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*2015 ANNUAL REPORT*

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*A VOICE FOR INDEPENDENT HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA*

# Message From the Chair

The Board of Trustees of South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, Inc. is pleased to be able to support the missions of its twenty member institutions of higher learning as they work together to provide exceptional and affordable educational opportunities to an increasingly diverse student population.

As described in this 2015 Annual Report, SCICU's programs and advocacy provide our members with additional resources to help them sustain and grow supportive liberal arts learning environments. Emphasizing individualized learning and student achievement, SCICU members encourage students to develop a sense of personal and social responsibility, cultivate serious inquiry and critical thinking skills, think expansively, and acquire strong, transferable knowledge and the practical skills needed to prepare them for successful and fulfilling professional and personal lives.

A prime example of SCICU's academic support is the SCICU/IT-o-Logy Scholarship Program established this year after SCICU trustees and friends of independent higher education contributed \$35,000 in new or increased contributions to match a \$25,000 grant from the Council of Independent Colleges. Over the next three years, the program will fund a \$1,000 scholarship at each of SCICU's twenty member institutions for students studying in STEM-related majors (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).

As detailed in the following pages, please take a moment to share with us our sincere appreciation for the leadership and unselfish contributions of the many individuals, companies, and foundations that support the hopes and dreams of so many students attending a South Carolina independent college or university.

A lone gunman's senseless and brutal murder of nine people at Charleston's Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church on the evening of June 17, 2015, was particularly painful to the independent college community. Six of the nine victims had deep ties with one or more SCICU members. Among the dead were Sen. Clementa Pinckney (Allen University), Tywanza Sanders (Allen University), DePayne Doctor (Southern Wesleyan University and Columbia College), Sharonda Coleman-Singleton (Charleston Southern University), Rev. Daniel Simmons Sr., (Allen University) and Myra Thompson (Benedict College). Prayer vigils and memorial services were held on many campuses in the wake of the killings. Scholarships and other recognitions to honor the dead and remember their contributions have been established.

The faith and strength of the independent college community, like other communities, were tested that evening and in the days that followed. From one campus to another as students, staff, and faculty tried to make sense of the senseless, there were hundreds of teachable moments transformed by prayer, reflection, and compassion.

As my two-year term as Board Chair comes to an end, I would like to thank the members of the Board of Trustees and staff for their support. The next few years will have unique challenges as more than a quarter of our institutional members will have new leadership and the Board moves to finalize a strategic vision and staff succession plan. I am sure that the Board, under the leadership of Chair Jim Reynolds, will approach each challenge with the same enthusiasm and commitment that it has demonstrated for more than sixty years.



*Kathleen C. McKinney*

Chair, SCICU Board of Trustees

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## SCICU: Providing Opportunities for Excellence

*Founded: South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, Inc. was established in 1953 to promote independent higher education in South Carolina.*

*Membership: To be eligible for membership in SCICU, an institution must meet the following criteria: (1) be a two or four-year college or university with its primary emphasis on the liberal arts; (2) receive qualified accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; (3) be a non-profit institution; and (4) be headquartered in South Carolina.*

*Mission: SCICU supports and promotes the values of independent higher education in South Carolina. SCICU seeks to advance higher education through fundraising, scholarships, research, as well as facilitating collaborative activities among the member institutions. SCICU also enhances a positive public image and encourages government policies that support independent higher education.*

*Management: A board of trustees, composed of the presidents from each member institution and business and community leaders fro across the state, directs SCICU.*

*Tax Status: SCICU is a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation. SCICU has been designated a 501 (c) 3 organization by the Internal Revenue Service and all contributions are tax deductible. Contributions should be made payable to SCICU and mailed to P.O. Box 12007, Columbia, SC 29211. SCICU's fiscal year runs September 1 through August 31.*

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Columbia, SC 29211

1706 Senate Street  
Columbia, SC 29201



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 Ph: 803/376-5700  
 Fax: 803/376-5731  
 1530 Harden Street  
 Columbia, SC 29204  
 Website: allenuniversity.edu  
 President: Dr. Lady June Cole

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Founded: 1911  
 Phone: 864/231-2000  
 Fax: 864/231-2004  
 316 Boulevard  
 Anderson, SC 29621  
 Website: andersonuniversity.edu  
 President: Dr. Evans P. Whitaker

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Founded: 1870  
 Phone: 803/253-5000  
 Fax: 803/705-4840  
 1600 Harden Street  
 Columbia, SC 29204  
 Website: benedict.edu  
 President: Dr. David H. Swinton

**CHARLESTON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY**

Founded: 1964  
 Phone: 843/863-7050  
 Fax: 843/863-7070  
 9200 University Boulevard  
 Charleston, SC 29406  
 Website: charlestonsouthern.edu  
 President: Dr. Jairy C. Hunter, Jr.

**CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY**

Founded: 1869  
 Phone: 803/535-5000  
 Fax: 803/535-5402  
 400 Magnolia Street  
 Orangeburg, SC 29115  
 Website: claflin.edu  
 President: Dr. Henry N. Tisdale

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Founded: 1908  
 Phone: 843/383-8000  
 Fax: 843/383-8056  
 300 East College Avenue  
 Hartsville, SC 29550  
 Website: coker.edu  
 President: Dr. Robert L. Wyatt

**COLUMBIA COLLEGE**

Founded: 1854  
 Phone: 803/786-3012  
 Fax: 803/786-3674  
 1301 Columbia College Dr.  
 Columbia, SC 29203  
 Website: columbiasc.edu  
 President: Ms. Beth Dinndorf

**COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

Founded: 1923  
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 Fax: 803/786-4209  
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 Columbia, SC 29203  
 Website: ciu.edu  
 President: Dr. William H. Jones

