



South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities

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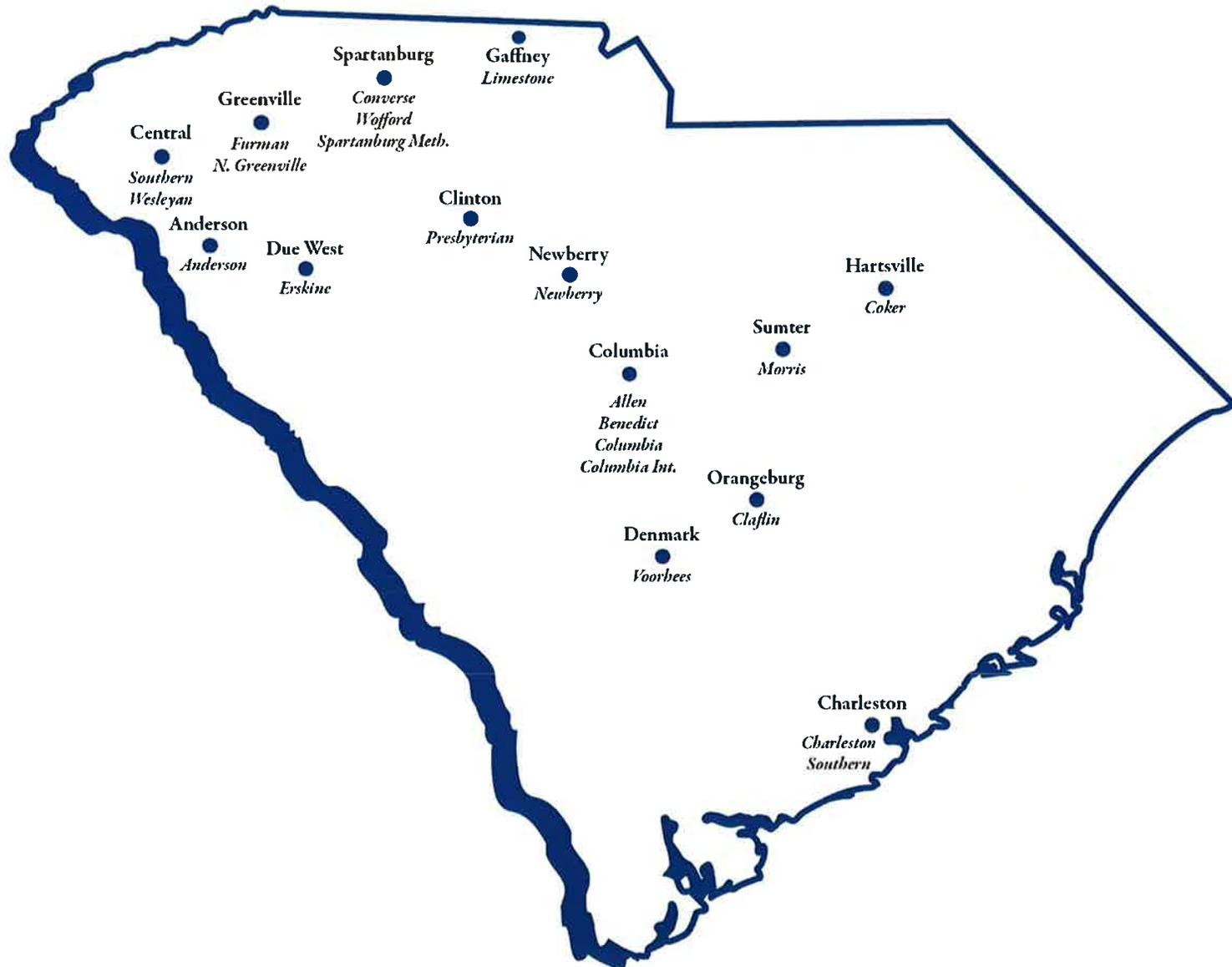


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Who Are We?

- Twenty private non-profit colleges and with (1) a primary emphasis on the liberal arts, (2) accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and (3) headquartered in South Carolina.
- 5 institutions are Historically Black Colleges and Universities (Allen University, Benedict College, Claflin University, Morris College, and Voorhees College)
- 2 institutions have all-women undergraduate programs (Columbia College and Converse College)
- One institution (Spartanburg Methodist College) is a 2-year private non-profit college
- Almost all were established by religious denominations or faith-based groups and maintain close affiliations
- Strong emphasis on liberal arts undergraduate education, although some members offer accelerated and evening programs, graduate degrees, satellite locations, and on-line programs
- Erskine College has a theological seminary and Presbyterian College has a School of Pharmacy (2010)
- The largest by undergraduate enrollment (Limestone College) has more than 3600 students; the smallest (Voorhees College) has less than 470 students
- The oldest institution (Furman University) was founded in 1826; the youngest (Charleston Southern University) was founded in 1964; many were founded in the late 19th century/early 20th century

The 20 members of SCICU are located across South Carolina in both major cities and small towns





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Who Are Our Students?

