



SCSU's
Charlene Evans Next in line

Poet's debut CD reveals she isn't at a loss for words when thanking God for blessings

Special to the Review by Kathy Spencer-Mention of The Greenville News and Willease Williams

Charlene Evans proves that she is next in line to receive the abundance of God's blessings by following her dreams and maintaining an independent spirit. Evans uses her passion for poetry as a means to spread the message of God. She is the Executive Producer of her debut CD entitled "Next in Line" along with Producer, Kerry McBroom of CMax Productions Co. in Greenville, S.C. Evans wants listeners to experience "real fulfillment, real peace, and real happiness that comes from having a relationship with God and knowing who God is." The CD is a poetry presentation free of profanity. Vocals and jazz instrumentals were included to provide a cozy, coffeehouse feeling. Background vocals are provided by members of a Greenville Christian choir, *Chosen Generation*.

*"I have no need unmet,
 because The Master
 never fails."*

— from My Gift

Evans began expressing her thoughts on paper as a freshman at South Carolina State University in 1995. The focus of her poetry was "struggles at college and being caught up in the college life." During her college years, Evans began to rely on God to help her through life's struggles and decided her life could not continue down the path she was taking. Evans shares a perspective on her life's struggles through the CD's title selection, "Next in Line."

"Chiccy Baritone", as Evans is known on the poetry circuit, uses her strong, authoritative, yet feminine voice, to spread her message.

A 2001 electrical engineering technology graduate, Evans works at Fluor Daniel as an Associate Project Control Specialist.

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suggested adding Willie Jeffries' name to the football stadium.

"... Hail! Hail! Dear Alma Mater ..."

SCSU President Dr. Andrew Hugine Jr., an alumnus, was honored for his efforts to enhance the athletic budget.

Hugine described himself as a "reserve quarterback, cheering the team on and making sure they get all they need."

"... Hail! Hail! Dear S.C.C. ..."

"I bleed garnet and blue," said David A. Smith, who retired as Equipment Manager after 28 years.

"... We'll defend and honor ..."

"Each of you has brought honor and distinction to yourself and to the University," said Dr. Judith Salley-Guydon, Chair of the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences and a 2000 inductee.

"Don't let this be a one-night stand.

Continue to be powerful advocates for this University. Help it to meet the challenges it faces today. It faces challenges in many areas, but most especially the financial need."

"... Love and cherish thee."

Historically Black Colleges and Universities are "beacons of light" preparing African-Americans and others for success in life and careers," said Dr. Timothy J. Autry, Coach, Administrator and retired Athletic Director.

"South Carolina State University must strive to overcome financial challenges," he said. "Yes, it takes dollars and more dollars to make this dream a reality."

Other honorees:

— Rufus Bess, former football standout and NFL Player, now a high school Coach in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

— Lyman Foster, longtime SC State women's Basketball Coach and Golf Coach and currently a

— Luis Hines, a four-year letterman in tennis who is a High School Coach in Miami.

— Harry Hoskins, a four-time letterman in football who went on to a career in the U.S. Army and is now an official for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

— Nathaniel "Nate the Skate" Madison, a school record-holder in several swimming events, is a U.S. Postal Service Letter Carrier and Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

— Phil Stephens, who lettered in basketball and track and field, played professional basketball, coached high school basketball and is presently a Teacher in Hillsborough County, Florida.

— Joseph Wynns, who lettered in football, basketball and track and field and played professional football. He works for the Indianapolis (Ind.) Department of Parks and