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 Fax: 864/596-9223  
 580 East Main Street  
 Spartanburg, SC 29302  
 Website: converse.edu  
 President: Dr. Elizabeth A. Fleming

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 Fax: 864/379-3048  
 2 Washington Street  
 Due West, SC 29639  
 Website: erskine.edu  
 President: Dr. Paul Kooistra

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Founded: 1826  
 Phone: 864/294-2100  
 Fax: 864/294-3939  
 3300 Poinsett Highway  
 Greenville, SC 29613  
 Website: furman.edu  
 President: Dr. Elizabeth Davis

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Founded: 1845  
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 Fax: 864/487-8706  
 1115 College Drive  
 Gaffney, SC 29340  
 Website: limestone.edu  
 President: Dr. Walt Griffin

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Founded: 1908  
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 100 West College Street  
 Sumter, SC 29150  
 Website: morris.edu  
 President: Dr. Luns C. Richardson

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Founded: 1856  
 Phone: 803/321-5127  
 Fax: 803/321-5627  
 2100 College Street  
 Newberry, SC 29108  
 Website: newberry.edu  
 President: Dr. Maurice Scherrens

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Founded: 1892  
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 Fax: 864/977-5627  
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 Tigerville, SC 29688  
 Website: ngu.edu  
 Interim President: Dr. Randall Pannell

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 Fax: 864/833-8195  
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 Clinton, SC 29325  
 Website: presby.edu  
 President: Mr. Robert E. Staton

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 Fax: 864/644-5900  
 PO Box 1020  
 Central, SC 29630  
 Website: swu.edu  
 President: Dr. Todd Voss

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 Fax: 864/587-4355  
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 Spartanburg, SC 29301  
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 President: Mr. W. Scott Cochran

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Founded: 1897  
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 Fax: 803/793-1015  
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 213 Wiggins Road  
 Denmark, SC 29042  
 Website: voorhees.edu  
 President: Dr. Cleveland L. Sellers, Jr.

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 Fax: 864/597-4179  
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 Spartanburg, SC 2930  
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*On behalf of our member institutions and their students, as well as the SCICU Board of Trustees and staff, we extend sincere appreciation to the following for their support and commitment to Opportunities for Excellence.*

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# Listing by Gift Category

(September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2015)

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Love, Amy E.  
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Malloy Foundation, The  
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McIver, Lucy Grey  
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Ogburn, Derial L.  
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Reynolds, Jr., James D.  
Sanders Family Foundation  
Shannon, III, Edward M.  
Shaw, Minor M.  
Smith, Cary K. and Marilyn W.  
South State Bank  
Spinx Company, The  
TD Bank, N. A.  
Torrence, Sr., Andrew E. and Brenda S.  
Vulcan Materials Company  
Walker, Jr., Claude M.  
Walsh Consulting Group, LLC  
Weaver, Brent A.  
Williams Family Foundation  
Zeigler, Edward T.**





## Giving Opportunities

### **SCICU Scholars Program**

The SCICU Scholars Program was developed in 1994 to encourage investment in undergraduate student scholars at SCICU's member institutions. Investors in the Scholars Program recognize the need to encourage talented students to complete a college degree. They also recognize that the cost of college may prove prohibitive to outstanding young people with high potential for long-term success. For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, \$324,750 was awarded to 257 undergraduate students. Criteria for scholarships are developed with each donor.

### **SCICU Undergraduate Student/Faculty Research Program**

Developed by SCICU in 1995, the Student/Faculty Research Program is designed to strengthen educational programs for students attending member institutions by providing quality undergraduate research experiences. These experiences are transforming students' lives and encouraging them to explore careers in research. On an annual basis, SCICU raises funds from benefactors to conduct this initiative, issues a call for grant proposals, assembles an evaluation committee of faculty members who select the proposals to be funded, issues the funds for the projects selected, and organizes a symposium at which each student presents their research findings. For fiscal year 2014-2015, \$98,763 was awarded to fund 32 student/faculty research proposals. The students will present the results of their research at a symposium to be held in February of 2016.

### **Annual Unrestricted Campaign for Participating Institutions**

Since the founding of SCICU in 1953, unrestricted gifts have played an essential role for our colleges and universities. These important gifts have a profound impact on the ability of our institutions to meet their changing needs. Unrestricted funds are generally used by participating colleges and universities to provide financial aid for deserving students. For fiscal year 2014-2015, \$109,800 was distributed to participating member institutions. Unrestricted gifts are distributed by a formula established by the Board of Trustees that allocate 50% equally and 50% by apportionment according to enrollment.

### **SCICU Endowment**

Gifts may be made to the SCICU endowment fund for purposes consistent with the donor's interest. Scholarships, faculty development, research or other programmatic support are sustained through the endowment.

### **SCICU Program Sponsorships**

Sponsorships for the annual SCICU Campus Tour, SCICU Excellence in Teaching Awards Dinner, and College Guide are available.



## SCHOLARS PROGRAM:

The Scholars Program was developed in 1994 to encourage investment in individual student scholars attending participating SCICU member institutions. Investors in the Scholars Program recognize the need to assist talented and deserving students in their efforts to obtain a college degree.

### BAILEY FOUNDATION

Scholarships for traditional students who are South Carolina residents with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

### BB&T CHARITABLE FOUNDATION



Scholarships for traditional students who are South Carolina residents with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and have high financial need as determined by FAFSA.

### COLONIAL LIFE

Scholarships for traditional students who are South Carolina residents with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, who have high financial need as determined by the FAFSA, and attend Allen University, Benedict College, Claflin University, Columbia College, Columbia International University, or Newberry College.



