



PHI THETA KAPPA  
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**ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM**  
RECOGNITION CEREMONY

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**April 11, 2024**

Cooperative Conference Center  
169 Laurelhurst Avenue, Columbia, SC 29210

*Presented by the SC Technical College System and  
Phi Theta Kappa, International Honor Society of the Two-Year College*

# 2024 PHI THETA KAPPA ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM

## RECOGNITION CEREMONY

*Each year, Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the Two-Year College, conducts a program to honor outstanding students from technical, junior and community colleges nationwide.*

*South Carolina's team members have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and an impressive record of service to their colleges.*

*Congratulations to the members of South Carolina's 2024 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team.*



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- 9:30 am**    **College and Student Check-In**
  
  - 10:00 am**    **Call to Order and Welcome**  
*Dr. Rosline Sumpter, Vice President*
  
  - 10:05 am**    **Phi Theta Kappa Overview**  
*Leroy D. Gibson, Student Services and Strategic Initiatives Coordinator*
  
  - 10:10 am**    **System Office Remarks**  
*Dr. Tim Hardee, System President*
  
  - 10:15 am**    **Special Speaker Remarks**  
*Dr. Ronald Rhames, President, Midlands Technical College*
  
  - 10:25 am**    **Student Recognition**  
*Dr. Aimeé Carter, Associate Vice President*  
*Emily Fox, CTE & Professional Development Coordinator*  
*Lane Goodwin, Director of Academic and Program Compliance*
  
  - 11:10 am**    **PTK Advisor of the Year Awards**  
*Dr. Eric Brown, Associate Vice President*
  
  - 11:15 am**    **Final Remarks**  
*Dr. Rosline Sumpter, Vice President*
  
  - 11:20 am**    **Group & General Pictures**
  
  - 11:30 am**    **End of Ceremony**



**Ziyi Guan**

**Degree:** Associate in Science – Transfer  
**Awards/Honors:** Member, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team



**Tametha D. S. Jones (Aiken, SC)**

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Criminal Justice  
**Awards/Honors:** Dean’s List; Member, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team; Recipient, \$1,000 Centerra Criminal Justice Scholarship  
**Activities:** Member, Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa, Intramural Sports Club



**Tyeisha Deshonda McKevie (Aiken, SC)**

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Early Childhood Education  
**Awards/Honors:** Dean’s List; Recipient, Aiken Technical College Foundation Scholarship  
**Activities:** Childcare Technical Assistance Provider, Aiken County First Steps; Collaborator, numerous local partners



**Leanne Clyburn (Fort Mill, SC)**

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Environmental Engineering Technology  
**Awards/Honors:** President’s List; Dean’s List  
**Activities:** Youth Leader, Taking the City Ministry



**Kaitlynn Lee Moore (Bishopville, SC)**

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Mechatronics  
**Awards/Honors:** OSHA Certified, Basic Mechatronics and Basic Welding



**Thomas James Thornton (Lugoff, SC)**

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – General Technology  
**Awards/Honors:** Member, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team



**Joseph Russell (Orangeburg, SC)**

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Computer Technology  
**Awards/Honors:** Member, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team; Student Ambassador  
**Activities:** Participant: community food drives, College App Challenge, College Hack-A-Thon



**Malachi Watson (Marion, SC)**

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Business Administration  
**Awards/Honors:** Member, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team  
**Activities:** Participant: Edu-Treat Community Engagement Project, food drives; Ambassador, New Student Orientation



**Priscilla Darlene Atkinson (Olanta, SC)**

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Early Care and Education  
**Awards/Honors:** Recipient: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal  
**Activities:** President and Member, Early Childhood Association; Member: TRiO Student Support Services, Alpha Chi Pi Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa



**Teresa Jackson Fulmer (Darlington, SC)**

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Human Services  
**Awards/Honors:** President’s List; Member, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team; Recipient, Water Environment Association of South Carolina (WEASC)-Quarter Century Operator Award  
**Activities:** Volunteer, Pee Dee Coalition; Participant, Alzheimer’s Association fundraiser



