



**Student Affairs and
Academic Support**
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

LITTLE BLACK BOOK

2024 - 2025

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT

IMAGINE



**J. Rex Tolliver, Vice President
for Student Affairs and
Academic Support**

The Division of Student Affairs and Academic Support (SAAS) advances the mission of the university through student-centered efforts in three priority areas: student experience and post-graduate success; research, scholarship and community impact; and operational excellence. Throughout the 2024–25 academic year, SAAS focused on creating experiences that support every part of our students’ development including personal growth, leadership opportunities,

academic support, career preparation and meaningful connections across the Columbia campus. Strategic priorities guide our work across units and the university as a whole to increase access to services, expand programs and strengthen how we serve students. Whether through the growth of career development initiatives, enhancements to health and well-being services or the expansion of student involvement opportunities, the goal is the same. We want to help students reach their academic, personal and professional goals.

Delivering on the promise we make to students when they enroll at USC requires a team of experts in all facets of student affairs and academic support. Our staff are among the most knowledgeable, talented and dedicated in the field.

Every student comes to the university with unique circumstances — academic, cultural, physical and emotional. Our initiatives are designed to create an outstanding experience for students, enhance their success and provide essential resources throughout their time at South Carolina. And we deliver.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



THE DIVISION BY THE NUMBERS

	2023	2024
STAFF	517	594
\$136M BUDGET	30+ OFFICES	2.66M SQFT OF SPACE

40,329

Total Columbia Enrollment

31,816 Undergraduate / 8,513 Graduate



USC COLUMBIA	2023	2024	2025
Faculty	2,627	2,403	2,580
Staff	5,312	5,507	5,648
Student Population	36,538	38,532	40,329

ETHNICITY (UNDERGRADUATE)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 as of 10/20/25
TOTAL	28,470	30,187	31,816
White	20,746	21,671	22,424
Black	2,644	2,960	3,416
Hispanic/Latino	1,681	2,037	2,312
Two or More Races	1,192	1,317	1,474
Asian	1,260	1,294	1,331
Nonresidents	590	536	488
Race or Ethnicity Unknown	304	309	297
American Indian or Alaska Native	33	44	51
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	20	19	23

GENDER (UNDERGRADUATE)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 as of 10/20/25
TOTAL	28,470	30,187	31,816
Male	12,021	12,341	12,779
Female	16,449	17,846	19,037

Enrollment at USC Columbia has grown by more than five percent over the past two years, reflecting a steady rise in both undergraduate and graduate students. This growth includes increases across racial, ethnic and gender groups, helping build a campus that better reflects the diversity of the state and beyond.

Estimated number of first-year students entering the University of South Carolina this fall — 7,290

Estimated number of first-year students who are residents of South Carolina, 52 percent of the class — 3,800

Estimated number of counties in South Carolina represented by the 2024-25 first-year class — 46

Estimated sets of twins that enrolled as first-year students in 2024-25 — 31

Estimated number of states represented by the 2024-25 first-year class — 46

Estimated number of student-athletes in the 2024-25 first-year class — 130

WHERE YOU BELONG

USC's student-focused units expanded support, access and engagement across campus. Health and Well-Being programs saw high demand for care and increased outreach, while the Student Success Center, Campus Recreation, Gamecock Entertainment, Fraternity and Sorority Life and the Leadership and Service Center offered students more ways to connect, grow and lead. From tutoring and wellness events to intramurals and leadership training, each unit played a key role in helping students thrive.



CAMPUS RECREATION

400+ 24,500+

Campus Rec
Student Employees

Unique Users

662,462

Total traffic in Wellness &
Fitness Center in 2024-25

41,231

Total clinical appointments
at Student Health

600+

Registered student
organizations

2,657

Intramural games played during the
2024-25 season

157

Individuals trained in Mental
Health First Aid

INCREASED WORKFORCE SUPPORTING STUDENT HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Doctoral Interns 3

17 Temporary Staff

Full Time Employees 22

3,554

Number of engagements in Outdoor
Recreation activities
during 2024-25

83.5%

Male students utilized
services through
Campus Recreation

2,367

Number of Group X classes offered at
Campus Recreation throughout 2024-25

INSPIRE

DIGITAL OUTREACH

@UofSCStudents

Newsletters, digital outreach, communications and marketing efforts help share the impact of SAAS with students, families and campus partners. These tools highlight important programs, services and achievements while keeping the community connected to the student experience beyond the classroom.

The University of South Carolina's parents and families gateway is one of many ways we share information and resources with Gamecock families. The gateway, the Gamecock Family Hub, mobile app, assistance line and social media are useful resources that help families stay engaged and focused on what matters the most — student success.



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STUDENT AFFAIRS INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT IN THE SEC + CLEMSON

Likes, comments, shares and clicks across all social media platforms ————— **1.4 M**

Parents and family members registered with the Gamecock Family Hub ————— **93,988**

500+ ————— Students involved in student media

2K ————— Hours of Live Chat with students



RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE

Living on campus at USC gives students a built-in support system and a place to feel connected. With 28 residence halls in use this year, students found community in buildings like Patterson, Maxcy and Green Quad. Each space offered its own character while providing consistent access to staff, programs and resources that helped students stay grounded and engaged.

