Hello 2013!

I hope that y’all had a wonderful winter break with family and friends. Hopefully you’re well rested for the second half of your sophomore year. It’s a fresh new semester & a year full of new opportunities. Get organized, meet your professors, and set new goals! Before you know it, the summer will be right around the corner.

We’re excited to have you back & good luck this semester!

January

14 Classes begin

16-28 Jan. Jumpstart Series

18 Last day to drop course

19 USC vs. Vanderbilt

21 MLK Day of Service (No Classes)

22 USC vs. Missouri

Si & Tutoring begin

25 MLK Day of Service

26 MLK Day of Service

Day Ski Trip w. O-Rec

USC vs. Arkansas

29 CareerFest

**IMPORTANT TO KNOW**

**National Student Exchange (NSE) – Upcoming Information Sessions and Application Deadline!**

The priority application deadline to study away with NSE in the fall of 2013 or spring 2014 is JANUARY 31, 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. Come 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! So spread the word and come on out. Information sessions will be held:

- Wed, Jan. 16th at 7pm in Patterson Hall Classroom
- Thurs, Jan. 17th at 7pm in Capstone Classroom
- Tues, Jan. 22nd at 7pm in Honors Residence Hall B111
- Wed, Jan. 23rd at 7pm in Patterson Hall Classroom
- Fri, Jan. 25th Drop-In Open House, 10am-4pm in the Office of Student Engagement (Patterson Hall, Garden Level)

**Priority Application Deadline:** Thurs, Jan. 31st

For more information about NSE, contact Kasha Klinegores (nse@sc.edu or 803-777-6731) or visit our website (www.sc.edu/nse) TODAY! You can also find us on Facebook with all kinds of updated information at “Student Engagement at the University of South Carolina”

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**Telecounseling Positions Available**

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is looking for enthusiastic, dedicated students to assist with recruitment this year by calling prospective students, admitted students and their parents. Applicants should possess strong communication skills, enthusiasm for USC, good work ethic, professionalism, and basic computer and telephone skills. Students are required to work a minimum of two nights per week during the hours of 5:00 to 9:00 pm Monday through Thursday throughout the school year, except on University holidays. Telecounseling pays $7.50/hr, and training begins on Monday February 4th. Applications are available in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions located on the Horseshoe in Lieber College.

**Application deadline:** January 25th at 5:00 pm. For more information, please call Alexandra Scovel at 777-9106.

**Gamecock Connection Positions Available**

Tell us why you love USC! The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is looking for enthusiastic, dedicated students to assist with recruiting prospective students at Admissions special events. In this role you can share your love for USC with prospective students, admitted students and their parents. Applicants should possess strong communication skills, enthusiasm for USC, good work ethic, and professionalism. We are looking for volunteers to assist with Admissions events this spring, and there will be a mandatory training meeting for new members. Applications are available in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions located on the Horseshoe in Lieber College.

**Application deadline:** Friday, February 1st at 5:00 pm. For more information, please call Alexandra Scovel at 803-777-9106.

**Start looking for summer internships!**

It’s never too early to start the search. The Career Center can help you find the right opportunity. Whether it’s the Community Internship Program (CIP), a co-op, or an experience you make your own, get started EARLY!
**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 year was the ring ceremony introduced to USC?
2. The monument in the middle of the Horseshow was named after USC’s first president. What is it called?
3. What did MLK Jr. receive the Nobel Peace Prize for?

**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.

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**Set GOALS for 2013!**

- Developing self-motivation and determination
- Evaluating my career interest and abilities
- Defining the relationship between my courses and my career
- Meeting people who share my educational and career interests
- Seeking work experiences related to my chosen field
- Setting short-term educational goals for myself
- Keeping a visual record of my progress in each course
- Developing more efficient study skills

Need help creating goals or ways to help accomplish those goals? Make an appointment with the Student Success Center today!

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**MLK Days of Service**

The largest campus-wide community service event recognizes Martin Luther King Jr.’s life and legacy through a day of service. Make a positive impact in the greater Columbia area by joining hundreds of fellow students, faculty, and staff in keeping Dr. King’s dream alive.

Registration for USC’s 3 MLK Days of Service (Jan. 21, 25 and 26) ARE NOW OPEN! Visit this link to sign up.

If you would like to serve as a Site Leader for one or all of the MLK Days of Service, please sign up here.

**MLK Event Series**

Participate in dialogues and discussions during our week-long event series. Click here for more information.