

Brianne Caitlin Horahan *cum laude*
 Genevieve Hudson *cum laude*
 Franklin Kiel Jeffery
 Kara A. Jones
 Leigh Kauffmann
 Joshua Lam
 Kanta Haynes Lawrence
 Rebecca Lawyer
 Laura T. Leamond
 Anna Linesch
 Kathryn R. Luksus
 John J. Melfi
 Hannah Ashley Metivier
 Dawn R. More *cum laude*
 Amanda K. Munn *cum laude*
 Sean Michael Nemitz
 Kimberly Nicole Parkhill *cum laude*
 Sara Peck
 Moira Taylor Phillips
 Elizabeth A. Randall
 Samuel Raines Redd
 Kracell Quinisha Reown
 Andrew Rudick
 Lauren Estefanie Santander
 Anna Catherine Sizemore
 Eleanor Pleasants Smeallie
 Jacqueline Leanne Smid
 Madison C. Smith
 Elizabeth Hart Spencer
 Kipp Spencer *cum laude*
 Theodore J. Stegman
 Heather L. Steimel
 Lillian Palmer Stowe
 Ryan Marie Strauss *cum laude*
 Edgar Tawes
 Sara Cappell Thomason *cum laude*
 Stacey Tokarczyk
 Magdalen Mary Trela *cum laude*
 Sydney Walmsley
 Meghan Eileen Welsh *cum laude*
 Cara A. Wideman
 Whitney E. Wilder
 Daniel Matthew Wilkes
 Chris D. Willoughby *magna cum laude*
 Preston Wolff
 Allison Wonus
 Seth Alan Woodley
 Justin H. Yampolsky

HISTORY

Harris Arthur Abrams
 Brooks Henri Alger
 Kaytlin Helen Bailey †
 David M. Baldwin
 Lillian T. Behrend † *cum laude*
 Jonathan Lee Bowers

Sean M. Briggs
 Cheryl E. Bruce
 Daniel Burkard *summa cum laude*
 Samantha L. Collidge
 Joseph Cortopassi
 Emily M. Crane *cum laude*
 Christian Cummings
 Nicholas G. Ellyn
 William Logan Ethridge *cum laude*
 John Walter Fingar
 Robert Fowler
 Eric T. Helms
 Kathryn Holt *magna cum laude*
 Jason E. Humphrey
 Owen Jackson
 Caroline L. Jordan
 Casey G. Lindman
 Alexander G. Lyvers
 Seth Edward McElrath
 Rylee McKay *cum laude*
 Blaire Spencer Morgan
 Rachel E. Mossman † *summa cum laude*
 Joseph G. Newberry
 Jeffrey D. Newlin
 Nichole Neyhart
 Burke Oleszewski
 Manton A. Paine
 Charles William Patrick
 Sarah Louise Pittman
 Tyler Pittman
 Rosemarie Pollanen
 Samuel M. Pringle †
 Ebony E. Prioleau
 Thomas Reissmann
 Robert Maxwell Remley
 Molly Ballantyne Robinson
 Elena Teresa Rodriguez
 Capers E. Rumph † *magna cum laude*
 Max Sandler
 Vanessa Marie Seel
 Kaitlin L. Stolba *summa cum laude*
 John M. Sullivan
 Jeanmarie Tankersley *summa cum laude*
 Joseph Matthew Toth
 Sharon Vosseller † *cum laude*
 Harriet Condon Ward
 Chris D. Willoughby *magna cum laude*
 Catherine Elizabeth Wolfe

PHILOSOPHY

Jeremy Joseph Anderson
 Jason P. Bird
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 Meghan C. Dalton
 Ryan East
 Lindsay M. Eltinge

Daniel M. Fenton *cum laude*
 R. Tyler Grespin
 Maxwell S. Gustaitis *cum laude*
 Taylor Lewis Hamrick † *cum laude*
 Caroline M. Marcantoni
 Robert John Pickford
 John Joseph Poland *cum laude*
 Andrew Rudick
 Emily Snyder *magna cum laude*
 Amanda J. Torrioni † *cum laude*
 Blake Alexander Waring
 Evan P. Williams