- 30,579 undergraduates, about 1 in 4 enrolled in a 4-year college or university in South Carolina
- 2,834 graduate students (Masters, Pharm.D., MDiv)
- 73% of the undergraduate students are South Carolina residents
- 46% of the undergraduate students are minority
- 59% of the undergraduate students are women
- 16% are 25 years old and older
- 95% of the undergraduate students receive financial aid
- 55% receive need-based Pell Grants for low income students
- 44% receive need-based Higher Education Tuition Grants
- 27% receive State merit scholarships
- 60% of the undergraduate students live on campus



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What Do We Provide?

- **A high-quality, affordable alternative to public higher education**
- **An opportunity to enroll in a college with a unique historical, geographic, cultural, and in many instances, a religious or faith affiliation that best meets their personal needs**
- **Small classes (Avg. ratio 14:1) that emphasize student-centered teaching and learning taught by faculty who for the most part have the terminal degree in their field**
- **A liberal arts education that prepares students not only for a career, but for a lifetime of learning, leadership, and service by integrating critical thinking and communications into every aspect of the curriculum**
- **Small close-knit campus communities that encourage the development of personal values, healthy interpersonal relationships, and participation in a variety campus living, learning, service, athletic, and leadership activities**
- **Personal academic advising and career counseling beginning on Day 1**
- **High retention, graduation, and career placement rates**



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What is the Affordable Difference?

- Undergraduate tuition and fees at SCICU members are generally more expensive than public senior institutions:¹

SCICU Average:	\$22,687	Public In-State Average:	\$10,820
SCICU Highest:	\$44,668	Public In-State Highest:	\$13,812
SCICU Lowest:	\$10,780	Public In-State Lowest:	\$ 9,354

- BUT...Student financial assistance can lower the cost of attending a private college on average by more than 40%, making it an affordable alternative for many students and families:²**
- 95% of students at SCICU members receive some type of financial assistance**
- Total amount of student financial assistance from all sources: \$ 669.0 million**
 - Federal Loans (41%) \$ 267.1 million**
 - Institutional—School-based Scholarships (35%) \$ 246.6 million**
 - Federal Grants and Work Study (12%) \$ 77.8 million**
 - State Merit—Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, HOPE (7%) \$ 43.4 million**
 - State Need-based—Tuition Grants (5%) \$ 34.1 million**

¹AY 2014 – 2015

²AY 2013 – 2014



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Helping to Reach South Carolina's Higher Education Goals

- A recent USC study commissioned by Competing Through Knowledge, a coalition of state business leaders, found that South Carolina will have a shortage of 114,550 workers with 2 year and 4 year college degrees by 2030
- Independent colleges, which awarded 5,500 bachelor degrees (23%) and 204 associate degrees in 2014, will continue to work with the public higher education institutions to increase educational attainment levels and address the state's workforce needs
- The academic goals of independent colleges are enhanced by a close working relationship with the Commission on Higher Education in the areas of:
 - Scholarship Administration
 - Data and Statistics
 - Studies such as Enrollment Projections
 - Academic Common Market and contract programs through the Southern Regional Education Board
 - Cooperative programs such as the proposed State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement
 - College awareness and academic preparation programs like College Goal South Carolina and SC CAN
 - Partnership Among South Carolina's Academic Libraries (PASCAL)
- In South Carolina, private non-profit colleges and universities and public colleges and universities work together for the common good to improve all aspects of the state's economy, workforce and quality of life through educational attainment.

