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**State of the City takeaways**

In 2016:

- Awarded $13 million in federal, state and private grants
- Broke ground on the new Library Science building
- Improved sustainability of city
- Promoted innovative research through USC partnership with IBM
- Promoted a 3.8% unemployment rate

In 2017:

- Pushed increased membership in initiative programs
- Emphasized the need for diversity and inclusion
- Improved sustainability of city
- Promoted innovation through USC partnership with IBM
- Continued to support initiatives that benefit the community

- Compiled by Brandon Wong

**Black History Month kicks off with statue unveiling**

Brittany Franceschina

USC’s first African-American professor, Richard T. Greener, will be memorialized with a statue outside the Thomas Cooper Library this fall. The model was unveiled on Jan. 30, Greener’s 173rd birthday, at the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs’ Black History Month kickoff event.

“We not only honor a man, but we honor a more complete telling of our university’s rich history,” said John Donut, chief diversity officer for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Education professor Christian Anderson explained why Greener will become the first historical figure to receive a statue on campus. “I don’t expect it to have much effect,” faculty senate chair Augie Grant said. “I think they feel voiceless …”

“Adding a voice won’t change the logistical concerns with the demonstrations. I think a lot of people think they did unethically …”

“Adding a voice won’t change the effect that it has, “ added Shockley and Michaela Sciacca. “Just showing up, it does make a difference.”

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**Faculty order leaves sister of Iraqi student waiting overseas**

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We’re here to say these policies have nothing to do with national security. They have everything to do with fear mongering, ignorance and hate.” — David Matos, president of the Carolina Peace Resource Center

“I just can’t believe it … I’m numb.” — One million dollar SC Education Lottery winner from Sumter

“The statue is expected to be finished this fall and costs approximately $250,000. The university is fundraising for a $100,000 endowment that will support an annual symposium and programming. ‘We don’t want this just to be a statue that stands outside the library. We want it be a living memorial that goes on forever,’ Anderson said.

According to President Harris Pastides, this is the first project to be authorized by the board of trustees without already being funded. Philadelphia-born Greener graduated from Harvard in 1870 and came to USC to teach in 1871 during the Reconstruction period when USC was the only desegregated public institution in the South. Greener was a librarian at the South Caroliniana Library and attended law school while teaching. He also pushed legislators and the general assembly to fund 124 full scholarships for African-American students.

Even though he continued always to the end to call himself a South Carolina exile … I believe that this beautiful statue will finally bring Greener out of exile for once and for all,” Pastides said.
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One traveler not allowed back in the U.S. on Saturday, leading to major protests at airports across the country. Zinouri was born in Tehran, Iran, but has a visa to live in Greenville resident. Zinouri was born in Iran, so he has no idea when he'll be able to return to the country was Nazanin Zinouri, a Clemson University graduate and Greenville resident. Zinouri was born in Tehran, Iran, but has a visa to live in the U.S.

One of the countries included in the ban, Iraq, has the closest ties with the U.S. Alibadi said that “it’s a mystery” why Iraq was included in the ban. "We are fighting this war together," he said. "But now, a lot of my friends who are talking with [Americans in Iraq] say, ‘We feel like we are the enemy now.’" 

Iranians came out tonight, but [the protesters] are mostly Americans. They are not for citizens or for training on Feb. 2. Because of the uncertainty is what worries Alibadi. While he’s been in Columbia since December 2011, the process to immigrate as a refugee takes multiple years. His sister, her husband and young child were hoping to soon be accepted before the travel ban was announced. "I’m relieved that my mom and my brother are here, but at the same time when my mom was there with my sister, she was taking care of me," Alibadi said. "But now she’s alone."

Alibadi has a long history with the U.S. government. After working for the U.S. Army in Iraq, Alibadi worked in Baghdad recruiting locals to work for the U.S. Embassy following the troop withdrawal. To find the employees, he had to go through extensive security checks, including the investigation of 50 of his closest family members. As a staffing manager, he left the “green zone” — the safe area of Baghdad — to find the families who didn’t pass the checks. He interviewed over 1,000 Iraqis, by his estimate. And as he became known as an American associate in the area, he started to receive death threats from Iranian militias. The threats targeted his entire family. They were forced to move several times, and his sister could still be in danger.

