

South Carolina State University Foundation Appoints Lorne Steedley as Executive Director

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-- The [South Carolina State University Foundation](#) (SCSUF) proudly announces the appointment of Lorne Steedley as its new Executive Director. Steedley, a Columbia native, brings more than 20 years of leadership

experience in philanthropy, nonprofit management, and inclusive economic development. His career includes pivotal roles at the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Mass General Brigham Health Plan, the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce, and as a national nonprofit consultant.



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The Foundation also recognizes the important contributions of Adrienne C. Willis, Founder & CEO of [Lance Lucas & Associates](#) (LLA), who served as Interim Executive Director during a critical period of transition. Under Willis’ leadership, the Foundation raised a record amount for its annual gala, modernized governance

policies, improved compliance, and prepared for long-term growth.

“It has been a privilege to serve during this time of transformation,” said Willis. “I look forward to continuing our partnership in a consulting capacity to strengthen the Foundation’s governance and fundraising strategies for the future.”

About the South Carolina State University Foundation

Chartered in 1971, the South Carolina State University Foundation plays a vital role in supporting the University’s mission by managing endowment funds, stewarding donor contributions, and advancing resources that strengthen academic programs and student success. With a renewed

focus on governance, fundraising, and alumni engagement, the Foundation continues to build on its legacy of supporting South Carolina's only public Historically Black College and University (HBCU).

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