### DUKE ENERGY

Scholarships for traditional students that reside in the Duke Energy service area attending one of the eleven SCICU member institutions also located in the Duke Energy service area, have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and are majoring in math or science.

### SANDERS FAMILY FOUNDATION

SCICU trustee Dan Sanders, through his family foundation, established this scholarship beginning in the 2014-2015 academic year that operates in coordination with the Furman University Bridges to a Brighter Future Program, a program that assists at-risk youth with their educational goals. Ten students participating in the Furman Bridges Program will be selected by the Bridges program to receive \$1,000 scholarships to attend the SCICU-member college of their choice. Recipients will be upper-class students who have extenuating circumstances in their financial aid packages.

### SC STUDENT LOAN CORPORATION



Scholarships for traditional full-time under-graduate students who are

South Carolina residents with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and high financial need as determined by FAFSA. The scholarships should be used to reduce the need for educational borrowing.

### SCE&G



Scholarships for traditional students with a

GPA of 3.0 or higher. Student, parent or guardian must be a current customer of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company.

### SONOCO FOUNDATION



Scholarships for traditional students who are South Carolina residents with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

### COUNCIL OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES



The SCICU/CIC IT-oLogy Scholarships were made possible by a \$25,000 matching grant provided by the Council of Independent Colleges in 2015. SCICU raised \$35,000 in new and increased gifts for a total of \$60,000 to be awarded over the next 3 years in the form of \$1,000 scholarships to students majoring or minoring in IT or Applied Computing.

### UPS FOUNDATION



Scholarships for traditional students who are South Carolina residents with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

### WELLS FARGO FOUNDATION



Scholarships for traditional students who are South Carolina residents with a GPA of 2.5 or higher and is a Federal Pell Grant recipient who is a member of a diverse population under-represented in higher education.

### WILLIAMS & FUDGE, INC.

SCICU trustee Gary Williams established a new scholarship program in 2014-15 to reward leadership at each of SCICU's 20 members. College presidents select students who currently hold leadership positions at the colleges and who have a minimum GPA of 2.5.

# SCICU Business Partners

We would like to express thanks to the SCICU Business Partners. The program is designed to enable the SCICU member colleges, their employees, and their students and families to obtain information about goods and services available from the companies and businesses that have chosen to become SCICU Business Partners.

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## ADVOCACY

For students attending independent colleges and universities in South Carolina, the 2015 session of the General Assembly was very successful.

The Tuition Grants Commission received an additional \$136,772 in state lottery funds. The additional funds, along with an increased share of state need-based grants, will allow the agency to increase the maximum Tuition Grant from \$3,000 to \$3,100 for academic year beginning this fall. The Commission's budget from all sources for FY 2015-16 is more than \$36 million.

Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, HOPE, and Tuition Assistance scholarships for students attending either public or private colleges and universities are fully-funded for FY 2015-16 with a combination of general appropriations and lottery funds at approximately \$335 million.

In the FY 2015-16 budget, PASCAL, the Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries, was appropriated approximately \$1.4 million in excess lottery funds.

Student recipients of Tuition Grants wrote more than 8,100 letters to members of the House and Senate thanking the legislators for their support of independent higher education and urging them to continue to fund the program at the fullest extent possible.

More than 100 students and staff from 18 member institutions attended the annual Independent College and University Day at the State House to discuss the meaning and value of state scholarships in personal terms with their legislators.

The General Assembly, in a Concurrent Resolution sponsored by Rep. Jay Lucas of Hartsville, joined Governor Nikki Haley in

proclaiming April 13-17, 2015 as "Independent College and University Week" in South Carolina and April 15, 2015 as "Independent College and University Day."

Speaker of the House Rep. Jay Lucas received the SCICU Legislative Champion Award for 2015 for his leadership and support of the Tuition Grants program and independent higher education.



Rep. Jay Lucas (L) and Mike LeFever (R).

Anderson University President Dr. Evans Whitaker was appointed by Governor Nikki Haley and confirmed by the SC Senate to a seat on the State Commission on Higher Education.

SCICU worked closely with the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities on matters of federal interest, especially with work beginning on the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

Mike LeFever and presidents Dr. Jairy Hunter (Charleston Southern University), Dr. Claude Lilly (Presbyterian College) and Dr. Nayef Samhat (Wofford College) visited with members of the South Carolina Congressional delegation in February to discuss issues such as Pell grants and other campus-based student aid, over-reaching federal regulations, affordability, value, and student debt.

On behalf of its members, SCICU filed formal comments on proposed federal regulations governing overtime pay regulations and teacher preparation.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

### *Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Achievements:*

*SCICU Sourcing* -- SCICU raised and distributed \$599,077 to member colleges and universities for scholarships and academic advancement, including:

Scholars/Named Scholarships	\$ 324,750
Unrestricted Scholarships	109,800
Student Research	98,763
Excellence in Teaching Awards	60,000
Donor Designated Gifts	3,500

*State grants and scholarships* -- 21,264 awards totaling \$77.5 million were awarded to students attending member colleges and universities:

Tuition Grants	\$ 34.3 million
LIFE	30.0 million
Palmetto Fellows	10.0 million
HOPE	2.7 million
Lottery Tuition Assistance	.5 million

*Federal assistance* -- More than 16,200 students attending member colleges and universities received almost \$73.0 million in federal grant assistance, including:

Pell Grants	\$ 65.5 million
FSEOG Grant	2.9 million
Federal Work Study	4.2 million

***Total economic benefit of all SCICU, state, and federal scholarship and grant programs to SC independent college and university students***  
**\$ 151.0 million**

## COMMUNICATIONS

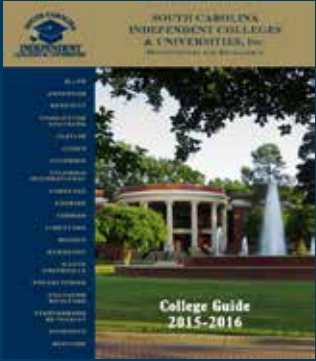
*Print and digital publications include the following:*

*2015 Annual Report* - Audited financial statement and donor recognition.

