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SC State president to be commencement speaker at MMA graduation

Charleston, SC – South Carolina State University president, Retired U.S. Army Col. Alex Conyers, will be the commencement speaker at Military Magnet Academy (MMA) graduation on Saturday, June 4, 2022. Graduation will be held at the North Charleston Performing Arts Center at 6:30 p.m.

“It is an absolute honor to have Col. Alex Conyers address the graduating cadet scholars at our 2022 commencement ceremony,” said MMA Principal Robert Perrineau. “He embodies all of the qualities and characteristics of leadership that we hope our scholars would attain while participating in the program at the Military Magnet Academy.”

An alum, Conyers is the S.C. State’s 13th president. He graduated from the school in 1989 before joining the U.S. Army. He returned to his alma mater last year following a lengthy career with the armed forces. He initially served as vice president for strategic alliances and initiatives at S.C. State before being appointed as interim president. He was appointed president in April.

“Like Col. Conyers, I too served in South Carolina State University Army Senior ROTC,” said Maj. Nathaniel Taylor, Jr. Commandant of MMA. “The program educates and mentors adaptive leaders with critical thinking skills and the moral character to lead our Nation’s Army and win in a complex world. That is the same philosophy we have here at Military Magnet where we ensure all students achieve academic

excellence, develop citizenship, and promote self-discipline in a military environment. I am thrilled for our students to hear from a leader of his caliber and enthusiastic about the inspiration his words instill in our scholars.”

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 49,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), music and other creative and performing arts, career and technical preparation programs, and military.