compassion, mutual trust, respect, civility, collegial shared governance, teamwork and the general welfare of the institution and the individual.

PUBLIC MISSION: commitment to our social responsibilities and to serving the educational needs of the state of South Carolina and our community.
Candidates for Master’s Degrees

‡ Denotes graduates who have received an Outstanding Graduate Student Award for their program for Summer 2017 or Fall 2017

School of the Arts

Master of Science in Historic Preservation
John William Evangelist

School of Business

Master of Business Administration
Robert Nicholas Corrigan

School of Education, Health, and Human Performance

Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary Education
Hollace Harmon Branham ‡
Kathryn Ellen Brundage

Master of Arts in Teaching Performing Arts Education
Matthew Vinson Sager
Glivia E. Williams ‡

Master of Arts in Teaching Middle Grades Education
Jacob Francis Nelsen

Master of Arts in Teaching Performing Arts Education
Matthew Vinson Sager
Glivia E. Williams ‡

Master of Education in Languages
Inmar Carolina Geiger
Tristan Eugene Hill ‡

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Master of Arts in English
Eduardo Alfonso Hernandez-Cruz

Master of Arts in History
Susan L. Hallatt

Master of Public Administration
Kenda Jade Conley ‡
Franklin James Czwazka ‡
Katherine M. Faith
Armon Donell Hanks
Andrea Marie Sassard

Amy Trodglen Southerland

Graduate Certificate in Urban and Regional Planning
Amy Trodglen Southerland ‡

School of Sciences and Mathematics

Master of Science in Computer and Information Sciences
Christopher Allen Benson
Andrew S. Bissada
Husna Siddiqui ‡

Master of Science in Environmental Studies
Kenda Jade Conley ‡
Katherine M. Faith
Armon Donell Hanks

Seanna Reylyn Kautz
David Brenton Leslie
Fallon Chambers Parker ‡
Reed Taylor Rayborn
Andrea Marie Sassard

Julia Mae Reynolds
Victoria Kate Ruddle

Master of Science in Mathematical Sciences
Austin Eric Mishoe ‡
Michael Anthony Muscato

Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity
Callum Hamilton Brill
Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees

GRADUATION WITH HONORS

Students who earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.900 to 4.000 will graduate Summa Cum Laude. Students who earn a GPA of 3.750 to 3.899 will graduate Magna Cum Laude. Students who earn a GPA of 3.500 to 3.749 will graduate Cum Laude. To be eligible for graduation with honors, at least 62 hours of the coursework to be applied to the degree must have been performed at the College of Charleston. These honor graduates are wearing a maroon ribbon and medallion. Members of the honor society Phi Kappa Phi can be recognized by the blue ribbon and medallion each is wearing. Members of the Golden Key International Honor Society can be recognized by the blue and gold cord each is wearing. Members of the honor society Phi Eta Sigma can be recognized by the black and gold cord or medallion each is wearing. Please note that student honors in the printed program are presumptive, reflecting academic achievement through August 2017. Official honors will be awarded once final grades have been computed, and they will be recognized on the diploma and transcript.

* Honors College
† Denotes graduates who have completed the REACH certificate program requirements

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

ART HISTORY
Christopher Marc Cote
Gabrielle Hannah Harfst

ARTS MANAGEMENT
Peter Jacob Brokaw Cum Laude
James Parker Derby
Alissa Nicole Digiandomenico
Cody Carlyle Dixon
Amber Nicole Fuchs Cum Laude
Bria Alene Graham
Brynn Nicole Lee Lewis
Madison Jill Miller
Hannah Leigh Parker
Dominic Anthony Pileggi Jr.
Myranda Brianne Sauls
Tyler Brandon Sim
Cum Laude
Margaret May Stephenson