ALLEN UNIVERSITY

Founded: 1870
 Ph: 803/376-5700
 Fax: 803/376-5731
 1530 Harden Street
 Columbia, SC 29204
 Website: allenuniversity.edu
 President: Dr. Lady June Cole

**ANDERSON UNIVERSITY**

Founded: 1911
 Phone: 864/231-2000
 Fax: 864/231-2004
 316 Boulevard
 Anderson, SC 29621
 Website: andersonuniversity.edu
 President: Dr. Evans P. Whitaker

BENEDICT COLLEGE

Founded: 1870
 Phone: 803/253-5000
 Fax: 803/705-4840
 1600 Harden Street
 Columbia, SC 29204
 Website: benedict.edu
 President: Dr. David H. Swinton

**CHARLESTON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY**

Founded: 1964
 Phone: 843/863-7050
 Fax: 843/863-7070
 9200 University Boulevard
 Charleston, SC 29406
 Website: charlestonuniversity.edu
 President: Dr. Jairy C. Hunter, Jr.

CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY

Founded: 1869
 Phone: 803/535-5000
 Fax: 803/535-5402
 400 Magnolia Street
 Orangeburg, SC 29115
 Website: claflin.edu
 President: Dr. Henry N. Tisdale

**COKER COLLEGE**

Founded: 1908
 Phone: 843/383-8000
 Fax: 843/383-8056
 300 East College Avenue
 Hartsville, SC 29550
 Website: coker.edu
 President: Dr. Robert L. Wyatt

**COLUMBIA COLLEGE**

Founded: 1854
 Phone: 803/786-3012
 Fax: 803/786-3674
 1301 Columbia College Dr.
 Columbia, SC 29203
 Website: columbiasc.edu
 President: Ms. Beth Dinndorf

**COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

Founded: 1923
 Phone: 803/754-4100
 Fax: 803/786-4209
 7435 Monticello Road
 Columbia, SC 29203
 Website: ciu.edu
 President: Dr. William H. Jones

CONVERSE COLLEGE

Founded: 1889
 Phone: 864/596-9000
 Fax: 864/596-9223
 580 East Main Street
 Spartanburg, SC 29302
 Website: converse.edu
 President: Dr. Elizabeth A. Fleming

**ERSKINE COLLEGE**

Founded: 1839
 Phone: 864/379-2131
 Fax: 864/379-3048
 2 Washington Street
 Due West, SC 29639
 Website: erskine.edu
 President: Dr. Paul Kooistra

**FURMAN UNIVERSITY**

Founded: 1826
 Phone: 864/294-2100
 Fax: 864/294-3939
 3300 Poinsett Highway
 Greenville, SC 29613
 Website: furman.edu
 President: Dr. Elizabeth Davis

**LIMESTONE COLLEGE**

Founded: 1845
 Phone: 864/489-7151
 Fax: 864/487-8706
 1115 College Drive
 Gaffney, SC 29340
 Website: limestone.edu
 President: Dr. Walt Griffin

MORRIS COLLEGE

Founded: 1908
 Phone: 803/934-3211
 Fax: 803/773-3687
 100 West College Street
 Sumter, SC 29150
 Website: morris.edu
 President: Dr. Luns C. Richardson

**NEWBERRY COLLEGE**

Founded: 1856
 Phone: 803/321-5127
 Fax: 803/321-5627
 2100 College Street
 Newberry, SC 29108
 Website: newberry.edu
 President: Dr. Maurice Scherrens

**NORTH GREENVILLE UNIVERSITY**

Founded: 1892
 Phone: 864/977-7021
 Fax: 864/977-5627
 P. O. Box 1892
 Tigerville, SC 29688
 Website: ngu.edu
 Interim President: Dr. Randall Pannell

**PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE**

Founded: 1880
 Phone: 864/833-2820
 Fax: 864/833-8195
 503 South Broad Street
 Clinton, SC 29325
 Website: presby.edu
 President: Mr. Robert E. Stanton

**SOUTHERN WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

Founded: 1906
 Phone: 864/644-5000
 Fax: 864/644-5900
 PO Box 1020
 Central, SC 29630
 Website: swu.edu
 President: Dr. Todd Voss

SPARTANBURG METHODIST COLLEGE

Founded: 1911
 Phone: 864/587-4000
 Fax: 864/587-4355
 1000 Powell Mill Road
 Spartanburg, SC 29301
 Website: smcsc.edu
 Interim President: Mr. Eric McDonald

**VOORHEES COLLEGE**

Founded: 1897
 Phone: 803/793-3351
 Fax: 803/793-1015
 PO Box 678
 213 Wiggins Road
 Denmark, SC 29042
 Website: voorhees.edu
 President: Dr. Cleveland L. Sellers, Jr.

WOFFORD COLLEGE

Founded: 1854
 Phone: 864/597-4000
 Fax: 864/597-4179
 429 Church Street
 Spartanburg, SC 29303
 Website: wofford.edu
 President: Dr. Nayef H. Samhat



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