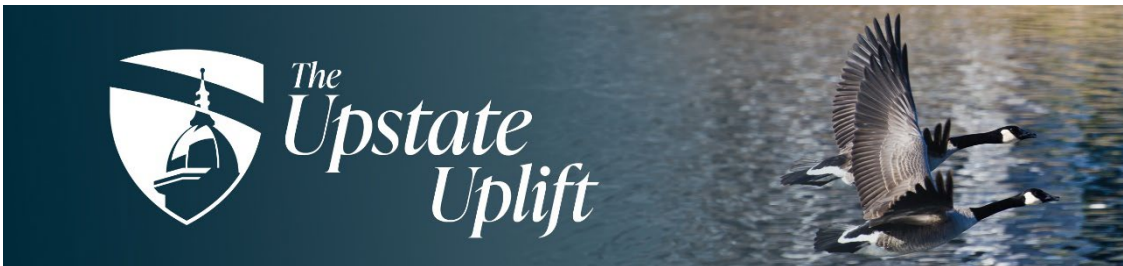


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Welcome, New Students! 🎉

Get ready to welcome our new students to campus at Move UP day on Friday! Volunteers are still needed; you can sign up [here](#) to help. And don't forget:

- New student convocation is Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Hodge Center.
- University Day is Monday, Aug. 19, at 9 a.m. in the CLC Ballroom.





Go 'Below the Line' with Chancellor Harris 🗣️

“Below the Line” is a monthly podcast and feature in Greenville Business Magazine. Each month Chancellor Bennie Harris interviews a South Carolina leader about change, technology, education and leadership.

Who’s been on: Guests have included Tonya Matthews, president and CEO of the International African American Museum in Charleston (pictured above); Kelli Valade, president and CEO of Denny’s; and Krish Patel, '08, entrepreneur and founder/CEO of KVP Inc.

Why the name: The title refers to recognizing what’s going on beneath the surface for leaders and teams, and understanding what’s at play in order to make a project or plan successful.

Where to find it: All episodes and features can be found [here](#).



Teens to Get a Head Start on BSNs

USC Upstate and Dorman High School are collaborating on dual credit courses in anatomy and physiology that will count toward the credits needed for a bachelor of science in nursing.

Why it matters: High school seniors who take the courses will get a jump on their nursing studies. Those who take additional dual credit courses, such as English and college math, can satisfy other first-semester requirements and enter Upstate as second-semester freshmen.

Notable quote: “This will decrease time and cost towards degree completion. This also creates a more efficient way to get quality nurses into the workforce.” -- Dr. Shirleatha Dunlap, dean of the Mary Black College of Nursing

Read more [here](#).



Spartans Travel the World 🌍

How did you spend your summer? Some of our students explored new places, on their own or with faculty. A small sampling of their adventures:

- Professor Allison Ellis, above center, led a group to the United Kingdom to explore how political systems operate in other countries. Read more [here](#).
- Rising senior Trinity Pride fulfilled a dream of going abroad when she spent a semester in Chile. Read her story [here](#).

In Brief

Tierney Bates, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, was one of 30 senior-level higher education professionals selected to participate in the 2024-25 Millennium Leadership Initiative by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

John Montemayor, TRIO director, and **Josh Ruppel**, director of research and professor of chemistry, were selected to participate in the AASCU Emerging Leaders Program.

Tina Herzberg, professor and director of the visual impairment program, received the 2024 Corinne Kirchner Research Award from the American Foundation for the Blind. The award is given to a leading scholar in the field of blindness and low vision who has made significant contributions to research.

Kim Shorter, associate professor of biology, received a \$517,500 grant for research on a small gene's effects on gene expression and epigenetics related to cancer and autism. The grant will allow students assisting in the research to be paid for their work during the academic year and summer.

Lana Cromenes, adjunct instructor of American Sign Language, collaborated with **Lee Neibert**, professor of theatre, on a public interpreting project. After practicing at dress rehearsals, Cromenes' ASL students provided interpreting for the spring production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Students from the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind attended the performance.

Upcoming

- **Global Career Forum.** 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, University Readiness Center.
- **Morgan Square Madness.** 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, Morgan Square in downtown Spartanburg. Free.
- **Family Weekend.** Friday, Oct. 4 - Saturday, Oct. 5.
- **Upstate Talent Forum.** Tuesday, Oct. 8-Wednesday, Oct. 9.



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