Many of his colleagues and friends are still in Iraq, now unable to travel to the U.S. Alibadi said that several reached out to him about the order, including a friend who works for Exxon Mobile and out to him about the order, including a friend who works for Exxon Mobile and who is working on the U.S. Alibadi said that several reached out to him about the order, including a friend who works for Exxon Mobile and out to him about the order, including a friend who works for Exxon Mobile and who is working on the order. The support from administration and protesters has provided some measure of comfort to students impacted by the ban, like third-year graduate student Morteza Maleki. Maleki’s family is still in Tehran, but he has returned to school. He’s not sure if he’ll be able to see them again.

"I’m so impressed and I appreciate their support and help," he said. "[Iranians] came out tonight, but [the protesters] are mostly Americans. They could have stayed at home and been with their family. But they’re here for supporting us, and I’m so proud of them.

"I’m just lucky that I’m here."
**How do you feel about President Trump's executive order on immigration?**

**STEVEN:** As an immigrant myself, it's absolutely terrifying. I don't know if the word I want to use is terrorism, but it's extremely shocking, I guess. I'm from Ecuador.

**EDUAN:** He's a bit of an idiot.

**MCKENZIE:** I thought that it was a bit of an idiot. It's a bad idea. I don't agree with it, but it's benefi ting someone who's not the American people.

**SAVANNAH:** I think it's ridiculous. I don't understand why they picked the countries that they picked, and I don't understand why people with green cards aren't being allowed back in.

**JESSICA:** I think he's trying to do something good, but I'm kind of worried, and he did something extremely drastic that a lot of people are going to be upset about. I don't really have a one-sided take. I think yeah, there are terrorists coming into our country from those countries, but not everyone's affected by this and carrying out terrorism.

**STEVEN:** I think we have immigration issues, and I think that we need to keep our borders safe. That's just a smokescreen. It's benefi ting someone who's not the American people. It's not for the American people. It's for the intelligence community involved, people don't do it online. But there's only embassies in the United States. I was watching a video, and it's benefi ting someone who's not the American people. It's not for the American people. It's not fair. That's all I'm trying to make sure that it's safe.

**IAN:** Divisiveness. Xenophobia. There has to be some sort of financial interest involved, people don't do anything in the government unless they're getting paid to do it, so I couldn't say if it's the government or just paying your bills. He should do background checks, or terrorism watch, or something like that.

**MCKENZIE:** Exceptions for people who've lived here for a long time. Because you know there are students and others who need to go through Congress. It should be an executive order. And it shouldn't be because it's called into question what good has happened and you're here already in South America. But it's affected me personally. I don't have any family in the Middle East. Most of my family is in South America.

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**EDUAN:** We'll see. He's just a racist.

**MCKENZIE:** I think that, like, one of the problems is that he's talking about letting terrorists in, but that's only going to spark more hatred toward the U.S. Yeah, it might be a good temporary stop, but now you've passed the Middle East off even more. It's already unfolded and you're adding fuel to the fire. So I think it's extremely short-sighted.

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**MIKE:** But I don't think it's going to keep us safe, mostly because we've seen from those countries that none of them have ever attacked us on U.S. soil. Anyways, it's going to find a way.

**JOSH:** I do, but I also think the costs outweigh the pros. For the few amount of terrorists who are trying to attack the United States, there are far more innocent people who just want to give up and go back with their family or something.

**JESSICA:** I think it's a band-aid fix for what's going on right now. It's not permanent, it's not what should have been done — but it's hum-diddi, it'll cover the wound for a few minutes.

**JOSH:** If you can change anything about the executive order, what would you change?

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**JESSICA:** I think that, like I said earlier, terrorism attacks are going to keep us safe and sometimes there's no good way to do it. So I don't know, that's a hard question.

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Carolina Productions brings coffee competition to Greene Street

Students blindly tasted different coffees and voted on their favorite. Einstein Bros. Bagels, Naturally Woodstock, Starbucks and The Wired Goat Cafe participated in the event. After students cast their vote, they received a free Carolina Productions coffee mug. The event started at 10 a.m. and lasted until 1 p.m. Daytime events coordinator Paul Larmore will post the competition winner on the Carolina Productions website on Thursday.

New Marvel initiative involves a partnership with Telltale, Capcom and Square Enix.

We may be getting fewer Marvel games in the years ahead, but everything seems to point to better experiences all around. In contrast to Marvel, DC has only released 16 games for home console in the past seven years including the four critically acclaimed “Batman: Arkham” games and the popular “Injustice.” It’s clear that superhero games can be successful and with this new deal we may finally be getting to the Golden Age of superhero video games.

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Slow down and avoid rushing things. Get into a two-day planning phase. Recognize the value of the past, as you consider the next trail to blaze.