ART HISTORY
Ariel Leigh Zambrano
Magna Cum Laude

DANCE
Angela Vecchione

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND COMMUNITY PLANNING
Anna Catherine Carroll
Magna Cum Laude
Christopher Marc Cote
Victoria Catherine Furell
Cum Laude
Gabrielle Hannah Harfst
Carson Bentley Jackson
Maxwell Stevenson Nosbisch
Cum Laude
Sonny Tom Sisan

MUSIC
Dale M. Bennett
Kevin Michael Cheek
Tonya Clowes

STUDIO ART
Travonte Bernard Bailey
Bethany Alisa Goodrich
Dontre Denneale Major
Lauren Taylor McKinney
John Leonard Naughton
Maria Francisca Palazuelos
Magna Cum Laude
Christie Marie Torrio

THEATRE
Reid Etan Lawrence
Mary Rose Pumper Magna Cum Laude

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

ACCOUNTING
Elena Eduardovna Bezborodova
Magna Cum Laude
Benjamin Alton Bishop
John Dobson Dunavant Jr.
Tara Catherine Dunphy
Ryan L. Jackson
Elizabeth Graves Rahn
Magna Cum Laude

Margaret Ziozias Archambault
Kendeana Ashley Berry
Samuel Lofton Bonner
Andrew Ryan Brown
Robert Curtis Brown III
Paul Edwin Burdick Jr.
Stephanie Mary Cameron
Alexander Hollis Carroth
Elizabeth Truman Chafin
Nicholas Cheringal
Riley Patrick Clermont
Kevin Michael Collins
Sarah Margaret Crowder
Denise Elizabeth Dentino Cum Laude

Jonathan Michael Dillon Jr.
Hailey Orion Disher
Tremayne Antwan Garvin
Jordan McLawhorn Hayes Cum Laude
Natalee Hill
Jessica Carole Ikonomidis
Owais Khan Jadoon Cum Laude
Kelsey M. Johnson
Jordan Trent Keisler
Gregory Michael Keys
Alexander John Knowles
Vebjoern Kroevel
Madison Ryan Laporte
Devon Lane Lutrario
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
Jordan Elizabeth Dowd
Abbey Nicole Rich

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Meagan Elizabeth Ahl *Cum Laude*
Casey Eolene Hughes *Magna Cum Laude*
Julia Lorraine Neppl

EXERCISE SCIENCE
Branden Lawrence Brown
Jacob Timothy Burton
Brigid Cash
Zachary Adam Clements
Veselina Dacheva
Kelsey Porcher Drasites
Julie Christine Folkman
Savannah Danielle Gehlken *Magna Cum Laude*
Wendy Gonzalez *Cum Laude*
Ethan Randall Halberg
Lauren Evelyn Halter
Samantha Allyn Helmey *Cum Laude*

FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION
Devon M. Bowen

FINANCE
Jeffrey Scott Brule Jr.
Erik Oliver Clark *Cum Laude*

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT
Sarah Margaret Crowder
Denise Elizabeth Dentino *Cum Laude*
Hailey Orion Disher
Ann Hawkes Hay
Devon Lane Luttrario
Bram Clayton Moncure
Alexis Victoria Pierce
Allison Christine Pulley
Katrina Ketelhut Sands
Dakota Marie Steiner *Magna Cum Laude*

INTERNSHIP
Sarah Jayne Bourne
Sarah Kathryn Camp
Dayna Harris
Leslie Taylor Hartzog *Cum Laude*
Markeda Demetria Jerido
Kelsey Ryan Lowry
Summer Marie Lundquist *Cum Laude*
Cristen Loria Lydakis *Cum Laude*
Hannah Caitlin Norton
Jennifer Anne Oletsky
Hannah Bryan Simpson

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Shawn Alexander Peace
Michael Collis Wright *Cum Laude*

PUBLIC HEALTH
Sarah Jayne Bourne
Sarah Kathryn Camp
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SECONDARY EDUCATION COGNATE
Hope Leanne Bayne
Connor Patrick Fahy
Toby Kim
## SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

