

Budget Requests 2023-24

RECURRING PRIORITIES

CAPITAL REQUESTS

NONRECURRING PRIORITIES

UPSTATE

University of South Carolina

- \$85M** Convocation Center
CAPITAL
- \$53M** New College of Nursing Building
CAPITAL
- \$27M** Academic Facility Repair Projects
CAPITAL
- \$23M** Smith Science Building
Renovation/Expansion
CAPITAL
- \$2.5M** Increasing Affordability Student
Success and Faculty Support
RECURRING
- \$3.1M** New Academic Initiatives
NONRECURRING





\$85
Million

New Convocation Center
CAPITAL REQUEST

A regional convocation center will serve as a true community space and catalyst for growth in the Upstate South Carolina region while providing USC Upstate and the region with a much needed sports and event facility.

CURRENT SITUATION

- The Upstate region has a growing population base of more than 1.5 million residing within a 60-minute drive of the university.
- The region has a low cost of living, contributing to an annual growth rate that is 83% higher than the United States as a whole.

HOW THIS SUPPORT HELPS

- The center will generate an estimated \$4.4 million annual economic impact for the state.
- The community will gain a facility for concerts, trade shows, conventions, youth sporting events, graduations, and similar events.
- Visitors will provide an economic boost to existing businesses, such as restaurants and hotels, and spur new business growth.



Upstate

State-of-the-art Venue

New USC Upstate Convocation Center

will serve as an economic accelerator for Spartanburg

ANNUAL OPERATIONS

\$6.0M City
\$5.9M County
\$4.4M State

NET PRESENT VALUE
Construction +
30 Years of Operation

\$114M City
\$167M County
\$151M State



\$1.7
Million

SC Students: Access & Affordability Tuition Funding

Investment in predictable funding for USC Upstate helps mitigate the impact of tuition increases and keeps public education affordable for South Carolina families.

CURRENT SITUATION

- Inflation is expected to remain higher than historical norms for the foreseeable future.
- USC Upstate and other state institutions must cover the unfunded portion of state requirements for pension, health insurance, and cost-of-living adjustments.
- Strategic investments improve access to higher education for South Carolina students.

HOW THIS SUPPORT HELPS

- Thirty-one percent of USC Upstate students are the first in their families to attend college. Attaining a bachelor's degree elevates the financial future of these students, their families, and the generations that follow.
- Forty percent of USC Upstate students come from household incomes of less than \$40,000. Financial support ensures students have access to education and have the means to complete their degree programs.

31%

OF USC UPSTATE STUDENTS ARE FIRST IN FAMILY TO ATTEND COLLEGE

40%

OF OUR STUDENTS COME FROM HOUSEHOLDS OF LESS THAN \$40,000.



32,000+
ALUMNI AND COUNTING!



85%
of alumni live and work in South Carolina

32,000
Alumni



CAPITAL REQUEST - NONRECURRING

New College of Nursing Building

Need: \$53 million

The Mary Black College of Nursing (MBCON) is helping to fill a critical nursing shortage in the state of South Carolina and is one of the top talent pipelines to health care systems in the Upstate region.

CURRENT SITUATION

- Mary Black College of Nursing's ability to expand to meet demand is limited. It shares a building with the College of Education, Human Performance, and Health; university administrative offices, including Enrollment Services; and the campus Recreation Center.
- South Carolina is estimated to have the fourth-highest nursing shortage in the United States.

HOW THIS SUPPORT HELPS

- A new 76,000-square-foot facility will dramatically increase the college's capacity to train more nurses.
- The facility will double the size of MBCON's existing space, providing more classrooms, labs, faculty/staff offices, and meeting spaces.
- More than 90% of USC Upstate's BSN graduates remain in state.

