



# South Carolina State University's New Monuments



On the Left- John C. Lewis statue; On the Right- Smith Hammond Middle Legacy Plaza

**Event:** On Wednesday, February 9, 2022, SC Human Affairs Commission (SCHAC)'s Community Relations Division visited South Carolina State University's new monuments following the 54<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Orangeburg Massacre. The new monuments include John C. Lewis' statue and monument of Henry Smith, Samuel Hammond, and Delano Middleton, victims of the massacre.

**Background:** "The Orangeburg Massacre tragedy became known locally and across South Carolina where 28 students were injured, and three students were killed. Thus, the events of February 1968 can be meaningfully comprehended only as a part of the larger and longer tradition of student activism on the Clafin and SC State campuses."

To watch the Unveiling & Dedication of Smith-Hammond-Middleton monuments, you can visit SC State's YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/user/SCSTATE1896/videos>