### ANTHROPOLOGY
- Angela Lee Barron
- Caitlyn Marie Buxton
- Matthew Thornton Mossberg
  - *Magna Cum Laude*
- Erin Kathleen Stotts

### COMMUNICATION
- Lewis Duncan Brown
- Alexandra Elizabeth Cardello
- Sarah Elizabeth Caro
  - *Cum Laude*
- Joy Elizabeth Carter
- Mason Kennedy Coombs
- Carmen Taylor Glass
- Mary Beth Hardee
- Dalton Elizabeth Hester
- Caroline Baxley Kelly
  - *Magna Cum Laude*
- Rachel Cheyenne Lechler
- Madeleine Longenecker
  - *Cum Laude*
- Samantha Elizabeth Pratt

### ENGLISH
- Madison Lyn Chaney
- John Dennis Jarvis II
- Rachel Cheyenne Lechler
- Blaide Lindon Marshall
- Gabrielle Marie Simpson
- Aracelia Jade Skridulis
  - *Magna Cum Laude*
- Marguerite Mayes Smith

### HISTORY
- John Jeffery Eglen
- Connor Patrick Fahy
- Katherine Amelia Feagin
- Benjamin Hoke Gould
- Zach Kelley Marsh
  - *Cum Laude*

### PHILOSOPHY
- Jasmine P. Brown
- Emmie Lou Larsen
- Constantino G. Saroni

### POLITICAL SCIENCE
- Haley Anneke De Porte
  - *Magna Cum Laude*
- Cameron Blair Ehlers
- Andrew Lucas Fink
- Ciera Elizabeth Johnson
  - *Cum Laude*
- Toby Kim
- Amanda Marie Malool
- Riley Ashlyn Moore
- Paul Miguel Muniz
- Zacheriah M. Ramahi
- Christian Josiah Sancho
- Deanna Victoria Silcox
- William Hunter Stewart

### PSYCHOLOGY
- Erin Irene Albright
- Vincent Charles Bianculli
- Thomas Brennan Byrne
- David Alexander Castro
- Sabine Helen Ginsberg
- Paul Edward Higgimbotham
- Graham Elizabeth Holmes
- Mia Rana Imbarlina
- Eric Klein Johnson
- Morgan Leigh Kniesche
- Daniel James Lange
  - *Cum Laude*
  - *Magna Cum Laude*
- Paul Daniel McTaggart
- Candace Dawn Moore
  - *Cum Laude*
- Chrisandrea Pauline Nguyen
- Thomas Christopher Nobles II

### SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES, CULTURES, AND WORLD AFFAIRS

### ARCHAEOLOGY
- Kylie Melissa Beard

### CLASSICS
- Kathryn Lois Cannon

### FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES
- Patrick Cale Magwood

### INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
- Rose Douglass Ballou
- Gabrielle Elizabeth Daly
  - *Cum Laude*

### JEWISH STUDIES
- Caitlin Rose Cloutier

### LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES
- Maria Francisca Palazuelos
  - *Magna Cum Laude*

### SPANISH
- Devon M. Bowen
- Ann Randolph McAfee
- Patricia Martinoli Ortega
- Magaly Torres
ASTROPHYSICS
Joseph Dow Snyder Cum Laude

BIOLOGY
James David Barton-Souza
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Bianna Nicole Chiappetta
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Zena Mary Gorgeis
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Lauren Olivia Harper
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Jarrett Robert Mason
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Ryan Duchene Santos
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Paige David Peck Cum Laude

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Rachel Ann McNeely
Magna Cum Laude

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Robin Alana Avery
Kylie Melissa Beard
Sam Pruitt Fink
Franklin W. Kunkle

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Alma Mater

Hail to thee, our Alma Mater.

Hail to thy time-honored name.

Proud traditions hover ’round thee;

May we never bring thee shame.

Loyal sons and daughters love thee,

Strive to conquer and prevail.

We will sing thy praises ever –

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