

## Leadership Programs Highlights

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### Nominate or Apply for the 2012 Leadership and Service Awards!

Are you someone making a difference in the Carolina Community? Do you know someone who is?

Nominate or apply today for the 2012 Leadership and Service Awards available on-line at: [www.sa.sc.edu/lsawards](http://www.sa.sc.edu/lsawards).

Help us to honor outstanding University of South Carolina students, faculty, and staff for their contributions to the community. These traditional awards include:

- \* Jessica Horton Outstanding New Student Leader
- \* Strom Thurmond/Steve Cannon Carolina Cares Scholarship
- \* Wilson-Kibler Bicentennial Award
- \* Advisor of the Year Award

...And many more!

Visit [www.sa.sc.edu/lsawards](http://www.sa.sc.edu/lsawards) to find a full description of awards and the requirements. All applications are due by Monday, February 27, 2012. For more information, please visit the Campus Life Center, Russell House University Union Suite 227 or call 803-777-7130 with questions.

### Skill Builders: Leadership Workshop on Officer Transitions

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

4:30pm in Russell House 305

Presented by: *Katie Spell, Assistant Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life*

Skill Builders are monthly leadership workshops sponsored by Student Organizations & Leadership Programs to assist student leaders in enhancing their leadership skills and developing the essential skills necessary to work and lead effectively with others. Find out at this workshop tips on how to be best prepared coming into a leadership position and how to leave your legacy as you transition out.

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## Events and Opportunities

### President's Leadership Dialogue TONIGHT

Tuesday, February 7, 6:00-8:00pm at the Law School Auditorium

The Provost's Office encourages student, faculty, and staff attendance at the President's Leadership Dialogue on February 7 from 6-8 pm in the Law School Auditorium. President Pastides will be hosting Charlayne Hunter-Gault, an award-winning journalist and the first African-American woman to graduate from the University of Georgia. She will be speaking about her new memoir, *To the Mountaintop: My Journey through the Civil Rights Movement*. Following her remarks, the President will initiate an audience discussion with Hunter-Gault about her reflections on leadership in the context of the civil rights movement. The USC Gospel Choir will be performing, and a book-signing will be held after the event.

### Know an outstanding rising senior who excels in scholarship, leadership, and service?

#### Encourage them to apply for Mortar Board, USC's premier senior honor society!

Mortar Board at USC is now accepting applications for 2012-2013 academic year. Selection is competitive. Eligible candidates must be rising seniors who have earned at least 90 hours by the end of the Spring 2012 semester, have a cumulative 3.25 GPA, and demonstrated evidence of leadership and service in the USC community. Mortar Board members assist with noteworthy campus projects such as the annual Excellence in Teaching recognition ceremony and support for our national philanthropy, Reading is Leading. Select members are eligible to compete for national post-graduate fellowships ranging between \$3000-\$5000. All members receive recognition in the University's Mortar Board Student Planner, the proceeds of which go to support undergraduate scholarships at the University of South Carolina. Eligible candidates must apply by Saturday, February 18th at <http://uscmobo.wufoo.com/forms/usc-mortar-board-alpha-order/>. For more information contact MB's VP for Membership, Rachel Neugroschel at [neugrosc@email.sc.edu](mailto:neugrosc@email.sc.edu) or Mary Wagner, chapter advisor at [mary.wagner@sc.edu](mailto:mary.wagner@sc.edu). Additional information about the national organization is available at <http://mortarboard.org/>.

### Study Abroad: Deadline Wed. Feb 15th

Considering Study Abroad over the summer? Study abroad can provide you with the opportunity to add an international dimension to your education, by both diversifying and broadening your education in ways not possible through traditional academic study alone. Consider the Summer Global Partner Program and Summer Global Direct.

## Career Peer Educators

The Career Center is looking for the next group of Career Peer Educators! Applications and information are available online now at <http://sc.edu/career/cpe/becomecpe.html>.

If you know of any students that would serve well as a career resource to their peers by giving resume critiques and workshops, performing Career Center outreach, and developing their own career readiness, please encourage them to check out this wonderful opportunity! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michelle Ganio at [ganio@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:ganio@mailbox.sc.edu).

## Mosaic Symposium

Register NOW to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual M.O.S.A.I.C. Symposium, a one-day conference with the goal of promoting diversity in international learning. The symposium is open to all USC students, and students who are typically underrepresented in International Education are especially encouraged to participate. Typically underrepresented students include, but are not limited to, the following groups: African American students, Hispanic American students, as well as first-generation students (those whose parents have not obtained a college degree).

Students who attend the M.O.S.A.I.C. Symposium will have the opportunity to:

- be a part of engaging discussions about developing and expanding global competencies both here and abroad
- learn how international competencies can help prepare you for the workplace and give you an advantage over the competition
- participate in breakout sessions lead by USC faculty and staff
- Network with students, staff and faculty from various academic and administrative areas
- hear from study abroad returnees and international students, as well as the keynote speaker, Dr. Randal Pinkett, winner of The Apprentice and author of Black Faces in White Places, No-Money Down CEO and Campus CEO

Visit [www.studyabroad.sc.edu/mosaic](http://www.studyabroad.sc.edu/mosaic) for more information and to register. The Early Bird registration deadline is February 17th, so don't delay! If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Hardison at [hardisor@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:hardisor@mailbox.sc.edu) for details!