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Jacqueline Miles Aitken
 Andrew W. Arberg
 Jennie R. Band † *summa cum laude*
 Rachel Larson Barnard
 Adam Cantrell Barrett
 Sophia M. Benner
 Benjamin D. Bernstein
 Samuel R. Bolz
 Jonathan Bowen *magna cum laude*
 Mark Joseph Bringardner
magna cum laude
 Cheryl E. Bruce
 Ryan Lance Burnett
 Nicholas D. Bushyager *cum laude*
 Susan Catherine Butler
 Patricia Lee Byrd
 Samuel T. Cable
 William Clarence Cannon
 Anna Natalie Chard † *cum laude*
 Patricia Cornacchia
 Levi Cromer
 Robert Alexander Daganhardt
 Megan Leanne Daggett
 Anthony B. Dargan *cum laude*
 Evan Jacob Dash
 Quinn Thomas Dempsey
 Thomas Drazan
 David Englander
 Jared Austin Esselman
 Lindsay Nicole Funderburk †
 Bradley Reese Gaber
 Megan Lynn Gainey *cum laude*
 Tiffany CeCelia Garland
 Allie E. Gasque
 Stephanie Denise Gillis *cum laude*
 Joseph Nicholas Goetz
 Beverly B. Grainger
 Wesley Evan Gray
 Steven M. Hecht
 Michael Benjamin Hendley
 Courtney A. Hereford
summa cum laude

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

College of Charleston

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2009, THE CISTERN YARD

* 9:30 A.M.: School of the Arts; School of Humanities and Social Sciences;
School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs

† 4:00 P.M.: School of Business and Economics; School of Education, Health,
and Human Performance; School of Sciences and Mathematics

Include

Recessional

Welcome P. George Benson
President

The National Anthem..... Valerie Osborn and Cameron Ulmer *
Michal Johnson †

Introductions and Conferring of Honorary Degrees †..... P. George Benson

Address..... Charlotte Beers-Beadleston
Commencement Speaker

Senior Class President Address Skylar A. Stetten
President, Senior Class

Student Government Association President Address..... M. Seaton Brown
President, Student Government Association

Presentation of Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees P. George Benson

Presentation of Diplomas..... Elise B. Jorgens
Provost; Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees P. George Benson

Alumni Address..... David M. Hay
President, College of Charleston Alumni Association

The Alma Mater..... Andrea Horath, Jessica Chapman, Cameron Ulmer,
Valerie Osborn, Rebekah Verdin, Graham Bridges,
James Alexander IV, Jack Cleghorn, Clayton Moser *
Michal Johnson †

Recessional

* Denotes morning ceremony. † Denotes afternoon ceremony.

Graduates and their guests are invited to departmental receptions immediately following the Commencement Exercises.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

FACULTY AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

Each academic year, faculty members are presented awards for distinguished performance in five areas. Candidates are nominated by colleagues. Then, recipients are chosen by a committee comprised of prior awardees or other designees. The **Distinguished Teaching Award** honors those who typify high standards and commitment to teaching excellence. The **Distinguished Research Award** honors a faculty member for significant research. The **Distinguished Service Award** recognizes the outstanding contributions of a colleague who, beyond his/her required duties, has served the college community in an outstanding and distinguished manner. The **Distinguished Advising Award** honors individuals who have demonstrated dedication to students in the area of academic advising. The **Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Award** recognizes a faculty member whose exemplary scholarship and teaching have together enriched the intellectual lives of our students.

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

Deborah Jeter (Mathematics)

DISTINGUISHED ADVISING AWARD

Elizabeth Jurisich (Mathematics)

DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH AWARD

Scott Peeples (English)

DISTINGUISHED ADVISING AWARD

Duncan Munro (Biology)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Michael Phillips (Library)

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER/SCHOLAR AWARD

Susan Farrell (English)

DISTINGUISHED ADVISING AWARD

Shane Cudahy (Teacher Education)

COLLEGE-WIDE AWARDS

SHOP ROBERT SMITH AWARD

Christen Nicole Thompson

ALUMNI MEDAL

Rachel E. Mossman

ALEXANDER CHAMBLISS CONNELLEY AWARD

Marshall Seaton Brown

THOMAS A. PALMER AWARD

Scott Forbes Keith

THE THEODORE S. STERN CUP

Christina Guare
Charles Joughin

ALYSON AND GRACE JAMESON AWARD

Dennis A. Kombe

CONNELL-MOOD-MOHRMAN STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SERVICE AWARD

Miss Samuel Kressel
Liam C. Nelson

JOHN LEWIS GERVAIS JR. AWARD

Jennie R. Band
Rachel E. Mossman

LOWCOUNTRY PHI BETA KAPPA
OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD
Rachel E. Mossman

