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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Dalton Floyd, Chair, and Members,
Commission on Higher Education

From: Ms. Susan Cole, Chair, and Members,
Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

2002-03 Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program is a merit-based scholarship program designed to recognize the most academically talented high school seniors in S.C. and encourage them to attend college in the State. During the 2002-03 academic year, each Palmetto Fellow could receive a scholarship of up to \$6,700 per year for a maximum of eight terms. The scholarship must be applied towards the cost-of-attendance to pursue the first baccalaureate degree at a participating senior institution in the State.

In order to be eligible to apply for a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, a student must meet the following minimum academic requirements: (1) score at least 1200 on the SAT or 27 on the ACT; (2) earn a 3.5 cumulative GPA on the Uniform Grading Scale through the end of the junior year; and (3) rank in the top five percent of the class at the end of either the sophomore or the junior year. For the 2003 cohort of first-time entering freshmen, the Commission on Higher Education received 1377 applications. 1133 new scholarships were awarded to students with an average SAT score of 1300 (ACT scores were converted to SAT).

For the 2002-03 academic year, \$19.1 million was disbursed to 2985 Palmetto Fellows as of August 31, 2003. This is an 11% increase in the number of students awarded compared with 2001-02. The following pages provide detailed reports to include: number of Palmetto Fellows awarded and amount disbursed per institution; recipients by ethnic group; recipients by gender; recipients by student level; retention statistics; 2002-03 Palmetto Fellows by county of origin; and, 2003 first-time entering Palmetto Fellows by county of origin. These reports may also be found at the Commission's website at www.che.sc.gov.

South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
Academic Year: 2002-03
Scholarship Type: Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

Date: 09/03/2003

	Revised Fall 2002		Revised Spring 2003		Winter 2002/ Summer 2003*		Total for Academic Year	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number**	Amount
Public Senior Institutions								
The Citadel	19	\$44,955	18	\$45,805			19	90,760
Clemson Univ.	1,014	3,381,549	996	3,314,889	20	67,000	1,059	6,763,438
Coastal Carolina University	15	50,250	15	50,250			15	100,500
College of Charleston	310	1,031,500	303	1,007,751			312	2,039,251
Francis Marion University	42	139,165	41	135,816			42	274,981
Lander University	24	76,005	23	72,655			24	148,660
South Carolina State Univ.	3	10,050	3	10,050			3	20,100
U.S.C. - Columbia	719	2,312,590	707	2,263,713			725	4,576,303
U.S.C. - Aiken	20	66,006	15	50,019			20	116,024
U.S.C. - Beaufort								
U.S.C. - Spartanburg	33	107,133	32	103,783			33	210,916
Winthrop University	123	392,304	121	385,015			124	777,319
Medical University of S.C.	10	33,500	10	33,500			10	67,000
Subtotal	2,332	7,645,007	2,284	7,473,246	20	67,000	2,386	15,185,252
Independent Senior Institutions								
Allen University								
Anderson College	23	80,400	21	70,350			23	150,750
Benedict College								
Bob Jones University								
Charleston Southern Univ.			15	50,250			15	50,250
Claffin University	1	3,350	1	3,350			1	6,700
Coker College	7	23,450	7	23,450			7	46,900
Columbia College	14	46,900	14	46,900			14	93,800
Columbia International Univ	4	13,400	4	13,400			4	26,800
Converse College	22	68,435	21	67,615			22	136,050
Erskine College	38	127,300	36	120,600			38	247,900
Furman Univ	248	623,224	247	620,464	246	410,208	249	1,653,896
Johnson and Wales Univ								
Limestone College	1	3,350	1	3,350			1	6,700
Morris College								
Newberry College	6	20,100	6	20,100			6	40,200
North Greenville College	25	83,750	24	80,400			25	164,150
Presbyterian College	66	221,100	62	207,700			66	428,800
Southern Wesleyan Univ	4	13,400	4	13,400			4	26,800
Voorhees College								
Wofford College	124	414,216	123	410,865			124	825,081
Subtotal	583	1,742,375	586	1,752,194	246	410,208	599	3,904,777
TOTAL ALL INSTITUTIONS	2,915	9,387,382	2,870	9,225,440	266	477,208	2,985	19,090,029

*Furman - Winter Term, Clemson - Summer

** Unduplicated headcount for the academic year

Fall 2002 Palmetto Fellows by Ethnic Group		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	7	.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	77	2.6%
Black/African American	77	2.6%
Hispanic	13	.5%
White/Non-Hispanic	2,659	91.2%
Unknown	82	2.8%
TOTAL	2,915	100%

Fall 2002 Palmetto Fellows by Gender		
Men	1,075	36.9%
Women	1,828	62.7%
Unknown	12	.4%
TOTAL	2,915	100%

Fall 2002 Palmetto Fellows by Student Level			
Student Level	Public Senior	Independent Senior	TOTAL
Freshmen	764	230	994
Sophomores	456	118	574
Juniors	512	128	640
Seniors	587	95	682
First Professional	11	0	11
Graduate (Masters)	2	0	2
Not Reported	0	12	12
TOTAL	2,332	583	2,915