*2015 Statistical Abstract* - Statistical profile of SCICU member schols in key academic and operations areas.

Website (*scicu.org*) -- Experiencing increased traffic and activity, especially during the legislative session and after the publication of the College Guide.

2015-2016 College Guide :



Provides actionable information to assist students, parents, and guidance counselors in evaluating the outstanding and unique higher education opportunities at South Carolina's non-profit independent

colleges and universities.

2015 Collaborative Purchasing Directory - Discounted contracts for goods and services

News and Notes Newsletter - Monthly mailing list exceeds 1,100 recipients.

## EVENTS

Career Connections Networking and Interview Day -- SCICU matched 200+ graduating seniors with 80 recruiters from 43 employers at this annual networking event.

Research Consortium -- SCICU awarded research grants for 32 student-led projects in the amounts of \$98,763. Final presentations were made at the Milliken Innovation Center.

Biennial Board Retreat -- More than 50 trustees and guests participated in this two-day event in Greenville.

Teacher Recruitment Fair-- Eighty (80) education majors interviewed with representatives from 40 school districts.

## South Carolina Independent College and University Week Events :

Excellence In Teaching Awards Dinner - The 10th annual awards dinner recognized outstanding faculty from each of SCICU's 20 member colleges and universities. Selected for their ability to teach and inspire, these individuals were recognized with a certificate and a \$3,000 stipend for professional development

Independent College and University Day - More than 100 students and staff attended this annual event at the State House.

Guidance Counselor Campus Tour- Thirty-seven counselors participated in this annual tour of 10 SCICU schools. SCICU sponsors this annual event so that guidance counselors can gain a greater awareness of the unique and intrinsic value of independent higher education. Tour visits 10 of the 20 SCICU member schools every other year.

## COLLABORATION

Collaborative purchasing programs -- SCICU continues to provide and expand diverse opportunities for member schools to save money through group purchasing arrangements.

Title IX Training -- SCICU contracted for in-state Title IX training for 100 staff and faculty from 19 member institutions.

Business Partners -- This program provides a convenient electronic marketplace for goods and services common to SCICU members. 37 partners are on-board at the end of the fiscal year.

Professional Development -- SCICU staff facilitated/hosted professional development events for members of numerous professional peer groups, including chief academic officers, chief financial officers, career services directors, librarians, institutional research directors, student affairs directors, admissions directors, and human resources directors.

## MANAGEMENT

Received a clean audit report for FY 2014-2015

Microsoft donated Office Pro Plus 2013 for 4 SCICU computers as part of their Corporate Citizenship program (FMV over \$3,200).

Migrated from office server to 3<sup>rd</sup> party admin with 24 hour monitoring/support.

SCICU Member college students visit the State House and thank the legislators on Independent Colleges & Universities Day at the State House - April 15, 2015





# Hailey Owens, Coker College

Hailey Owens, a senior at Coker College, is the J. Lacy McLean Student of the Year. This \$2000 scholarship award is presented annually by SCICU to the most outstanding student from nominations by our member colleges and universities.

Mentoring and helping others are central to Owens' experience at Coker and her goals after graduation. Her interest in helping others was sparked in high school by her participation in the Youth Empowerment Academy, a drug and alcohol abuse prevention program.

Originally from Pelion, Owens will graduate in December 2015 with a major in psychology and a concentration in counseling. After graduation, she plans to pursue a master's degree in public health with plans to develop her own leadership program to help prevent drug and alcohol abuse in schools.

Her college accolades include membership in Phi Chi, the international psychology honor society, Dean's List (every semester), and the Susan Coker Watson scholarship for study abroad in Spain and Portugal.

She currently works as a Resident Assistant at the nearby Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, where she enjoys mentoring high school students. She is a member of Coker's Christian student organization and vice president of the Chinese Culture Club.

In her free time, Owens loves to sing, kayak, and write. She also enjoys helping out events at her home church in Columbia and spending time with her family.



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*The J. Lacy McLean Award was established in 1987 by friends of J. Lacy McLean in honor of his 34 years of service to higher education, particularly among private, non-profit colleges and universities. The award recipient must be a South Carolina resident who has performed well academically and who has demonstrated those traits characterized by the life of Lacy McLean, including commitment to public affairs, community service, and leadership. The nominee must be a rising senior at an independent four-year college or a rising sophomore at an independent two-year college.*

# Amy Burton, Erskine College



Amy Burton, a junior at Erskine College, is the Sterling L. Smith Scholarship recipient for 2015. The award is presented annually by SCICU to a student who qualifies for a Higher Education Tuition Grant and includes a \$1,000 scholarship.

Burton is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in math and minors in physics and business administration.

A resident of Ware Shoals, Burton is a strong believer in community and campus involvement. She is in her third year as a color guard instructor at Abbeville High School and volunteers on the FFA Advisory Board of Ware Shoals High School. She also enjoys giving back to her community through Habitat for Humanity and volunteering with local Eagle Scout beautification projects on the Erskine campus.

Burton's campus involvement includes working as a Student Life Assistant for the residence halls and tutoring groups of students from different mathematics classes through the Supplemental Instruction Program. Amy Burton serves as chair of the Erskine Entertainment Board and is a member of the Executive Student Leadership Team and the Student Retention Committee.