**Janae Emily Gerald (Mullins, SC)**

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – General Technology  
**Awards/Honors:** President’s List; Vice-President of Leadership and Member, Alpha Chi Pi Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Member: National Honor Society, National Beta Club, Early College Program; State Delegate, Palmetto Girl’s State; Recipient: National African American Recognition-College Board, Appreciation of Hard Work and Dedication certificate - Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Health Candy-Striper; Captain and Awards Recipient, high school tennis, track and basketball  
**Activities:** Candy-Striper, MUSC Health Marion and Florence; Volunteer, McLeod Health Florence Junior; Participant: Academic Challenge Team, Math Team; Member: Student Government Association, Alpha Chi Pi Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa, Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG-SC), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)



### Jalaysia Malay Gurley (Marion, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Arts – Transfer

**Awards/Honors:** President’s List; Dean’s List; Member, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team; Recipient: Citizenship Award, Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Scholarship, Honor Roll (high school)

**Activities:** Member, Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG); Volunteer: McLeod Health and Fitness, Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)



### Ariel Gabrielle Myers (Florence, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Human Services

**Awards/Honors:** 4.0 GPA; Recipient: Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (SAEOPP) Adult Learner Scholarship, Marion G. Daniels Foundation Scholarship, TRiO -Student Support Services Leadership Award, TRiO Academic Award, Outstanding Student Curriculum Award in Human Services

**Activities:** Student Ambassador; President, Human Services Organization; Volunteer, My Brother’s Keeper; Intern, Manna House



**Greenville**  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE



### Genesis Carolina Leal Fahneddine (Venezuela)

**Degree:** Associate in Science – Physics

**Awards/Honors:** Dean’s List; Member, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team

**Activities:** Tutor, Mathematics and Physics



### Molly Turner (Simpsonville, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Science and Associate in Arts – Health Science

**Awards/Honors:** Dean’s List; Member, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team; Vice President of Membership and Member, Alpha Zeta Sigma Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Voting Delegate, Phi Theta Kappa - 2024 International Officer Preliminary Election; Recipient: 2023 Coca Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship, 2023 Woodmont High School Volunteer Coach of the Year Award

**Activities:** Assistant Coach, Woodmont High School Cheerleading; Member, Capstone Church Women’s Discipleship Small Group; Leader, Capstone Church Camp Rock Cabin



### Asia Danielle Willett (Greenville, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Paralegal Studies

**Awards/Honors:** President’s List; Member, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team; Recipient: Greenville Technical College Foundation Scholarship, TRiO Student Support Services Scholarship

**Activities:** Member: Alpha Zeta Sigma Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa, Student Peer Leader/Mentorship, TRiO Student Support Services, Paralegal Association; Student Assistant, Paralegal Studies; Advocate/Volunteer, Caring Corner Food Pantry; Member/Volunteer, State College and University Professional Association (SCUPA)



### Nichelle Marie Brown (Myrtle Beach, SC)

**Degree:** Certificate in Applied Science – Business

**Awards/Honors:** Recipient: 2023 Game Changers Scholarship, Nordson BUILDS Scholarship, Government Financial Officers Association of South Carolina Founding Fathers Two-Year Scholarship

**Activities:** Member: Alpha Nu Sigma Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa, TRiO Elite Scholars



### Leah Marie Harder (Saginaw, MI)

**Degree:** Associate in Science – Transfer (Marine Science)

**Awards/Honors:** President’s List; Member, Alpha Nu Sigma Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa

**Activities:** Tutor; Volunteer, Senior Care



### Luis Marin

**Degree:** Associate in Science – Electronics Engineering Technology/Robotics Technology



### Tanya J. Moser (Denver, CO)

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Paralegal

**Awards/Honors:** Secretary and Distinguished Officer Nominee, Alpha Nu Sigma Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Member, Carolina Crier Newsletter

**Activities:** Volunteer: Waterbrook Community Church, Birds of Prey Sanctuary, Student Engagement Fee Allocation Committee (SEFAC), PTK Activities (Edge, College Project, Honors in Action), Beach Sweep, Food Pantry collections



