

Office of the Chancellor



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June 29, 2023

Dear students, faculty, and staff,

As you may have learned, today the U.S. Supreme Court issued decisions in two cases related to admissions practices in higher education.

The question presented in the cases — *Students for Fair Admissions Inc. v. President and Fellows of Harvard College* and *Students for Fair Admissions Inc. v. University of North Carolina, et al* — is whether the schools' admissions systems are lawful under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

In a 6-3 ruling, the Supreme Court determined that race-conscious admissions programs at Harvard and UNC are unconstitutional.

We at the University of South Carolina Upstate will comply with the law while remaining committed to maintaining an admissions process that supports all prospective students and fosters a diverse and fair environment.

USC Upstate always welcomes qualified students and remains steadfast in its commitment to reflecting the diversity of our city, state, nation, and world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bennie L. Harris".

Dr. Bennie L. Harris
Chancellor