Her many honors at Erskine include Garnet Circle (top 25 students ranked by GPA, regardless of class), South Carolina Palmetto Fellow, Kincannon Award in physics, and the Roy S. Smith Scholarship for Mathematics.

After college, Burton plans to continue serving others while working to instill a passion for involvement in all those she comes in contact wherever her academic or career path may take her.

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*Funded through gifts to South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, Inc., the scholarship was established in 1996 to honor the legacy of Sterling L. Smith for his relentless years of service to higher education. Sterling L. Smith was instrumental in crafting the development of the South Carolina Tuition Grants Program. All nominees must be rising sophomores, juniors, or seniors that are recipients of a South Carolina Tuition Grant, have performed well academically, and have demonstrated those traits characterized by the life of Sterling Smith, including leadership and commitment to public affairs.*

## SCICU Student/Faculty Research Program

Developed in 1995, the SCICU Undergraduate Student/Faculty Research Program increases research opportunities for undergraduate students attending SCICU member institutions. Participating students develop the skills for professional opportunities that are both scientific in nature and are the benchmarks of every highly qualified professional. Thirty-seven students from twelve SCICU member institutions were awarded research grants of more than \$98,700 in the spring of 2015. The students will present their findings at the Research Symposium scheduled for February 18, 2016 at Milliken Innovation Center in Spartanburg, S.C. Listed below are the students, faculty sponsors, and the project titles.

INSTITUTION	STUDENT(S)	FACULTY SPONSOR(S)	RESEARCH TOPIC
Anderson University	Ryan Pittman / Eslie Aguilar	Dr. David Prager	Using Periodic Patterns to Statistically Verify Local Warming Trends in Low Latitude Locations
Benedict College	Astacia Watkins	Dr. Rush Oliver	Effects of Cycloheximide on Calpain Proteolysis During Crab Claw Muscle Atrophy in the Fiddler Crab
Charleston Southern University	Amy Sisson	Dr. James Brooks	Stopping Batrachochytrium Dendrobatidis
Charleston Southern University	Ingrid Bonilla	Dr. Amy Albrecht	The Effects of Essential Oil on the Growth and Gene Expression of Breast Cancer Cells
Charleston Southern University.	Joshua Satterfield	Dr. Yu-Ju Lin	Unlocking Doors Using Mobile Devices
Coker College	Arthur Cabral and Joshua Forbes	Dr. Ze Zhang	Interactive Self Learning System: Project Physics
Coker College	Toni Becker	Dr. Jessica Robbins	Small Molecule Studies Towards the Design and Synthesis of Environmentally Friendly Biodegradable Polymers
Coker College	Taylor Barefoot	Dr. Maria Valeria Avanzato	Characterization of Pythium Species in a Historical Water Lilies Pond at Kalmia Gardens, SC
Coker College	Deondre Parks	Dr. Gordon Brown	Chirped-Pulse Microwave Spectroscopy of the 3,5-Difluorophyridine-Carbon Dioxide Complex
Coker College	William Marrafaio	Dr. Paul Dostert	Enriching the Learning Environment at Coker College Through Bluetooth Beacons
Coker College	Brandon Yarborough	Dr. John Hauptfleisch	Exploration of Catalysts in the Thermal Generation of Perfluoronitroalkanes
Columbia College	Ljubitca Fadje, Sarah Smith, and-Jacqueline Mayorga	Dr. Marlee Marsh	Examining the Immune Responses of Fundulus heteroclitus to Environmental Pressures
Converse College	Halley Wisner	Dr. Jennifer Berglind	Impact of Dietary Gluten on the Inflammatory Profile in the DSS Induced Colitis Mouse
Converse College	Sara Ashley Brown	Dr. Monica McCoy	The Impact of Sex Education on Sexual Behavior, Knowledge and Attitudes
Converse College	Alexandra Bruce, Ashley Majorana	Dr. Marie LePage	An Application Based Intervention Program to Reduce Body Dissatisfaction
Converse College	Kaitlyn Harrison	Dr. Stephen Brown	Determine the Presence and Functionality of LGR5+ in Adenocarcinoma Tissue
Converse College	Shannon O'Farrell	Dr. Jeff Brotherton	Anthranilate Synthase Enzyme Activity in Vivo and in Vivo and in Vitro
Converse College	Bibiana Loza	Dr. Randall Gregg	Differential Impact of Ebola virus Zaire and Sudan Strain glycoprotein upon immunosurveillance by Natural Killer Cells
Erskine College	Justin Glover	Dr. Joel Boyd	Photocatalytic Water Purification using Titania Nanotubes
Furman University	Judith Carlisle	Dr. Alison Roark	Effects of Symbionts on Sexual Reproduction in Aiptasia pallida anemones
Furman University	Jason Pecorella	Dr. Victoria Turgeon	Thrombin Plays a Role in Creating the Hostile Environment that Impedes NEuron Survival and Axon Regeneration
Furman University	James Mouer	Dr. Chris Healy	Rapid and Interactive Statistical Analysis of English Words Using a Computer Cluster
Furman University	Madison Ritter	Dr. Victoria Turgeon	Motor Neurons Survive and Regenerate Their Axons in Vitro Following Their Removal From an Injury Induced Hostile Environment
Furman University	Rachel Celestine	Dr. Andrea Tartaro	Mock Interview Technologies
Furman University	Theodore Summer	Dr. Erin Wamsley	The Effect of Cognitive Demand on Memory Retention during Rest
Furman University	Abigail Hartman	Dr. Timothy Fehler	Witchcraft, Monsters, and the Supernatural during the English Civil War
Limestone College	George Green	Dr. Scott Tanner	Effects of Mutidrug Resistance Gene Deficiency on Intestinal Cell Healing in a Model of Inflammatory Bowel Disease
Presbyterian College	Naya Martin	Dr. Stuart Gordon	Large Scale Transposon Mutagenesis of Acidovorax Avenae Subsp. Avenae
Southern Wesleyan University	Zachary Ford	Dr. Michael Keaton	Moonlight and Magnolia: A History of the Southern Plantation
Wofford College	Jordan Thomas	Dr. Ramin Radfar	Metformin, Cancer and Glucose Metabolism
Wofford College	Lauren King	Dr. John LeFebvre	Assessing Prevention and Wellness Promotion Programs in Community Colleges for Post-9/11 Veterans
Wofford College	Alexander Bentley	Dr. Charles Smith	Occurrence, Distribution and Management of At-Risk Upland Amphibian and Reptile Species