### Sofia Aranzazu Rios (Tuluá, Valle del Cauca, Colombia)

**Degree:** Associate in Arts – Supply Chain Management

**Awards/Honors:** President’s List; Member: National Society of High Scholars (NSHS), National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS); Ambassadors Assembly; Vice President of Public Relations and Member, Alpha Eta Kappa Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Recipient, Outstanding MTC Ambassador Award

**Activities:** High School Honor Graduate; Member of high school: DECA, Beta Club, National Honors Society, River Bluff High School Chapter - National Honor Society; Volunteer: South Carolina Wildlife Center, Westwood High School Hispanic Heritage Month Planning Committee





### **Cederick Alexander Gibbs** (Columbia, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Science – Web Development

**Awards/Honors:** President’s List; Honor Roll; Member: Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team, National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS)

**Activities:** Vice President of Records and Member, Alpha Eta Kappa Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Representative, City of Columbia Mayor’s Collegiate Engagement Council



### **Kezia S. Gibson** (Columbia, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Arts and Associate in Applied Science – Architecture and Architectural Engineering Technology

**Awards/Honors:** President’s List; Scholar’s List; Recipient, Outstanding Student Ambassador Award; Double Architectural Major

**Activities:** President, Student Advisory Board (SAB); Vice President, National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS); Member: Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team, TRiO Student Support Services Program; Student Ambassador; Volunteer, college events planning



### **Ashley Harmon**

**Degree:** Associate in Arts – Business

**Awards/Honors:** Member, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team



### **James Thomas Liles** (Columbia, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – General Technology

**Awards/Honors:** Member, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team

**Activities:** Officer, Alpha Eta Kappa Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa



### **Emily Rose Listemann** (Lexington, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Science – Biology

**Awards/Honors:** President’s List; Scholar’s List; College Ambassador; Vice President of Service, Alpha Eta Kappa Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Member, National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS); Presenter, 2023 NSLS Student Conference

**Activities:** Member, Executive Board; IT Coordinator and Publicity Chair, NSLS; Volunteer; Pet-sitter



### **Ciara Janelle Wallace** (Miami, FL)

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Business

**Awards/Honors:** Member: Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team; Recipient: John H. Murphy Scholarship, Cornell’s Certificate in Women’s Entrepreneurship

**Activities:** Current Student, Certificate of Business – Digital Marketing; Regional Vice President, Phi Theta Kappa Carolinas Region; Member: Alpha Eta Kappa Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa, National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS); Member and Web Developer, Advisory Committee; Secretary, Student Advisory Board (SAB); Volunteer: Graduation Committee, Carolina Wildlife, Digital Media Ministry – Word of Truth Ministries; Tutor; Owner, Ciara Lox Beauty



**NORTHEASTERN**  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE



### **Zakkariyya Harrison**

**Degree:** Certificate in Medical Assisting

**Awards/Honors:** Graduate: University Studies, Nursing Assisting and Phlebotomy, and Nurse Transfer; Member, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team



Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College



### **Elizabeth Adelle Heape** (Branchville, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Science – Pre-Professional Science

**Awards/Honors:** President’s List; Member: Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team, Alpha Alpha Delta Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa, Student Leadership University; Honor Roll - Branchville High School; Participant, SC Beta Club

**Activities:** Co-Founder, The Jacket’s Nest; Branchville Christian Church Leader: Youth Band Worship, Audio/Visual Technology, Vacation Bible School Team, Fields of Faith; Volunteer: Orangeburg Free Health Clinic, Give Kids the World, Camp Edisto, Operation Christmas Child; Participant, high school sports and worship activities



**PIEDMONT**  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE



### **Emily Atkins Galloway** (Laurens, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Horticulture Technology

**Awards/Honors:** President’s List; Dean’s List; Finalist, 2023 National Collegiate Landscape Competition; Student Leader Ambassador, 2023 National Association of Landscape Professional’s Elevate National Conference; Recipient, SC Green Industry Association Scholarship; President, Horticulture Club; Inductee: Honor’s Program, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor’s Society; Presidential Ambassador, Piedmont Technical College