PHI KAPPA PHI MERIT AWARD
Rachel E. Mossman

PHI KAPPA PHI RESEARCH AWARD
Taylor Lewis Hamrick

WILLARD AUGUSTUS SILCOX AWARD
Hannah J. Mayer

SILCOX-KEELER TENNIS AWARD
Holly R. Dowse
Omer Abramovich

PETER PINCKNEY AWARD
Peter John Neiger

SEPTIMA P. CLARK AWARD
Akeisha Lashun Worley

LUCILLE WHIPPER AWARD
Markessce Jarrell Craft

EUGENE C. HUNT AWARD
David R. Marongwe

LAURA S. GRIFFIN MEMORIAL AWARD
Caleb B. Blackwell

LAURA S. GRIFFIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Deatrice N. Thompson

THE CLASS OF 2009

AS YOU LEAVE, DON'T FORGET WHY YOU CAME

The Class of 2009 Scholarship demonstrates the impact collective student support can have today and in the future and, specifically, this gift makes the College experience possible for one more talented student.

Harris Abrams
Mark Bastian
Elizabeth Bays
Sarah Bernstein
Elizabeth Boensch
Kyle Bonnette
Nicholas Bowes
Regan Brown
Summer Chambless
Lisa Christian
Courtney Cochran
Christopher Davis
Lauren DeLisle
Thomas DuBose
Laura Erickson
Alexander Fine
Carrie Fisher
Lasasha Garrett
Elizabeth Glock
Joseph Gonzales

Patricia Grant
Heather Hagler
Zachary Halewood
Christopher Hass
Eric Helms
Robert Henderson
Elizabeth Holbrook
Matthew Horry
Amber Howard
Tyler Huff
Thomas Kilpatrick
Timothy Legare
John Leighton
Rachel Leschak
Katie Lisi
Kathryn Luksus
Thomson Marchbanks
Hannah Mayer
Sara McGregor
Patrice Meredith

Stephen Michael
Chelsey Mintz
Schuyler Moffat
Sarah Nobles
Brittney Orr
Alexandra Pocock
Karen Riechman
Sarah Roth
Lauren Santander
Laura Selby
Parke Shields
Ilana Slomovitz
Michael Smallwood
Andrew Starland
Jillian Taft
Anne Thorsen
Gert C. van der Bijl
Jennifer Von Der Heiden
Sydney Walmsley
Paul Woodall

A BRIEF HISTORY

Founded in 1770 and chartered in 1785, the College of Charleston is the oldest institution of higher education south of Virginia and the 13th oldest in the United States. In 1770, the colony's general assembly established a provincial college – but internal disagreements, political rivalries and the American Revolution delayed its progress. After the war, South Carolinians returned their attention to forming the college. On March 19, 1785, the College of Charleston was chartered to “encourage and institute youth in the several branches of liberal education.”

Several of the College's founders played key roles in the American Revolution and in the creation of the new republic. Three were signers of the Declaration of Independence and another three were framers of the U.S. Constitution. Other founders were past, present and future federal and state lawmakers and judges, S.C. governors, diplomats and Charleston councilmen and mayors.

In 1785, the College's first classes were held on the ground floor of first president Rev. Robert Smith's home on Glebe Street (now the residence for the president of the College). Rooms for the College were eventually fashioned out of old military barracks on the public land that is now the Cistern Yard, where instruction began in 1790. The College graduated its first class in 1794, which consisted of six students.

In 1837, the College became the nation's first municipal college when the City of Charleston assumed



College of Charleston freshman class, 1926

responsibility for its support. The City provided funds, for example, to enlarge the main academic building (Randolph Hall, built under President Jasper Adams in 1828–29), to construct Porters Lodge and to fence in the Cistern Yard, the block that is still the core of the campus. It remained a municipal college until the 1950s, when the College again became a private institution.

Under the presidency of Harrison Randolph, the first residence halls were built, scholarships were created and women were admitted. Enrollment, however, remained at about 500 until the College became a state institution in 1970. During Theodore Stern's presidency, from 1968 to 1978, the College began developing its flagship programs in marine biology and fine arts; the first master's degree programs were introduced; the physical facilities

expanded, from fewer than 10 buildings to more than 100; and the number of students increased to about 5,000.

In 1992, the University of Charleston, S.C., known as The Graduate School of the College of Charleston was formally “founded” as the graduate program for the College. It offers 17 degree and eight certificate programs and coordinates support for the College's many nationally recognized faculty research programs.

Now with more than 11,000 undergraduate and graduate students, the College continues to grow both academically and physically. Under the presidency of P. George Benson, the College is working to ensure that it retains its traditions in the liberal arts and sciences while responding to the needs of its evolving student population with cutting-edge academic programming and state-of-the-art facilities.