



Office of Parents Programs
Department of Student Life
Division of Student Affairs and Academic Support

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The Honorable Nikki Haley
Governor's Office
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201-3756

Dear Hon. Haley:

It is quite an exciting time to be on the University of South Carolina campus! Nearly 9,000 participants, including parents, grandparents, siblings, Carolina students and other family members will take part in our annual Parents Weekend, to be held Sept. 16-18, 2016. We hope you'll be able to help us welcome them!

The Office of Parents Programs invites you and your spouse or guest to join us for the President's Welcome Reception on Friday, Sept. 16, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the Horseshoe. While Parents Weekend begins Friday morning, participating families will receive their official welcome to the weekend from Dr. Harris Pastides and Ms. Patricia Moore-Pastides at this event!

Also, we invite you and your spouse or guest to join us for the Parents Weekend Tailgate Party on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the old football practice field, located at the corner of Bluff Road and National Guard Road. The entrance is on National Guard Road. Look for the large white tents! *When you arrive, please check in at the small white tent on the left side of the entrance gate to obtain your nametag and drink tickets.* We'll have traditional Southern tailgate food and drinks, entertainment by The Reggie Sullivan Band and the Carolina Marching Band and special appearances by Dr. Pastides and Ms. Moore-Pastides, Cocky and his parents and the cheerleaders!

Many educational sessions, open houses and drop-ins, receptions, exhibits and social events are planned for the weekend that will truly highlight the best of the university for the families of our students. This is our chance to share the excitement of being a Gamecock with Carolina families from across the nation! To view the full schedule of events for Parents Weekend, please visit www.sa.sc.edu/parents/parents-weekend.

We hope to see you during Parents Weekend!

Sincerely,

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