76,000

square-feet of academic facility to train South Carolina nurses

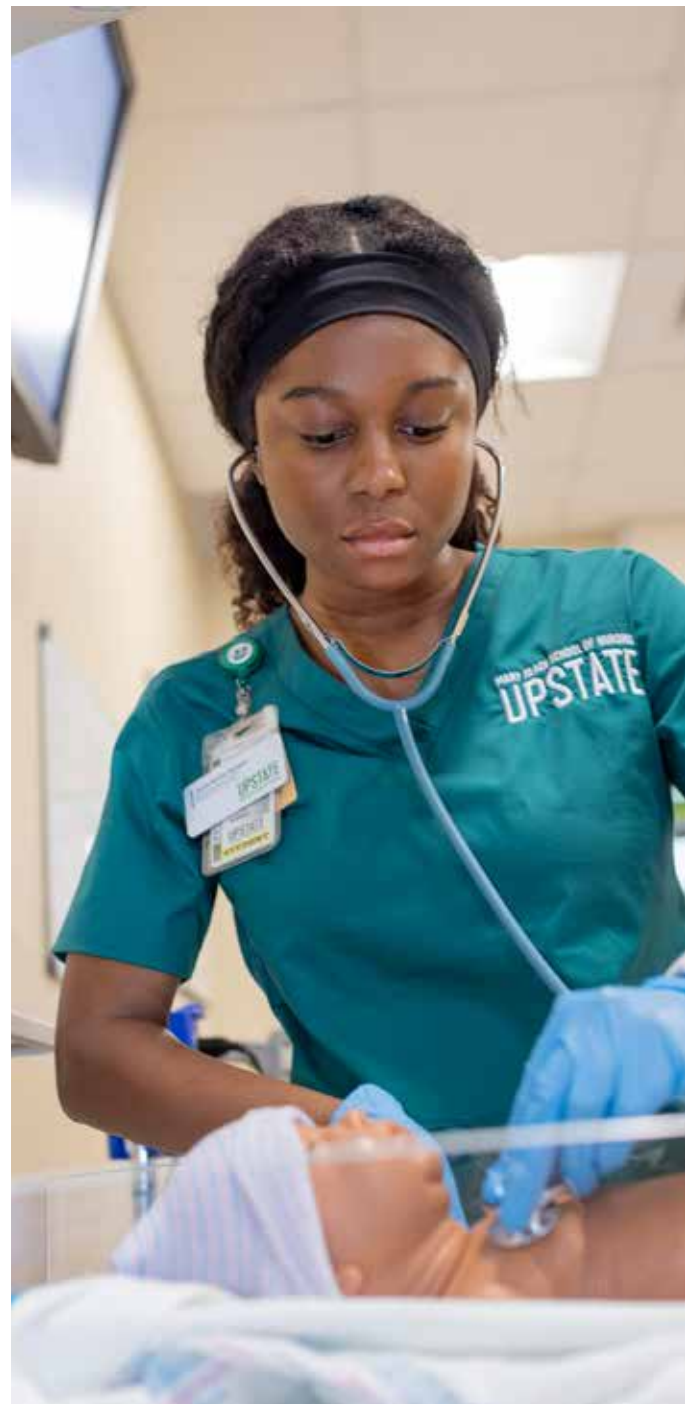
90%

of USC Upstate's BSN graduates remain in the state

NEARLY

2,000

graduates have earned a BSN in the last 10 years and counting!



RECURRING REQUEST

Salary Increase for Nursing Faculty

Need: \$750,000

The Mary Black College of Nursing (MBCON) at USC Upstate is dedicated to preparing the next generation of nurses who in turn play a vital role in all health care systems in the Upstate and state at large.

CURRENT SITUATION

- Concurrent with the nursing shortage, the state faces a critical lack of nursing instructors.
- Salaries in clinical health care are significantly higher than in teaching, which increases competition for qualified instructors to remain in higher education.

HOW THIS SUPPORT HELPS

- Increasing salaries at MBCON would put instructor compensation in the 75th percentile nationally.
- Improved faculty retention and recruitment would allow MBCON to increase its capacity to train nurses, further helping meet the state's needs.



CAPITAL REQUEST - NONRECURRING

Science Building Renovation/Expansion

Need: \$23 million

This facility is the heart of the life sciences at USC Upstate where faculty mentor those who will go on into a wide range of healthcare and research fields. The facility will support Upstate's mission and prepare future generations to pursue the sciences and support the growing needs of industry.

CURRENT SITUATION

- The facility was built for the needs of the 1980s.
- Current classroom and laboratory space limits the potential for growth in majors and pre-professional programs that heavily utilize lab spaces.

HOW THIS SUPPORT HELPS

- An addition to the existing science building and renovation of select existing spaces will add more classrooms and labs to increase research and teaching space.
- Modernized equipment will better prepare students for in-demand jobs in the state's burgeoning biotech industry.





CAPITAL REQUEST - NONRECURRING

Deferred Maintenance and Mechanical Repairs

Need: \$27 million

The Health Education Complex and other primary facilities at USC Upstate are vital to our success in serving the students of South Carolina. The classrooms, labs, faculty and administrative offices, and recreation facilities located in these buildings are critical to providing a quality student experience.

CURRENT SITUATION

- Maintenance is a required cost to ensure appropriate learning environments and maintain state assets.
- The Health Education Complex is experiencing critical air conditioning system deficiencies due to multiple mechanical component failures.

HOW THIS SUPPORT HELPS

- These funds will be used to address a variety of deferred or critical maintenance, including vital equipment and systems repairs.
- Maintenance needs that are critical for life and safety and for educational mission will be priorities.
- Fixing the conditions that compound repair difficulty will allow any future repairs to be more cost-effective and long-lasting.



