

## 2016 Alumni Awards Presentation

Friday, Nov. 4, 2016

**Reception Start time:** 5 p.m.

**Awards Presentation:** 5:40 p.m.

**Ending Time:** 6 p.m.

- Pictures of recipients with family, Tommy, Jack will follow remarks

**Location:** Robert V. Royall Presidential Dining Room

**Speakers:** Jack Claypoole, Tommy Preston and Harris Pastides

### Overview of Alumni Awards

Algernon Sydney Sullivan – Presented to Anne Ellefson

- Named for the great humanitarian and philanthropist
- Honors an outstanding alumnus or alumna demonstrating professional excellence of character and service to humanity
- Highest honor awarded to Carolina Alumni

Distinguished Alumni Award – Presented to David Seaton

- Award honors an alumnus or alumna whose professional and personal life has exemplified dedication and excellence in leadership, citizenship and voluntarism while offering a lifetime of devotion to the University of South Carolina.

Outstanding Black Alumni Award – Presented to Vicky Free

- Presented to an alumnus or alumna who has uniquely distinguished themselves in their professional career, shown remarkable leadership capabilities and positively impacted their community.

Outstanding Young Alumni Award – Presented to Joseph Young

- Award honors graduates under 40 who represent the breadth and scope of new talent, has achieved extraordinary success in their chosen profession and has significantly set themselves apart from their peers.

## Remarks

### JACK CLAYPOOLE

Thank you all for coming to this special event. My name is Jack Claypoole and I am the Executive Director of My Carolina Alumni Association. It's an honor to have all you in our Alumni Center. My Carolina is recognizing the 2016 recipients of the University of South Carolina's most prestigious alumni awards.

We are acknowledging these alumni for their devotion to Carolina and accomplishments within their fields. We're glad to have them back at Carolina during Homecoming to celebrate their achievements.

Yesterday at our Board of Governors meeting, John Pollock was awarded the President's Award. Pollock is the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of South State Bank. Please stand John so we can honor you. Thank you.

Now I'd like to introduce Tommy Preston, President of My Carolina.

### TOMMY PRESTON

Thank you Jack. My name is Tommy Preston and I am the President of My Carolina. I graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences in 2007 – and a few years later I received my Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina Law School.

Now I'd like to let you all know a little bit about our award recipients.

**Anne Ellefson** completed her undergraduate degree in English at the University of South Carolina in 1976 then earned a Juris Doctor from the School of Law at the University in 1979.

She moved on to practice commercial real estate law at Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A. She was a shareholder and served as the managing shareholder of the firm for six years.

Now Anne is the Deputy General Counsel for Academics and Community Affairs for the Greenville Health System. She is Immediate Past President of the South Carolina Bar and President of ETV Endowment of S.C.

**David Seaton** earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from the Darla Moore School of Business in 1984.

He is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Fluor Corporation. He became CEO and joined Fluor's Board of Directors in February 2011 and was elected chairman of the board in February 2012.

Since being part of the company, David has held numerous positions in operations and sales globally.

David has been a key player in the University of South Carolina's growth and development. He served as chairman of Carolina's Promise, the University's \$1 billion capital campaign that successfully exceeded its projected goal.

**Vicky Free** graduated with a degree in Broadcast Journalism from the School of Journalism and Mass Communications 1992.

She was the Vice President of Consumer Marketing for Adult Swim and Cartoon Network at Turner Broadcasting then became the Vice President of Entertainment Marketing for the company.

Now Vicky is the Executive Vice President of Marketing and Chief Marketing Officer for BET Networks, a unit of Viacom Inc.

She established a scholarship fund for deserving minority students in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

**Joseph Young** earned his bachelor's degree in Music Education from the School of Music Carolina in 2004.

He made his major American orchestral debut, January 2008 with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Since then he has collaborated with almost a dozen symphonies.

Joseph is now the Assistant Conductor of the Atlanta Symphony where he conducts more than 50 concerts per season. He also serves as the Music Director of the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra where he is the driving force behind the ensemble's artistic growth.

Now it's my honor to introduce Dr. Harris Pastides.

Stand by the gift table to give the award recipients their gifts while Pastides announces them.

## HARRIS PASTIDES

We are Gamecocks. We belong to a worldwide network of proud and strong leaders. From our very first day on campus until today, our university continues to shape and mold us into leaders. We are innovators, role-models, change agents and trailblazers who will continue on a lifelong path of learning from and service to our beloved university. Wherever we are, we lead the pack and we stand proud of our traditions.

Tonight, we are here to recognize these alumni for forging new paths in their perspective fields—and giving tirelessly of their time and talents in service to Carolina. Tonight we are honored to celebrate them and their success as Gamecocks.

Annually, My Carolina Alumni Association awards alumni the highest honors given by our alma mater. These Alumni Awards encompass the true spirit of what it means to be a graduate of the University of South Carolina. Our awardees embody the tenets of our Carolinian Creed: compassion, leadership, respect, acceptance and integrity. It's my honor to present these awards. Would award recipients please come to the front when your name is mentioned to receive your gifts.

The 2016 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award is presented to Anne Ellefson. This award is given to an alumnus who exhibits outstanding service that goes beyond what is required by one's profession.

The 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to David Seaton. This award honors an alumnus whose professional and personal life has exemplified dedication and excellence in leadership, citizenship and voluntarism while offering a lifetime of devotion to the University.

The Outstanding Black Alumni Award is presented to Vicky Free. This award honors an alumnus or alumna who has uniquely distinguished themselves in their professional career, shown remarkable leadership capabilities and positively impacted their community.

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Let's give a round of applause for our 2016 Alumni Award recipients. We appreciate your devotion to Carolina and service within your fields of endeavor.

After applause let Jack come up to conclude the event.

## JACK CLAYPOOLE

Thank and conclude event. Invite awardees and their family members up for a picture.