## SCICU Excellence in Teaching Awards

The hallmark of South Carolina's private non-profit colleges and universities is their emphasis on individualized learning and student achievement. This can only be accomplished by a faculty of the highest quality working in a supportive environment that encourages and fosters serious inquiry, critical thinking, and a broader understanding of the world in which we live.

Each year, SCICU recognizes and celebrates the best of the best with its Excellence in Teaching Awards. The recipients are honored at a special dinner and awarded a \$3,000 professional development grant. This group of teacher-scholars represents many different academic disciplines and brings a rich diversity of education, experience, and interests to our campuses.

There are common threads, however, that weave their way through this distinguished group of academicians. They first and foremost are teachers who come to our liberal arts institutions to work one-on-one with students whom they also serve as advisors, mentors, and friends. They are dedicated and committed individuals who have worked long and hard to be the best in their particular academic discipline in order to instruct and guide future generations as their life's work. They are value-centered, passionate, creative, and caring. Our campuses are filled with outstanding faculty, and we are pleased and proud to recognize the following individuals.



Professor Abdollah Rabieh  
Allen University



Dr. Robert Franklin, Jr.  
Anderson University



Dr. Ming Yin  
Benedict College



Dr. Celeste McMaster  
Charleston Southern  
University



Dr. Mitali P. Wong  
Claflin University



Dr. Gordon Brown  
Coker College



Dr. Adrienne Oxley  
Columbia College



Dr. David Olshine  
Columbia International  
University



Dr. Laura Feitzinger  
Brown  
Converse College



Dr. Howard Thomas  
Erskine College



Dr. Leslie W. Hicken  
Furman University



Dr. Jerry E. Wright  
Limestone College



Dr. Elaine McClure  
Morris College



Dr. Peggy Barnes-Winder  
Newberry College



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North Greenville University



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Presbyterian College



Dr. Darryl Jachens  
Southern Wesleyan University



Professor Kent Newberry  
Spartanburg Methodist  
College



Dr. Booker T. Anthony  
Voorhees College



Dr. John Moeller  
Wofford College



## Student Networking Events / Guidance Counselor Campus Tour

SCICU continued its support of member colleges and universities in 2015 with events designed specifically for graduating student employment opportunities.

Guidance counselors and others who impact student choices/decisions regarding higher education were given a week-long tour of SCICU member colleges and universities.

### **Career Connections Networking and Interviewing Event**



Over 200 students from SCICU member colleges met with prospective employers during the 22nd annual CareerConnections Networking and Interviewing Event held on January 26, 2015 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

This private networking event, held specifically and only for SCICU member college students, gave students exposure to and interview opportunities with approximately 80 recruiters, including a variety of corporations, state and federal agencies, and non-profit organizations.

The Career Connections event was organized and hosted by the SCICU

institutions' career services directors with the support of SCICU office staff.

The 23rd annual Career Connections Networking Event is scheduled for February 9, 2016, again at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

### **Teacher Recruitment Day 2015**

On April 27, 2015, the second annual SCICU Teacher Recruitment Fair took place on the campus of Presbyterian College. Over 60 recruiters representing 40 school districts from the states of South Carolina, Tennessee, and Florida participated in the event. Recruiters spent the day interviewing candidates from the pool of nearly 80 education majors from SCICU member institutions who attended the fair.

Lynn Downie, assistant director of career programs at PC, was instrumental in coordinating this year's fair. Career services colleagues from Anderson University, Coker College, Columbia College, Converse College and Limestone College came to assist with the event.

The 2016 Teacher Recruitment Fair is scheduled for March 10, 2016 at Columbia College.

### **2015 Guidance Counselor Campus Tour**

Guidance counselors and education professionals from SC high schools gained exposure to SC independent and liberal arts schools through a tour of 10 of SCICU's 20 member colleges June 15-19, 2015.

The tour, which began with registration at Columbia International University, visited Columbia College, Benedict College, Claflin University, Charleston Southern University, Voorhees College, Presbyterian College, Erskine College, Southern Wesleyan University, North Greenville University, and Furman University.

The remaining 10 SCICU member colleges will be visited during the 2016 Campus Tour, which will be held June 13-17, 2016.



# CIC Matching Grant Challenge - STEM Scholarships



THE COUNCIL OF  
INDEPENDENT COLLEGES



SCICU is pleased to announce the beginning of an IT/STEM-related scholarship program that will award 60 scholarships to students at SCICU's member schools over a three-year period.

The Council of Independent Colleges (CIC), an association comprised of more than 600 nonprofit independent colleges and universities, issued a \$25,000 matching challenge grant to SCICU in July 2014 for the support of IT/STEM-related studies at SCICU member colleges and universities.

SCICU's existing donors and new donors answered and exceeded the CIC challenge. In August 2015, SCICU announced that the CIC fundraising challenge had been exceeded by \$10,000, resulting in a total of \$60,000 available for IT/STEM-related scholarships beginning in the 2015-2016 academic year.

