

Chancellor,

Dr Andrew Aaron Sorensen will retire this month from his position as 27th President of the University of South Carolina (USC), a post he has held for six years.

Perhaps his crowning achievement at USC has been the establishment of a community including residential, recreational and high-tech facilities known as Innovista. It promises to be a catalyst for economic growth in its region and has strong linkages with government and the business and economic development community.

Innovista's many areas of research strength include hydrogen fuel cells, international business and public health.

Under Dr Sorensen's leadership, USC has forged significant scholarly links with The University of Queensland, in fields including hydrogen cell technology and parenting and family research.

Before being appointed President of UC, Dr Sorensen served as President of the University of Alabama, as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Florida, Executive Director of the AIDS Institute at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, and Dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

He has also been a Visiting Faculty Member at the Harvard University School of Medicine and the University of Cambridge School of Medicine.

Author or editor of eight books and more than 100 articles, Dr Sorensen is a Professor of Medicine in USC's School of Medicine. He holds a bachelor's degree in ethics and master's and doctoral degrees in medical sociology from Yale University. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of Illinois and a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan.

Dr Sorensen's awards include the University of Florida Student Government Association's Award for Outstanding Contributions to Student Government, Yale University Divinity School's Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Community Service, the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year Award, and honorary degrees from the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign and the Medical University of South Carolina.

He is president of the Southeastern Conference, past chair of the Southern Universities Research Association Council of Presidents, chair of the Health Sciences South Carolina board, and past president of the Preservation Institute of Nantucket board. He served on the Bush transition team Educational Advisory Committee (2000-01), DHHS Secretary's Council on Public Health Preparedness (2002-05), and now serves on the National Board of Public Health Examiners and the National Institutes of Health National Science Advisory Board on Biosecurity.

Chancellor, in recognition of his distinguished services to higher education and to the fostering of research and teaching links between The University of Queensland and the University of South Carolina, I present to you Dr Andrew A. Sorensen, President of the University of South Carolina for the award of an Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University *honoris causa* to which he has been admitted by the Senate of the University.

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**DOCTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY**

was awarded to

**ANDREW AARON SORENSEN**

On the Sixteenth Day of July 2008

  
Chancellor

  
Vice-Chancellor

  
Secretary and Registrar