



Office of Student Government

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Fellow students,

It is an exciting time on campus! Classes have come to an end and exams are upon us. It's a time to showcase all we've learned this semester and the work we've put in to our studies. For many of you, it's also a time to reflect upon your time at Carolina and reminisce as your collegiate years come to an end.

It gives me great joy to see the commencement preparations and celebrations across campus. The historic Horseshoe, where our university began those many years ago, is abuzz with excitement for what lies ahead and fond memories of what we've shared here in this place. What a perfect setting to commemorate accomplishments and welcome new beginnings – just as students have for generations.

As we celebrate, let us be reminded of the natural beauty that makes this place so special to so many. Let's do our part to preserve it for the next generation of Gamecocks, so that they too can fall in love with the splendor of Carolina. Glitter, confetti, and other celebratory décor does not belong on our historic Horseshoe – or anywhere in the outdoors. Please consider the impact these have on our grounds and the squirrels and other critters who call it home.

Lastly, remember to abide by the campus alcohol policy which prohibits alcohol (popping bottles included) in open spaces or buildings without prior event registration and permission. Please leave the champagne at home.

Congratulations on another wonderful semester at Carolina! And to all those graduating, I look forward to being with you as you walk across the stage next week.

Forever to thee,

Ross Lordo
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