28

Residence Halls

13

Living-Learning Communities

2,576

Total Living-Learning Community residents

Estimated number of students who will lived in university housing in Fall 2024

9,060

Number of undergraduates that participated in specialized communities within the residence halls

2,802

Number of faculty, staff and students who served as a part of the Fall 2024 volunteer move-in crew

845

Tons of cardboard recycled during move-in 2024

30.04

300+

Resident Assistants

550

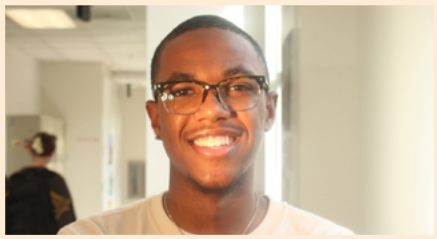
Number of international students representing 87 countries

8,681

Average Fall and Spring On-Campus Residents



GAMECOCK ENTERTAINMENT



"Outside of being the Carolina Productions president, I am a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. Additionally, I am the lead athletics marketing intern for women's basketball and a College of HRSM leader. Being in these organizations has helped lead me to this incredible new opportunity. I know those opportunities will help me connect with all the different students we have at USC." — **Branden Miller**,

School of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management

Gamecock Entertainment brought students together throughout the year through a wide variety of programs, traditions and signature events. From long-standing campus favorites like Tiger Burn and Homecoming to late-night options like Thursday After Dark and LIVE at Russell House, these events created moments for students to connect and build community.

Collaborative efforts between student leaders and campus partners helped shape a calendar that offered something for everyone. Whether students were cheering on peers at Dance Marathon, enjoying live performances or attending a blood drive, each event helped make campus feel more engaging and personal.

EVENT	NUMBER HELD	2024 - 25 ATTENDANCE
GAMECOCK ENTERTAINMENT	15	14,749
CAROLINA PRODUCTIONS	14	4,402
HOMECOMING	10	5,280
DANCE MARATON	6	961
THURSDAY AFTER DARK	14	4,010
TIGER BURN	1	6,500
LIVE @ RU	13	69
BLOOD DRIVE	7	1,037
TOTAL	80	37,008



FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

With over 9,000 members across four governing councils, Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) at the University of South Carolina represents one of the largest and fastest-growing communities on campus. Our students continue to lead academically and civically, posting strong GPAs and contributing thousands of hours in service and philanthropy. The 2024-25 data reflects a thriving values-based experience that supports student success.

\$1,381,531

Donated to charitable organizations



20

Houses in Greek Village

52

Chapters

9,066

Fraternity and Sorority Members

3.58

Overall GPA

COLLEGE PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION

The College Panhellenic Association (CPA) at USC supports 13 sorority chapters belonging to the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), which includes 26 total organizations nationally. The purpose of NPC is to be the “premier advocacy and support organization for the advancement of the sorority experience.”

	CHAPTER SIZE	CHAPTER GPA	4.0 SEMESTER GPA
Alpha Chi Omega	494	3.67	31%
Alpha Delta Pi	509	3.66	34%
Alpha Gamma Delta	331	3.7	40%
Alpha Xi Delta	467	3.68	32%
Chi Omega	480	3.74	40%
Delta Delta Delta	490	3.55	31%
Delta Zeta	496	3.74	41%
Gamma Phi Beta	293	3.68	36%
Kappa Delta	503	3.62	27%
Kappa Kappa Gamma	480	3.76	34%
Phi Mu	457	3.73	40%
Pi Beta Phi	414	3.52	31%
Zeta Tau Alpha	468	3.68	30%
Total	5,882	3.67	34%

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) is comprised of 25 fraternity chapters on the USC campus. Council leaders support chapter operations, direct recruitment efforts, create positive programming, promote scholarship success and seek to improve the university and surrounding community. IFC chapters raise money for both local and national philanthropy causes, annually raising over \$350,000.

	CHAPTER SIZE	CHAPTER GPA	4.0 SEMESTER GPA
Alpha Epsilon Pi	166	3.54	39%
Alpha Sigma Phi	123	3.54	24%
Beta Theta Pi	156	3.45	26%
Chi Psi	201	3.52	45%
Delta Chi	73	3.4	15%
Delta Kappa Epsilon	117	3.47	20%
Delta Sigma Phi	35	N/A	N/A
Delta Tau Delta	99	3.28	13%
Delta Upsilon	98	3.31	9%
Kappa Alpha Order	179	3.36	26%
Kappa Sigma	179	3.43	36%
Phi Delta Theta	158	3.54	30%
Phi Gamma Delta	164	3.58	34%

Phi Kappa Sigma	74	3.58	15%
Phi Kappa Tau	135	3.55	14%
Phi Sigma Kappa	85	3.33	16%
Pi Kappa Alpha	158	3.41	10%
Pi Kappa Phi	183	3.49	38%
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	171	3.32	28%
Sigma Chi	128	3.55	29%
Sigma Nu	174	3.43	33%
Sigma Phi Epsilon	203	3.54	54%
Tau Kappa Epsilon	106	3.49	18%
Theta Chi	163	3.53	42%
Total	3,328	3.46	29%



CULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL

The Cultural Greek Council (CGC) at USC is the governing body for four fraternities and sororities that emphasize cultural awareness, inclusion and community. Each chapter promotes diversity and education through programs, events and service. The council is led by eight student officers who serve as liaisons between the university and chapter members. These officers help shape policy, support recruitment, encourage academic success and plan initiatives that highlight cultural identity and strengthen the presence of multicultural Greek life on campus.

