



Dear Gamecock family,

You hold in your hands the spring issue of *Carolinian*, printed in early March — the same week the University of South Carolina campus closed for the protection of our students, faculty, staff and community. We apologize for the delay but hope you can appreciate the decisions we have wrestled with concerning its distribution.


After consulting with the alumni association and university administration, we opted to mail this issue as printed — including the original features as well as the original letters from UoSC President Bob Caslen and My Carolina Alumni Association CEO Wes Hickman, which predate the pandemic.

But please don't think of this issue as a time capsule. Rather, it is a reminder of the timeless attributes that define us, the shared history and diversity of experience that comprise our character, even in the face of great uncertainty. Our next issue, a special celebration of the Class of 2020, is already in the works and will remind us yet again what makes us a family.

Since March, our lives have changed in unprecedented ways, and going forward we will face further challenges, but one constant should give us all hope: our unyielding spirit as Gamecocks.

Forever to thee,

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Craig Brandhorst, editor

 South Carolina



Early this year when we were producing the spring issue of *Carolinian*, the University of South Carolina's alumni magazine, it was a different world — or at least it seems that way now in 20/20 hindsight. Even by early March when we went to press, we couldn't have known how fast and deadly the COVID-19 pandemic would overtake New York City and other urban hot spots. Two weeks later, our university sent its students, faculty, and staff home for the remainder of the semester, and we decided to delay mailing the magazine. Without any reference in the publication to the pandemic, we feared appearing clueless — like we were blithely going about business-as-usual while thousands were perishing.

As the “new normal” rhythms of life amidst COVID-19 emerged two months later, it seemed OK to mail the magazine but only with some contextual messaging. Reprinting the signatures that contained letters from the university president and alumni association CEO would have been cost prohibitive. But our printer offered a cost-effective solution: a bellyband wrapped around each magazine that provided space for a very visible message from our editor. Craig Brandhorst's elegant prose offered up just the right tone and message of hope to our alumni readers. And the spring 2020 edition of *Carolinian* finally made its way home.

— Chris Horn, Director of Editorial Projects, Office of Communications and Public Affairs, University of South Carolina

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