The SCICU/IT-oLogY scholarship program will award twenty (20) \$1,000 scholarships (one per SCICU member institution) during the next three academic years. Scholarship recipients will be selected from students who are majoring in Information Technology, Computer Science, Applied Computing, and other STEM-related majors.

IT-oLogY is a Columbia, SC-based non profit collaboration of businesses, academic institutions and organizations dedicated to growing the IT talent pipeline, fostering economic development and advancing the IT profession.

SCICU appreciates the support of the following 48 generous donors who made the SICU/CIC Challenge Grant a huge success:

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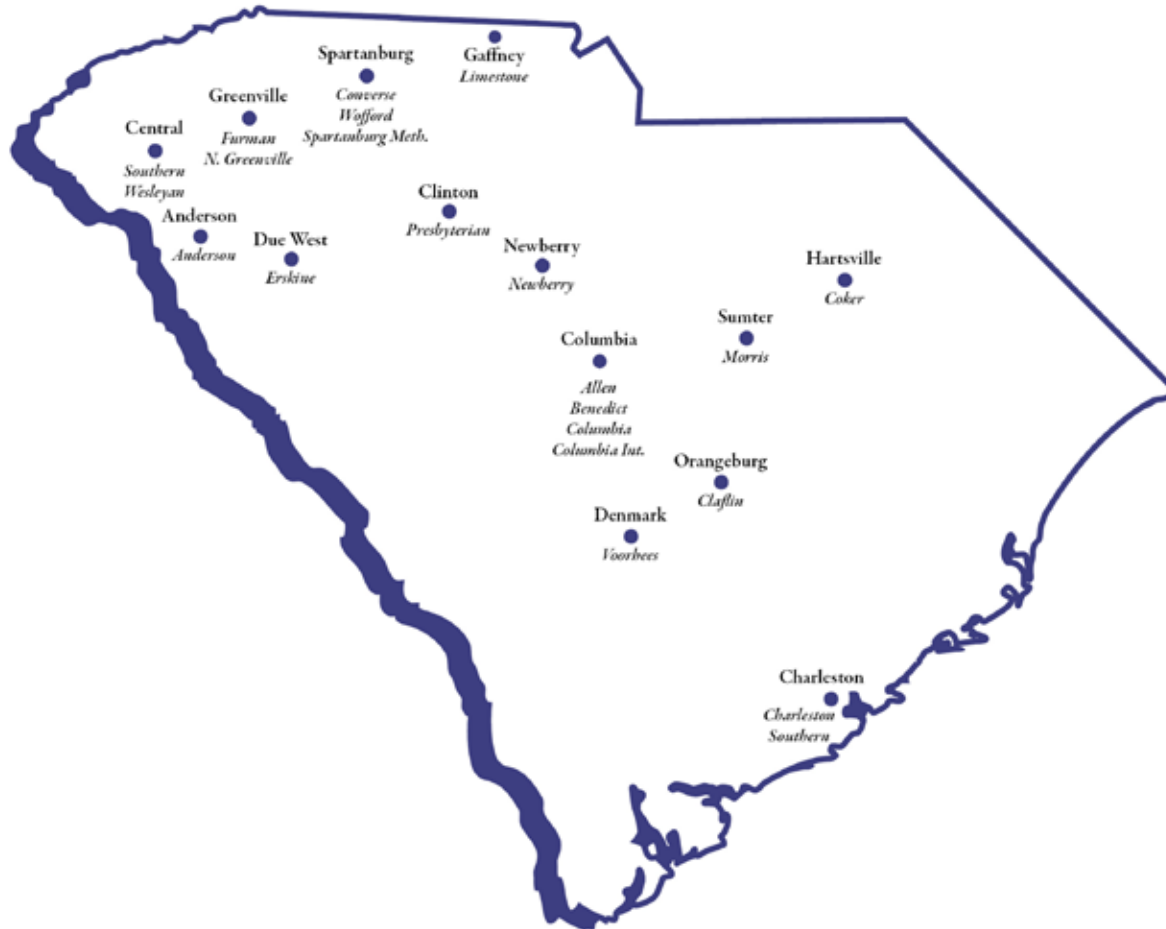
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# Educational and Economic Impact of Independent Colleges and Universities

SCICU represents twenty independent colleges and universities each with a unique historical, cultural, and in many instances, faith background. SCICU's membership includes five historically black colleges and universities, two all-women's colleges, and a two-year institution.

## SCICU institutions:

- Enrolled 33,811 students (Fall 2014)
  - 30,977 undergraduate students (13.5% of SC's total two and four-year undergraduate enrollment)
  - 2,834 graduate students
- Awarded 5,500 bachelor's degrees (over 23% of SC's baccalaureate degrees) and 1,069 graduate degrees, (FY 2014)
- Served a diverse group of students including 45% minorities; 31% minorities excluding the 5 historically black colleges and universities (Fall 2014)
- Employed 6,941 faculty and staff and several thousand student workers (November 2014)
- Contributed more than \$751 million annually directly to the state's economy (FY 2014)
- Provided close to \$247 million in institutional aid to students (FY 2014)
- Saved the state's taxpayers almost \$12.0 million in state appropriations required to enroll an equivalent number of students in public colleges and universities (FY 2015)