	CHAPTER SIZE	CHAPTER GPA	4.0 SEMESTER GPA
Alpha Sigma Rho Sorority, Inc.	33	3.5	27%
Delta Epsilon Psi Fraternity, Inc.	8	N/A	38%
Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.	21	3.39	14%
Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.	36	2.83	13%
Total	98	3.21	20%

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) governs eight historically African American fraternities and sororities at USC. Representing the Divine Nine, NPHC supports leadership, service and academic success. Its student officers coordinate programs, promote collaboration and serve as a link between the university and chapters to strengthen the impact of Black Greek life on campus.

	CHAPTER SIZE	CHAPTER GPA	4.0 SEMESTER GPA
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.	34	3.49	15%
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.	25	3.15	16%
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.	39	3.48	26%
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.	20	2.98	10%
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.	10	3.26	10%
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.	10	2.81	0%
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.	15	3.07	6%
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.	12	3.11	17%
Total	165	3.25	15%



STUDENT SUCCESS & ENGAGEMENT

Student success and engagement efforts make a direct impact on how students learn, grow and thrive. Through academic support, involvement opportunities and personal guidance, the division reached students more than 137,000 times this year.

The Student Success unit oversees these efforts at the division level, shaping programs and strategies that support academic progress and connection. Within that unit, the Student Success Center (SSC) focuses on direct academic support through services like tutoring, consultations and academic recovery. While the unit leads the big-picture approach, the center provides hands-on help that meets students where they are.

7,000

U101 STUDENTS SERVED

137,000+

TOTAL ENGAGEMENTS

Students who interacted with a program,
service or staff member

75,523

TOTAL SSC ENGAGEMENTS

Students who made connections through the
Student Success Center, including tutoring, academic
coaching and workshops

60,000

ACADEMIC SUPPORT TOUCHPOINTS

Students who attended peer tutoring
sessions, met with a success coach and
attended study sessions

INVOLVE

FROM CAMPUS TO CONFERENCE

USC continues to serve as a convener of important conversations in student development and higher education. This year, the university hosted several key conferences that brought professionals to campus and spotlighted USC’s leadership in the field.

The South Carolina Hazing Prevention Summit was a two-day in-person gathering focused on education and solutions, offering multiple sessions each day.

In partnership with the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the Southern Association for College Student Affairs, USC also welcomed a record-breaking 93 participants for the New Professionals Institute, a key regional event for early-career student affairs staff.

The National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition serves as the trusted expert, internationally recognized leader, and clearinghouse for scholarship, policy, and best practice for all postsecondary student transitions. In February 2024, the resource hosted its annual Institute on Developing and Sustaining First-Year Seminars in Columbia, drawing professionals from across the country.

45

Sessions held over two days
at 2024 Aspire & Advance
Conference

93

Participants from 47
institutions at the NASPA
Region III/SACSA New
Professionals Institute

650+

Number of universities
attended

8

Number of countries
represented

2025 FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE (FYE) CONFERENCE

488

Proposals Submitted

\$1.4M+

in Revenue



GIFTS THAT MOVE US FORWARD

In 2025, the Division of Student Affairs and Academic Support celebrated its strongest fundraising year in nearly a decade. A key driver of the division's fundraising success is Give4Garnet, USC's annual day of giving that unites the Carolina community to make philanthropic gifts in support of the university. Donors designate gifts to causes and projects they're passionate about including scholarships, student experience and basic needs support.

The division's 2025 Give4Garnet's campaign raised a record breaking \$113,000 — the largest total in the division's campaign history. Building on the momentum of 2024, Student Affairs once again led the entire university in donor participation, with generous support from alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends.

Through the campaign, donors directed gifts towards initiatives with an immediate and tangible impact on students. Contributions to the Carolina Cares Fund provided critical emergency assistance or unexpected hardships, while additional support enhanced mental health services, expanded leadership development opportunities and advanced career readiness programs. Donors also invested in efforts addressing food security and housing stability, ensuring students have the resources they need to thrive.

\$685K+

Divison raised from corporation and foundation support

GIVE4GARNET

1,000+
Total Donors

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Student Affairs led the entire university in donor count for the second year in a row

\$113,000

Amount secured during Give4Garnet, the highest in the division's campaign history

\$2.5M

Total raised for student support in FY 2025, marking the division's best fundraising year since FY 2016



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- Leah B. Moody** - 16th Judicial Circuit

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STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT

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