**Activities:** Volunteer, Lowcountry Firefighter Support Team; Tutor



### **Jo Ann O. Moore** (Greenwood, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Arts – Transfer (Social Worker)

**Awards/Honors:** President’s List; Merit List; Graduate, Associate in Applied Science, Human Services - Magna Cum Laude; Member: Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team, Omega Chi Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Recipient: Start 2 Finish Award, Human Services Club Award, Academic Excellence Award, Carl Brock VR Scholarship

**Activities:** Presidential Ambassador; Member, Human Services Club; Representative, Inner Club Council; Volunteer: Community Services, Greenwood Soup Kitchen



**Tira Jonae Owens** (Clinton, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Health Administration  
**Awards/Honors:** Presidential Ambassador; Member: Omega Chi Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa, Honors College; Recipient, 2022 Employee of the Year Award  
**Activities:** Organizer, community events; Founder, The Owens Do Good Organization



**Kristy Leigh Patrick** (Greenwood, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Building Construction Technology  
**Awards/Honors:** 4.0 GPA; Recipient, Foundation Scholarship  
**Activities:** Presidential Ambassador; President, BCT 4 Life



**Shanai Brooke Peery** (Greenville, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Arts – Middle Level Education  
**Awards/Honors:** Member, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team  
**Activities:** Dual Attendee, Spartanburg Community College and University of South Carolina-Upstate; Member, Parent Teacher Organization; Assistant Coach, Florence Chapel Robotics Team



**Ashlie Meagan Petty** (Blacksburg, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Science – Nursing  
**Awards/Honors:** Dean’s List; Member: National Technical Honor Society, Beta Sigma Psi Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); Recipient: National Career Readiness Gold Level Certificate, Phi Theta Kappa Edge Healthcare Excellence Award, Phi Theta Kappa Edge Career Excellence Award; Alumni Member, Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)  
**Activities:** Tutor, TRiO Student Support Services; Donor, American Red Cross; Participant: National Honor Society activities and events, Relay for Life; Volunteer: Iron City Ministries, local food bank; Member, Upcountry Homeschool Association



**Danielle Denise Rodriguez** (Eden, NC)

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Computer Technology  
**Awards/Honors:** Dean’s List; Recipient, TRiO Leadership & Excellence Award  
**Activities:** President, Beta Sigma Psi Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Vice President, Women in Tech Club; Member, National Technical Honor Society; Peer Tutor and Peer Mentor, TRiO Student Support Services; Assistant, Computer Technology Department faculty



TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
OF THE LOWCOUNTRY



**Sarah Elizabeth Shaffer** (Omaha, NE)

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Early Childhood Education  
**Awards/Honors:** Dean’s List; Member, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team  
**Activities:** Member, Alpha Lambda Beta Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Volunteer



**Cole Theron Livingston** (Beaufort, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Arts  
**Awards/Honors:** Recipient, Regina Harry Silletti Scholarship  
**Activities:** Volunteer, Better World Books



**William Joseph Cantrell** (Honea Path, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – CNC Programming and Operations  
**Awards/Honors:** President’s List; Dean’s List  
**Activities:** Member: National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS), Student Government Association, Student Veterans of America, Men of Color



**Rebecca Mae Rogers** (Anderson, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Science – Transfer  
**Awards/Honors:** President’s List; Dean’s List; Recipient, Outstanding Student in National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) Award; Member, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team  
**Activities:** Member: National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS), Student Veterans of America, Women of Color



**Valeria Hummel**

**Degree:** Associate in Arts – Transfer



**Sydney R. Kimberly** (Hanahan, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Veterinary Technology  
**Awards/Honors:** Dean’s list; Graduate, Magna Cum Laude  
**Activities:** Member, Vet Tech Club; Volunteer, church nursery



**Jessica Newton**

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Occupational Therapy Assistant



**Jennifer L. Ross** (Summerville, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Administrative Office Technology  
**Awards/Honors:** Graduate, Magna Cum Laude  
**Activities:** Member, Student Council



**Julie Dupree**

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Nursing (RN)  
**Awards/Honors:** Member, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team  
**Activities:** Member, Alpha Sigma Gamma Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Employee, Certified Nursing Assistant