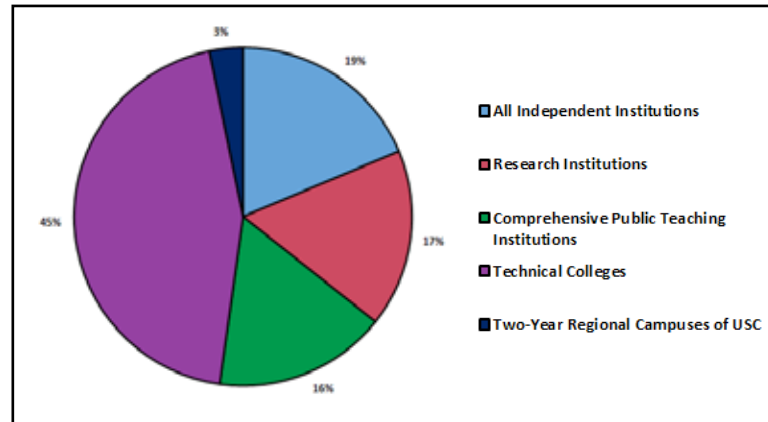




## Independent and Public College and University Students Participating in South Carolina Financial Aid Programs for 2014-15 Academic Year

SCHOLARSHIP TYPE	MAXIMUM AWARDS / ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS*	INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS \$ AWARDED / # STUDENTS		STATE INSTITUTIONS \$ AWARDED / # STUDENTS		
<b>Palmetto Fellows Requirements:</b>	Up to \$6,700 freshmen/ \$10,000 sophomores - seniors <i>Must meet 1 of 2 requirement sets:</i> (1) 3.5 GPA, 1200 SAT / 27 ACT, <i>and</i> top 6% of class, or (2) 4.0 GPA <i>and</i> 1400 SAT/ 32 ACT	\$ 10,466,670	1,349	\$ 46,559,943	5,760	
<b>LIFE Requirements:</b>	Up to \$5,000 freshmen / \$7,500 sophomores - seniors <i>Must meet 2 of 3:</i> 3.0 GPA, 1100 SAT / 24 ACT, or top 30% of class	\$ 31,750,666	6,335	\$ 152,036,983	30,901	
<b>HOPE Requirements:</b>	Up to \$2,800 3.0 GPA, available for freshman year only	\$ 2,753,263	1,073	\$ 5,854,645	2,374	
<b>Tuition Grants Requirements:</b>	<i>Independent only:</i> Need-based up to \$3,000 <i>Must meet 1 of 4:</i> 900 SAT, 19 ACT, top 75% of high school class, or 2.0 GPA	\$ 36,095,796	13,358	N/A		
<b>Need-Based Grants Requirements:</b>	<i>Public only:</i> Up to \$2,500 2.0 GPA and demonstrated need via FAFSA <i>(Need-based awards for Independents included in tuition grants above)</i>	N/A		\$ 22,033,074	17,200	
<b>Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (up to the cost of tuition) Requirements:</b>	Available only for SC students attending two-year institutions Minimum 6 credit hours for the term Satisfactory academic progress towards an associate degree	\$ 521,242	265	\$ 47,719,015	38,726	
<i>* Additional requirements at <a href="http://che.sc.gov">che.sc.gov</a></i>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 79,561,782</b>	<b>21,930</b>	<b>\$ 274,203,660</b>	<b>94,961</b>

Independent and Public College and University Students Participating in South Carolina Financial Aid Programs for 2014-15 Academic Year





## FINANCIAL CONDITION: September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2015

The financial statements of SCICU are audited by the firm of Elliott Davis Decosimo, LLC CPAs, who have issued their unmodified opinion. The following statement of assets is drawn from their 2015 audit. Total assets of \$4,528,983 on August 31, 2015 compares to \$4,812,332 on August 31, 2014.

Because our member colleges are assessed dues to underwrite the entire administrative and operating costs of the association, 100% of all contributions raised from donors is distributed to the members without any reductions for fund-raising costs. Gifts and awards totaling \$594,579 were distributed during the year.

In an effort to minimize dues to our members, SCICU has employed a series of strict financial accounting controls and budgetary constraints to reduce its expenses and has utilized more sophisticated investments to improve revenues. As a result, no increase in dues to our members has been imposed since 1992.

### SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, INC.

#### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND NET ASSETS MODIFIED CASH BASIS For the year ending August 31, 2015

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 403,523
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	
	4,103,386
<b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</b>	
Building	\$121,531
Building improvements	34,247
Office furniture and equipment	33,300
	189,078
Less accumulated depreciation	\$ 167,004      22,074
	<u>\$ 4,528,983</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>	\$2,468,095
<b>UNRESTRICTED - BOARD DESIGNATED</b>	<u>655,551</u> \$ 3,123,646
<b>TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED</b>	365,337
<b>PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED</b>	<u>1,040,000</u>
	<u>\$ 4,528,983</u>

#### STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS — MODIFIED CASH BASIS For the year ending August 31, 2015

<b>REVENUES</b>	
Gifts and awards received	\$ 477,365
Member college assessments	548,257
Interest and dividends	261,079
Special function	46,012
	<u>\$ 1,332,713</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Unrealized and realized loss on investments	414,712
Gifts and awards distributed	594,579
Operating costs	<u>606,771</u>
	\$ 1,616,062
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	(283,349)
<b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>4,812,332</u>
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 4,528,983</u>



## Important Dates: 2016

**February 9**

**Career Connections Job Fair  
Columbia Metropolitan Center  
9am - 5pm**

**February 18**

**Research Symposium  
Milliken Center, Spartanburg  
8:30am - 4:30pm**

**February 23**

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
Newberry College**

**March 10**

**Teacher Recruitment Fair  
Columbia College, Columbia  
9am - 3pm**

**April 12**

**Excellence in Teaching Dinner  
Columbia Metropolitan Center  
6pm - 9pm**

**April 13**

**SC Independent Colleges &  
Universities Day at the State House**

**June 13 - 17**

**Guidance Counselor Campus Tour**



*SCICU seeks to advance independent higher education through fundraising, scholarships, research, and by facilitating collaborative activities among the member institutions.*



*Our mission is to support and promote the values of independent higher education in South Carolina.*