HAPPY FEBRUARY! Hope that 2013 and the spring semester is off to a great start. This month, there will be many events throughout campus to support Black History Month! The spring is a time full of events so take advantage of it.

Save the Date!

February

2  SLDC Conference
5  Study Abroad Fair
9-10 Backpacking w/O-Rec
12 Networking Workshop
14  Valentine’s Day
20 NSE Application Deadline
28 Internship Workshop

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

Free Counseling for students!
The Counseling & Human Development Center (CHDC) (click here for map) provides USC students a safe place to speak privately with a trained counselor about a variety of concerns. These may include stress, anxiety, loneliness, depression, relationship difficulties, questions about identity, eating concerns, substance use concerns, sexuality concerns, managing an existing mental health condition, or any other issue. Call 803.777.5223 to make an appointment or check out their website here.

National Student Exchange (NSE) Application Deadline!
The priority application deadline to study away with NSE in the fall of 2013 or spring 2014 is FEBRUARY 20, 2013. This is a great opportunity for students to experience a different culture! NSE allows USC students to study at one of nearly 200 universities across the US, US territories, and Canada. Stop by our office to learn all about the NSE, where you can go, how much it will cost, but most of all, why the NSE is such an amazing opportunity! The Office of Student Engagement is located in the garden level of Patterson Hall. Click here for more info or call us at 803.777.6731

Black History Month!
It’s Black History Month and Multicultural Student Affairs have put together a series of events this month. Click here for the full calendar!

OPPORTUNITIES

Discovery Day 2013
PRIORITY DEADLINE: Friday, March 8, 2013 for students to register a poster or presentation by submitting a mentor-approved abstract on-line here.

Discovery Day is a chance for students to share what they have done with peers, faculty, staff, and the public. This annual event for undergraduates from ALL USC campuses showcases students’ scholarly pursuits in and out of the classroom. Students present their experiences or findings from:

- research/scholarly projects
- study abroad
- internships
- leadership experiences
- service-learning and community service
- national fellowship competitions

Students have the opportunity to make poster, oral, creative, or artistic presentations and visual art displays, including theatrical, musical, or creative writing presentations. Click here for more information or to NOMINATE a student online. Discovery Day is on Friday, April 26th from 8:30am - 4:30pm in the Russell House

USC Study Abroad Fair set for Feb. 5, 2013
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Russell House Ballroom.
Sophomore Trivia
Be the first 2 to email us back at tsi@sc.edu with all the right answers and win a Sophomore T-shirt!
1.) What program can you sign up for that will send you an email or text message if there is an emergency on campus?
2.) What was the first building constructed on the Horseshoe?
3.) What event sparked the founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People?

Suggestions
Let us know what else you want to see in this newsletter. Jokes? Advice? More athletics or SC events? This newsletter is for YOU and we need your help to continue improving! Email us suggestions at tsi@sc.edu.

Professional Development Opportunities
Attend one or ALL of these workshops specifically designed for SOPHOMORES! It’s never too early to start thinking about networking, internships, and practicing technology etiquette. Be sure to RSVP if you would like to attend!

Networking Workshop (RSVP)
Date: Tuesday Feb. 12th
Time: 5pm
Location: Career Center (BA Building, 602B)

Internships Workshop (RSVP)
Date: Thursday Feb. 28th
Date: 5pm
Location: Career Center (BA Building, 602B)

Technology Etiquette (RSVP)
Date: Tuesday March 19th
Time: 5pm
Location: Career Center (BA Building, 602B)

Interested in living off-campus?
Off Campus Student Services is here for you. Whether it’s the first time you’re signing a lease, or you’re simply looking for a new complex, all the resources are here for you. Or stop by the OCSS Office in the Russell House Suite 034. 2013-2014 Housing Application now available Check it out now on VIP to apply.

Program representatives from more than 35 countries will attend along with numerous USC academic departmental representatives. USC faculty will be available to discuss their faculty-led global classroom programs, including a three-week summer course in Taiwan, a service-learning program in Africa and an Honors College program in Austria. Students also have the opportunity to speak with peers who have studied abroad in the past as well as international exchange students from USC’s Global Exchange partner schools.

Last year,
• 1,117 undergraduate students participated in education abroad
• 58 countries were visited, with England as the most popular destination
• $604,260 in education abroad scholarships were awarded to USC students
• 29 Global Classroom Programs were led by USC faculty members

For students already planning their trip abroad or for those who have no idea where they want to go, the Study Abroad Fair is the perfect way to kick-start their experience overseas. More details on the fair and helpful tips on how to prepare for the event are available on the Study Abroad Office’s website or call 777-7557.

Diversity Retreat Applications Now Available!
Come join other students from Carolina and Columbia College as we embark on an experiential adventure learning more about ourselves, each other and our communities. The retreat culminates with the creation of an action plan to bring positive sustainable change to your community. This life-changing retreat is open to ANY student at USC with all meals, housing and transportation provided. The retreat will take place March 1-3. Applications are being accepted until February 13th. Applications can be found here. Please contact Gavin Weiser with any questions at.

Magellan Scholar grant proposals
DUE: Thursday, February 21st by 5pm for projects that begin Summer/Fall 2013

This program is open to ALL USC campuses and all disciplines. Do you have a project that an undergraduate could help with? Are you already working with a student on a project? Each Magellan Scholar receives up to $3,000 to help fund a research project, competing for this award with the submission of a research, scholarship, or creative project proposal developed in collaboration with his or her faculty mentor. Selection is based on the project’s educational and intellectual merit, the potential impact of the project, and the student’s previous academic success. More information here