**CANCER**

Prioritize friends over the next two days. Let them know you’re new tricks and flavors. Flexibility with the unexpected saves time and avoids stress.

**LIBRA**

Love is your anchor. Compromise with your partner over the next few days, especially if conditions seem unstable or rough. Quiet time together can be nice.

**SCORPIO**

Prioritize travel, classes, and adventures over the next few days. Keep your energy focused. Minimize opportunities for tension or friction. Find a quiet spot to study.

**SAGITTARIUS**

Focus on work. Today and tomorrow could get busy, so guard your time for physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Exercise, rest, and eat well.

**CAPRICORN**

Spent time with family and friends over the next two days. Share peaceful activities. Prioritize relationships and matters of the heart. Abandon assumptions and faults.

**AQUARIUS**

Stay home over the next two days, enjoy a practical, domestic phase. Conserve resources and energy. Competition or rejection? Share your appreciation. Celebrate privately.

**PISCES**

Real, write and devour information over the next few days. Avoid complaints, pessimism and grudges. You’re sharp as a trick, intellectual exercises and工作经验.

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**Poll: Who do you foresee taking home the Vince Lombardi Trophy in #SuperBowlLI?**

32% New England Patriots

68% Atlanta Falcons

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Smith is a 4-star recruit and most likely play wide receiver. South Carolina, that will a dynamic athlete from Union, in the 2017 class, Shi Smith, is and spring practice. He will be able to total 77 tackles and 11.5 sacks. Brad Johnson: Johnson is a 4-star defensive end from Penninton, South Carolina. He had offers from all over the country, including Virginia Tech, Texas A&M, Tennessee, Michigan State and Notre Dame. He was a participant in the Shrine Bowl.

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Gamecocks land #21 recruiting class

Jamyst Williams
DB / Athens, GA / #8 in DB in country

OrTre Smith
WR / M. Pleasant, SC / #1 in SC Overall

Shi Smith
WR / Union, SC / #2 in SC Overall

Keisean Nixon
WR / Compton, CA / #4 JUCO in country

The Receiving Core
South Carolina is setting itself up for a lot of future success in the passing game with this 2017 signing class. At receiver, they are bringing in a couple of 4-stars with OrTre Smith and Shi Smith as well as 3-star receiver Chad Terrell. 3-star tight end, Will Register, also signed with the Gamecocks.

Defensive Line
SEC, games won and lost in the line of scrimmage. Will Muschamp and his staff did a great job bringing in some talented young players, in addition to one of the best junior college players, to help bolster competitive depth on the defensive line. Chad Terrell: Chad Terrell is a 4-star defensive end from Grayson, which is one of the top overall prospect from the state of South Carolina. He had several top notch offers including Alabama, Clemson, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Tennessee but announced his commitment to South Carolina last June. Smith may only be 1-9, but he has 4.40 speed which helped him earn all of his offers as well as an invite to the Shrine Bowl.

Chad Terrell: The Georgia native commited to the Gamecocks last November without much fanfare. Bryan McClendon used his Georgia commitments to bring in one of the more productive receivers in the state. During his junior and senior seasons at North Padding in Dallas, Ga, Terrell had 205 yards on just 12 catches with 27 touchdowns. He had offers from all over the country, from schools such as Oregon, Ole Miss, Pittsburgh, Kansas State and Vanderbilt.

Top 300 Recruits

Jamyst Williams: Williams is the prized recruit of this class. The consensus top-100 recruit has 49 offers from power programs such as Alabama, Georgia, Oklahoma, LSU, Clemson, Ohio State and Penn State. He plays at Grayson, which is one of the best high school football programs in the country. Muschamp will likely move him all around the secondary due to his athleticism and playmaking ability. He was an Under Armour All-American.

Tayrn Jackson: Jackson is a 5-star cornerback from Tallahassee, Florida. His notable offers are from Clemson, Auburn, Maryland, Florida and Oregon. In his senior season he had 76 tackles, 4 interceptions and 9 pass break-ups.

Zay Brown: Brown is a 3-star safety from Athens, Georgia, where he played at Clarke Central High School. He had a few offers, including Wake Forest, Colorado State and Wyoming. In his senior year he had 80 tackles, 3 interceptions, 7 pass break-ups and 1 TFL.

Aaron Sterling: Former Alabama commit, Aaron Sterling, announced his decision to join the Gamecocks on National Signing Day. He is only rated as a 3-star, but his offer list shows that he is much better than his rating. He has offers from Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and LSU, while being invited to play in the Under Armor All-American game. In his senior year he was able to total 77 tackles and 11.5 sacks.

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