## Student Leader Spotlight of the Month

### Corey Stevens

Intramural Employee

Year: Junior

Major: Sport and Entertainment Management major

**Nominated for:** Corey was selected to officiate at the 2011 American Collegiate Intramural Sports (ACIS) Flag Football National Championships. Corey was one of 44 officials selected from across the nation.

**What Corey Learned:** It was a great opportunity to experience games at such an advanced level and ref with other high quality officials. I am able to take the information and experience back to campus to help our officials. I definitely felt a sense of pride coming from the University of South Carolina; in fact, I was the only official from our state. The experience at this tournament has challenged me to try and make the national basketball tournament, as well as come back to this next year.

## Leadership & Employment

### It's more than just a paycheck...

Student Employment Leadership Development Initiative is for student employees to value their position as more than just a paycheck. There are solid and useful transferrable skills that all student employees gain from whatever their employment experience. Let us help you learn how to frame your experience and maximize your potential so that it is most beneficial for you!

Please visit the website and provide your contact information for more information, <http://www.sa.sc.edu/leaders/student-employee-leadership-development/>

If you are a student employee (on or off campus) and are interested in providing feedback on this initiative, please e-mail me ([Chawes@sc.edu](mailto:Chawes@sc.edu))! We will be holding focus groups in the couple of weeks with free food!

### Part-Time Leadership Coordinator Position Available for Leadership Columbia

Please see the attached document for more information!!! Deadline can be extended until February 17, 2012

Reporting to the Columbia Chamber's Vice President of Leadership Development and Communications Director, the part-time Leadership Development & Communications Coordinator (LDCC) will serve as a shared resource between two departments through two primary roles:

- Program: Serve as staff support for the Leadership Columbia program, including monthly learning sessions, monthly alumni luncheons and two monthly board meetings.
- Communications: Serve as staff support for the Chamber and Leadership Columbia online presence, including Web site writing/editing, blog writing, social media account management and media release writing. This position will also assist with print and electronic newsletter designing and editing.

# Reminders

## Alternative Spring Breaks

Thinking about spring break?? Not sure what to do?! Come learn about the Alternative Spring Breaks that Community Service Programs are sponsoring to Washington DC, Nashville, TN, New Orleans, LA, and Palm Beach Co., FL!! Informational meetings will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 and Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 6:00-7:00pm in the Russell House, Room 203. Registration for ASB will be Friday, February 10, 2012 at 7:30am in the Campus Life Center (RH 227) and will be first come, first serve.

Please see <http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/alternative-break-trips/> for additional information!

## Serve Carolina Workshop

The Serve Carolina Workshop is a spring one-day retreat that provides resources, training, and support for 35 current and aspiring student leaders within the USC community, that value community service. Not only will there be a few keynote speakers, but Community Service Interns and Carolina Service Council Executive Officers serve as key facilitators for their peers. This training workshop allows students the opportunity to network, collaborate, and utilize the resources of the Community Service Programs office to further the mission and goals of their organization. The training workshop is held on campus in the Russell House Ballroom. The morning consists of workshops on the nuts and bolts of how to plan and publicize a quality service project, including focusing on volunteer training, reflection, and evaluation. After lunch, volunteers head into the community for an afternoon service project. For additional information, contact Community Service Programs at (803) 777-7130.

## APPLY for a Magellan Scholar award for undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activities

ALL MAJORS DEADLINE: **Thursday, February 16, 2012** by 5pm

Are you working with a professor on a project (any project)? Do you have an idea for an interesting project or activity?

See examples of past projects at [www.sc.edu/our/magellan\\_cohort.shtml](http://www.sc.edu/our/magellan_cohort.shtml)

Each Magellan Scholar receives up to \$3,000 to help fund a project by submitting a description of the project. Selection is based on the project's educational and intellectual merit, the potential impact of the project, and the student's previous academic success (min GPA 3.3). Details in the guidebook at [www.sc.edu/our/magellan.shtml](http://www.sc.edu/our/magellan.shtml). This program is open to ALL USC campuses – ALL disciplines. More information can be found at [www.sc.edu/our/magellan.shtml](http://www.sc.edu/our/magellan.shtml). Questions should be directed to 803-777-1141 or [OUR@sc.edu](mailto:OUR@sc.edu).

## Annual Diversity Retreat

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs is proud to announce that applications are now being accepted for our annual Diversity Retreat. The Diversity Retreat is a dynamic experience open to all students at the University of South Carolina to go away for a weekend and begin to learn in a fun, engaging and active manner all about themselves and how to be more effective living and leading in our society! This year's theme is Making Change a Reality, which will culminate in the development and implementation of action plans. The retreat takes place on March the 16th – 18th and is a free opportunity for students. All meals, transportation and housing is included. Applications are available here: [goo.gl/24Slr](http://goo.gl/24Slr) and will be competitive so be sure to apply early! The due date for these is February 17<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found here: [goo.gl/k5ppi](http://goo.gl/k5ppi) Any questions can be sent to Gavin Weiser; Assistant Director of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs at [weiser@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:weiser@mailbox.sc.edu) or he can be reached via telephone at 803-777-7716. We are also looking for retreat facilitators. If you are interested in becoming one of our fine facilitators, please follow this link: [goo.gl/aA3pg](http://goo.gl/aA3pg)

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