NONRECURRING REQUEST

Center for Justice and Society

Need: \$1.4 million

This initiative will provide the initial funding to establish a Center for Justice and Society at USC Upstate. The center will respond to workforce needs in the legal and justice system and support the university's goal to provide "education for all that inspires a thriving and just society."

CURRENT SITUATION

- Growth in the Upstate region will require more graduates from academic disciplines related to the legal and justice profession.

HOW THIS SUPPORT HELPS

- The Center will leverage existing academic programs and establish new ones that are essential to elevating students' experiences at USC Upstate while attracting diverse candidates to law and justice careers.
- Experiential learning will be a central component, with programs that include internships, service learning, mentoring, and study-away opportunities in Columbia, S.C., and Washington, D.C. Additional support will help students successfully apply to law school.
- The Center will help increase the number of women and minorities in public policy and legal careers.



NONRECURRING REQUEST

Digital Commons Initiative

Need: \$1.65 million

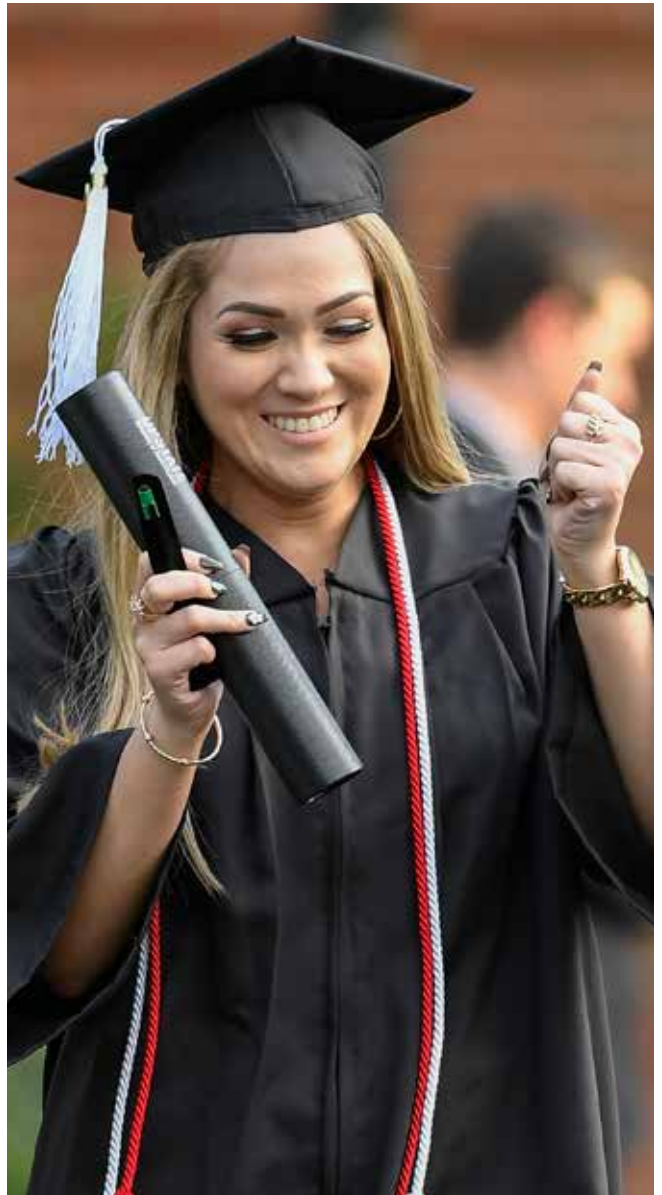
This initiative will provide digital lab spaces offering leading-edge technologies that give students the real-world experience necessary for workforce development in Upstate's academic programs of study.

CURRENT SITUATION

- Employers in every sector of today's workforce expect new employees to be familiar with the technology utilized in their jobs and professions.
- Employers expect their employees to have collaborative skills that will move companies forward with creative ideas and solutions.

HOW THIS SUPPORT HELPS

- Creating this Center and providing the necessary technology will offer students real-world experience in all academic disciplines.
- The Center will make USC Upstate graduates more attractive in the workforce and serve to elevate economic growth and mobility in the region.



USC Upstate
is proud to be
known for

#1 Public Regional College
in South Carolina

#2 Public Regional College
in the South

42 of 46 S.C. counties
represented on campus

217 S.C. high schools
represented on campus

93% of first-year students
are S.C. residents

\$500 million annual economic
impact on South Carolina

68% of alumni stay and work
in the Upstate of
South Carolina

1,894 graduates have earned a
BSN in the last 10 years

