

## William "Bill" Hamilton: Tribute to a true professional, caring individual

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ORANGEBURG - As I look back on my nearly 40-year professional and personal association with William "Bill" Hamilton, it's been time wherein I've come to know a very conscientious and caring individual.

A fellow journalist who has been a tremendous asset to me while covering the South Carolina State (SCSU) athletic programs in the aforementioned period.

Additionally, Bill, known also by his unique ability to relate to people in all walks of life, continues to display character that is undergirded by confidence and a desire to be helpful; not harmful.

Thus, it's rather easy to rate him as a true professional but more importantly as a person I can truly say is a trustworthy friend.

Now just months away from a retirement that will see him step aside from his day-to-day duties as Sports Information Director (SID) at South Carolina State (set to retire in June, 2013), it will be an occurrence that is truly earned and deserved; but is also one that will be equally difficult to accept by many persons in and outside of the SCSU family.

To honor his unquestionable attention to detail work ethics and his unwavering quest to foster

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good will among his colleagues and friends, Bill was honored by associates in Tallahassee, Florida during an on-field ceremony Saturday evening (Oct. 20) preceding the South Carolina State-Florida A&M football game.

"It was supposed to be a surprise but I found out about it earlier; yet the whole thing was very moving to me," said Hamilton, of the occasion in the capital city of the Sunshine State. "I truly appreciate all who saw fit to honor me."

As time moves toward Bill's official retirement date, you can bet there will be a number of other occasions when other colleagues and/or friends will take time to express and display their appreciation for a job well done by an individual whose legacy will be cemented by professionalism and trust.

Offered an individual who requested anonymity, "He's a person that is very likeable because he almost always lets you know where he's coming from."

Going forward, the time is getting nearer to the next chapter in Bill's life that will commence a period which will end his time as the first and to this day the only full time Sports Information Director at S.C. State.

In view of this coming happening, it's my honor and privilege to wish my colleague and friend many thanks and Godspeed in endeavors to come.