**Muhsanah Adel Alshaman** (York, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Arts – Business  
**Awards/Honors:** Dean’s List; Member, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team; Recipient, Certificate in National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS)  
**Activities:** Member, Alpha Alpha Iota Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Treasurer and Member, Multicultural Organization



**Kristi Lyn Ebert** (Fort Mill, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Science – Healthcare  
**Awards/Honors:** President’s List; Member: Alpha Alpha Iota Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa, National Society Leadership and Success (NSLS)  
**Activities:** Volunteer



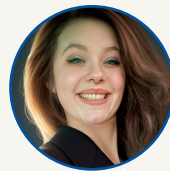
**Matthew Vincent McCormick** (Fort Mill, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Science – Transfer  
**Awards/Honors:** Recipient, Executive Leadership Council Courage and Leadership Award; Member, Alpha Alpha Iota Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa  
**Activities:** Participant, Executive Leadership Council



**Adriana Minarro** (Fort Mill, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Science – Transfer  
**Awards/Honors:** Presidential Ambassador  
**Activities:** Founder and President, American Sign Language Club; Vice President of Service and Member, Alpha Alpha Iota Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Member: First Generation Club, Christian Fellowship Club; Subcommittee Member, Presidential Ambassadors Executive Leadership Council; Peer Tutor



**Alexis Nicole Gibson Rushing** (York, SC)

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Criminal Justice Technology  
**Awards/Honors:** Dean’s List; Member, Alpha Alpha Iota Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa  
**Activities:** Volunteer, community; Advocate, drug and alcohol awareness for youth and teens





## 2024 Phi Theta Kappa Advisor of the Year Nominations

The mission of Phi Theta Kappa is to “focus on recognizing and encouraging the academic achievement of college students while providing opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service, and fellowship programming.”

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) advisors provide guidance and supervision to PTK chapters on 2-year college campuses. Advisors promote individual student development and work to increase chapter membership and engagement.

The Phi Theta Kappa Advisor of the Year Award recognizes a chapter advisor or group of advisors who cultivate leadership, increase awareness of PTK, and bridge the gap between colleges and the community via PTK’s initiatives.

Phi Theta Kappa Advisor of the Year nominees were identified by faculty and staff, at their respective colleges, as outstanding leaders who positively impact the chapter, college, and/or local community.

### Florence-Darlington Technical College

April Cudd  
Hannah Harpe

### Horry-Georgetown Technical College

Beth Caraway  
Leila Rogers  
Paulette LaValley

### Spartanburg Community College

Warren “Tim” Arnold  
Dr. Alan Duesterhaus  
Dr. Akash Garg  
Traci Lawrence  
Luciana Singleton  
Amber Sutton

### Trident Technical College

Shakitha Barner

Each nomination was scored in five categories – 1) Student growth and development, 2) Chapter growth and development, 3) Local impact, 4) Student support, and 5) Overall quality of the nomination.

## 2024 Phi Theta Kappa Advisor of the Year



### Sylvia Hayes

Midlands Technical College, Alpha Eta Kappa Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa

#### Notable remarks from the nomination:

- communicates well with the students
- empowers students by fostering their interests and realizing their unique talents
- chapter growth through constant recruitment

#### Student comments about Ms. Hayes:

“provides unwavering support for each student and officer, regardless of their circumstances, fostered a strong sense of belonging and empowerment within our chapter”

“encourages us to keep growing, learning, and developing as student leaders”

“positive influence she has had on my life and the lives of countless others”

# State of South Carolina Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** South Carolina's sixteen technical colleges provide quality learning and skill development opportunities for the residents of the Palmetto State; and

**WHEREAS,** fifty students from South Carolina's technical colleges have been recognized by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society for their outstanding records of academic achievement and for service to their college and local communities; and

**WHEREAS,** on April 11, 2024, these fifty students will be recognized at an awards ceremony sponsored by the South Carolina Technical College System; and

**WHEREAS,** these students are a testament to the tremendous resources found in the citizens of the Palmetto State.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 11, 2024, as

## SOUTH CAROLINA'S ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join me in congratulating these students for their commitment to personal excellence.



HENRY McMMASTER  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



