

# POINTS OF PRIDE

CAROLINA CHANGES EVERYTHING

We're making South Carolina **more prosperous**,  
**healthier** and **more vibrant**.

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**SOUTH CAROLINA**

## We make South Carolina more prosperous.

*The university graduates students who are well-educated and in demand. We are always mindful of increasing access and affordability. Through partnerships with businesses and by encouraging entrepreneurship, we help spur economic prosperity throughout the state.*

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Our eight campuses and alumni support **one in every 37 jobs** in South Carolina and pump billions into the state's economy every year.

**\$25 return to the state's economy for every dollar** invested in higher education in South Carolina.

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The university is South Carolina's leading educator, serving **50,000 students on eight campuses around the state.**

Carolina has been named a **best value among public colleges** by Kiplinger's, Forbes and Money.

The National Academy of Inventors recognized USC as being in **the top 1 percent of patent-producing universities in the world.**

There are currently **180,000 system alumni** living in South Carolina.

**The USC system awards about 10,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees a year.** Nearly 40 percent of all bachelor's and graduate degrees awarded at public institutions in South Carolina are conferred by USC.

Inc. magazine named the USC/Columbia Technology Incubator as **one of three "college-town incubators to watch" in 2013.**

**The university is training many of the state's K-12 teachers** through stellar programs like the USC Columbia School of Education's online graduate program, ranked No. 40 nationally by U.S. News & World Report, 2017.

**Partnerships with major corporations** like Boeing, IBM and Michelin for research and development fuel innovation.

Programs like the Columbia/USC Technology Incubator, the Salkehatchie Leadership Institute and the Small Business Development Centers in Aiken and Beaufort are **helping locally owned businesses grow and new startups get off the ground.**

## We make South Carolina more vibrant.

*South Carolina is a great place to live, and our campuses take a lead role in inspiring communities throughout the state. We offer world-class and unique cultural experiences and artistic performances to the public. And our students, faculty and staff give their time and talents to organizations all over the state, improving the quality of life for all of us.*

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Venues like Columbia's Koger Center, Aiken's Etheredge Center and Beaufort's Center for the Arts **host hundreds of performances annually**, providing outstanding cultural opportunities throughout the state.

The university is home to the **Center for Civil Rights History and Research and chronicles the contributions of the Palmetto State to the American civil rights movement.** Rep. James Clyburn, the state's first African-American member of Congress since Reconstruction, is donating his congressional papers to the new center.

## We make South Carolina healthier.

*By 2030, the health care and social assistance sectors are projected to be the largest employers in South Carolina. USC is educating tomorrow's doctors, nurses, pharmacists and social workers. We are also finding medical solutions through research and educational programs that impact health care quality and access.*

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The university has conferred **more than 5,000 health care-related degrees** in the past five years.

Carolina receives **more than \$100 million in annual funding for health-related research** centers and institutes.

**We offer nursing programs at all eight campuses**, and through Palmetto College, to help meet the need for 6,000 new nurses in the state in the coming years.

**The Children and Family Healthcare Center in Columbia** serves more than 7,000 patients (more than 75 percent of whom are Medicaid recipients).

The university's **Palmetto Poison Center** serves all 46 counties and receives 37,000 calls annually.

**USC is the most comprehensive health care research and education entity in the state** with two schools of medicine and programs in public health, pharmacy, nursing and social work,

U.S. News & World Report recognizes USC as having a **top 10 online graduate nursing program**.

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The new **Gerry Sue and Norman J. Arnold Institute on Aging** focuses on how to age well from cradle to grave by addressing issues faced by the most vulnerable in our population: young children and older adults.

The USC School of Medicine Greenville was the **first in the nation to require first-year medical students to complete a six-week emergency medical technician certification** course and maintain certification for two years.

**500,000 archaeological artifacts are held by USC Lancaster's Native American Studies Center**, including 1,300 pieces of Catawba, Cherokee and Pamunkey pottery, 4,000 photographs and 6,000 slides.

USC archaeologists discovered the **oldest radiocarbon dated site for pre-Clovis artifacts in North America** (the Topper site in Allendale County).

The College of Social Work is **helping military members, veterans and their families** by training experts in military mental health issues, advocacy and community rehabilitation services.

USC is home to **one of the nation's only sterile pharmaceutical compounding training laboratories**.

USC Upstate's Child Protection Training Center **ensures the well-being of children** through local and national training programs.

The iconic **Carolina Theatre in Allendale was renovated by USC Salkehatchie** and is once again a hub for cultural activities and special events.

USC is home to the **oldest free-standing academic library in the United States**, the Caroliniana library, which was completed in 1840.

**The Carolina Community contributed more than \$12.8 million in time and money in 2015-16**. More than 28,000 students and faculty and staff members participated in volunteer activities totaling more than 525,000 service hours. Monetary donations totaled more than \$1.6 million.

# The University of South Carolina system makes South Carolina stronger.

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USC is the **top global university in South Carolina** according to U.S. News & World Report (2015).

USC Columbia's Darla Moore School of Business boasts the **No. 1 undergraduate international business program** and the **No. 1 graduate international business program** (U.S. News & World Report, 2017).

**The South Carolina Honors College is ranked as the nation's best public honors college** based on honors college factors by the guidebook "A Review of Fifty Public University Honors Programs," published by Public University Press.

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**USC has 47 nationally ranked academic programs** according to U.S. News & World Report's 2017 "Best Colleges Guide," more than any other university in the state.

**Our comprehensive campuses are ranked among the top public regional colleges in the South** by U.S. News & World Report: USC Aiken is ranked No. 1 (and is ranked the No. 1 best regional college in the South for veterans), USC Upstate was ranked No. 2 (and is ranked the No. 2 best regional college in the South for veterans, as well as being named the most diverse higher education institution in South Carolina), and USC Beaufort is ranked No. 6.

USC's Columbia, Sumter and Beaufort campuses earned a place on **G.I. Jobs magazine's 2016 Military Friendly Schools** list, which recognizes the top 15 percent of institutions nationwide that excel in the recruitment and retention of veterans.

Carolina's **doctoral program in exercise science was ranked No. 1 in the nation** by the National Academy of Kinesiology in 2015, when adjusted for faculty size.

Carolina has 14 **"Top 50"** U.S. News & World Report graduate programs (2017).

**Eight of USC Columbia's health care-related graduate programs are ranked in the Top 50:** social psychology (No. 4), online nursing (No. 9), services for children and youth (No. 11), public health (No. 23), speech pathology (No. 30), pharmacy (No. 42), healthcare management (No. 43) and nursing-anesthesia (No. 48).

Diverse magazine places USC in the **top 3 percent of universities for graduating African-American students**, and Insight into Diversity magazine recognized USC with its **Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award four years in a row** for its outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion.

ShanghaiRanking's 2016 Global **Ranking of Sport Science Schools and Departments placed USC No. 1 in the nation and No. 3 in the world** based on excellence in research among our HRSM, exercise science and physical education departments.

The University of South Carolina is **the nation's fourth fastest growing flagship university**.