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Subject: University of South Carolina Commencement
Location: Colonial Life Arena
When: 5/8/2015 3:00:00 PM - 5:00:00 PM
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NOTE: The event will be streamed live: <http://www.sc.edu/commencement/>

APPROVED BY: NH on 11/24

EVENT: University of South Carolina Commencement

DATE: Friday, May 8, 2015

TIME:

- 1:30 p.m. Approximate arrival on campus at Colonial Life Arena
Logistics to be coordinated with Jack Proffitt from the Governor's Office & Eric Grabski and Sly Culler of USC LE&S
- 1:45 p.m. Escorted to Green Room at Arena for robing and photographs (Recruiting Lounge also held if needed.)
- 2:20 p.m. Special guests are escorted to reserved seating – Section 106
- 2:50 p.m. Processional begins for the Baccalaureate and Masters Commencement Exercises
- 3:00 p.m. Commencement Ceremony (1800+ graduates participating)
- 5:30 p.m. Approximate conclusion of ceremony
-Upon recessional, return to Green Room for additional photos if needed.

LOCATION: Colonial Life Arena, 801 Lincoln St, Columbia, S.C.

LOCATION SET-UP:

Faculty will be seated on the podium (award winners) as well as to NH's left when speaking.

NOTE: VIPs will all be seated in section 106 at Colonial Life Arena. Michael is confirmed to attend with NH. Tim will also attend.

ON-SITE LOCATION CONTACT: USC Law Enforcement

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PRIMARY STAFF: Ashton Lee

ADVANCE STAFF: Zach Pippin

PURPOSE: Governor Haley will provide the commencement address and receive an honorary degree at the University of South Carolina Spring 2015 Commencement Ceremony.

PRESS: Yes.

Note: The event will be streamed live on the Internet. The University has received word that CSPAN may attend. SCETV will archive the footage.

PUBLIC: Yes.

INVITED BY: Tommy Cofield

ATTENDING:

1. Ashton Lee-special staff seating
2. Zach Pippin-special staff seating
3. Michael Haley- section 106 (MH will depart the Mansion at 2:20 PM)
4. Tim Pearson- section 106
5. Nicole Priester- section 106
6. Rob Godfrey-section 106
7. Sheila Jones- section 106
8. James Burns-section 106
9. Katherine Veldran-section 106

-Special guests will begin being seated in section 106 at 2:20 PM. Meet at the green room. NP needs to ask detail where the green room is.

INTRODUCED BY: President Harris Pastides

LENGTH OF SPEAKING: 10 minutes. The remarks will be on closed captioning if we are able to provide them in time.

SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:

- 2:50 PM Processional Begins
- The University Mace
 - The University Faculties
 - The University Officials and Guests
 - The University Deans
 - The Board of Trustees and Distinguished Guests (Putnam and Haley)
 - The President

2:57 PM	National Anthem	Mr. Andrew Bozard, Degree Candidate in Music
2:59 PM	Invocation	Rev. Dr. Andrew Weems, Baptist College Ministry
3:00 PM	Opening Remarks	President Pastides
3:05 PM	Conferring the Honorary Degrees	
3:08 PM	Honorary Degree Recipients	
	-William Frank Putnam	
	Outstanding Advocate and Distinguished Administrator	
	-Nikki Randhawa Haley	
	Pioneering Visionary and Governor of South Carolina	
3:15 PM	Commencement Address	Gov. Haley
3:25 PM	Presentation of Candidates for Degrees	The Interim Provost
3:28 PM	Conferring of Degrees in Course	President Pastides
5:05 PM	Alumni Welcome	Paula Harper-Bethea, Carolina Alumni Association
5:10 PM	Benediction	Dr. Weems
5:15 PM	Alma Mater	Kristen Fuss, Degree Candidate in Exercise Science
5:20 PM	Recessional	The USC Wind Ensemble

ATTENDEES: There will be 1,900 graduates in attendance. They expect the Colonial Life Arena to be filled to capacity.