Thank you for all of your assistance with University of South Carolina Columbia applicants in the 2015-2016 academic year! We know you are responsible for sending final high school transcripts to various colleges and universities all over the country. To make this process a little easier for you, enclosed is a list of your students who plan to enroll at USC Columbia or participate in the residential Gamecock Gateway Program this year.

We want to ensure that all your students who qualify for state-sponsored scholarships (Palmetto Fellows, LIFE or HOPE) are able to receive their awards from the state, but we need your help to accomplish this! The Commission on Higher Education (CHE) and the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDOE) expect that South Carolina high school transcripts adhere to a specific format so that state awards can be issued to qualifying students. According to CHE scholarship regulations and SCDOE requirements for official final high school transcripts, the following information is needed on all South Carolina high school transcripts (please read closely):

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- Heading: State of South Carolina Standard High School Transcript – FINAL
- Graduation Date
- Final GPA Calculated Date: Dates can range from three days before the graduation date through June 15, 2016
- Uniform Grading Scale GPA and class rank
- Transcript must be final, and no coursework can be listed as “in progress”
- Signature of high school principal

### INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
- Graduation Date
- Final GPA Calculated Date: Dates can range from three days before the graduation date through June 15, 2016
- Uniform Grading Scale GPA and class rank
- Transcript must be clearly noted as final, and no coursework can be listed as “in progress”
- Signature of authorized official

### Admissions:
- The University of South Carolina requires official college transcripts for all non-USC dual enrollment courses attempted during high school. This includes Teacher Cadet courses.
- The Fall 2017 online freshman application will be available at [sc.edu/admissions](http://sc.edu/admissions) by mid-August 2016.

### 2017 FRESHMAN APPLICANT DEADLINES:
- **Oct. 15, 2016:** Early Answer Application Deadline
- **Nov. 15, 2016:** Honors College Application Deadline
- **Dec. 1, 2016:** Regular Application Deadline
- **Dec. 12, 2016:** Early Answer Application Decision Week Begins
- **Feb. 1, 2017:** Credentials Deadline
- **March 13, 2017:** Regular Application Decision Week Begins