

THE GARNET GRADUATE

The Graduate Student Association Newsletter

of the

University of South Carolina

Happy New Year

Happy New Year Carolina Graduate Student! I trust your year is off to a great start. If you are like most people, you probably have made at least one resolution to kick-off 2012, and I hope that as we roll into the second week of this new year, you continue to remain faithful to your goal.

If you have not made a resolution, I ask you consider making one beginning next Monday, January 16th on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Perhaps the most important role we have as Carolina students is to serve others in our community and around the world. Dr. King once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'" As we remember and honor his legacy, I ask you to make a new resolution for 2012—serve others more.

You can start your resolution off right by joining other USC students next Monday for this special day of service. I look forward to hearing about how the USC Graduate Student Body impacts the community not only next Monday, but throughout the entire new year!

Best Wishes,
Andrew Dorsey
GSA President

Upcoming Events

❖ **Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service**

On **Monday, January 16th from 9:30-3:30 PM**, thousands of people around the country will commit to a day of service to honor Dr. King's legacy. The University of South Carolina partners with local organizations to provide USC students an opportunity to serve. Where will you serve?

For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/mlk/>



❖ **Carolina Day at the State House**

On **Wednesday, February 8th**, the Carolina Action Network will host Carolina Day at the South Carolina State House. This is a great opportunity for you to interact with state legislators and show your support for higher education. Mark your calendar.

For more information, visit www.mycarolina.org/advocacy

❖ **Graduate Student Appreciation Week**

Mark your calendars **April 2nd -6th** for Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week. The GSA is planning some very exciting activities and special events for all USC Graduate Students and their families. The week will culminate on Friday, April 6th when the Graduate School will host Graduate Student Day in the Russell House. More details to come!



**Graduate Student
Association**

Your Advocates at Carolina

Graduate Student Finance Committee

The Graduate Student Association calls for students to serve on the 2012 Graduate Student Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is responsible for allocating thousands of dollars to all registered graduate student organizations. The Committee will meet during the months of February and March to consider funding requests from organizations.

Eligible members for this committee include all USC graduate students (both distance-based students and Columbia campus students) and USC law school students.



This is a great opportunity to get involved at USC. If you are interested in serving during the spring 2012 semester, please send your contact information (name, email address, phone number, and program of study) to sogsa@mailbox.sc.edu by **January 20, 2012**.

GSA Meeting

The GSA will hold its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, January 17th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Campus Life Center Conference Room, Russell House 227**. All graduate and professional students are encouraged to attend. There will be an opportunity for graduate students to share your concerns during the public forum portion of the meeting.



Intramural Sports

Is your graduate student organization ready for some fun?!? Then consider signing your organization up for intramural sports with USC's Campus Recreation. There are number of sports leagues and tournaments ranging from dodge ball, corn hole, and bowling.

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For more information, visit the Campus Recreation website at <http://campusrec.sc.edu/intramurals/>

Board of Trustees recognizes GSA work

On November 16, 2011, GSA President Andrew Dorsey presented a report and resolution to the USC Board of Trustees which outlined the GSA's mission and goals. The Board's Student-Trustee Liaison Committee approved the resolution and the full board unanimously passed it at their December meeting. The passage of this resolution resolves issues concerning graduate student organizations and formally includes law school students in the GSA.

To read the minutes, please visit http://trustees.sc.edu/minutes/comm-min/STL_111611.pdf

Your Advocates at Carolina



The mission of the GSA is to serve as the advocate for graduate and professional students at the University of South Carolina. Graduate students often contact us to assist them with matters ranging from student health insurance to parking. Is there something we can help you with? If so, please do not hesitate to contact us at sogsa@mailbox.sc.edu. Individuals on the GSA Leadership Team are experts in graduate student related matters. We always consider it an honor to serve you!

Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) Upcoming Events

Listed below are some outstanding seminars sponsored by the USC Center for Teaching Excellence. Teaching Assistants may find these seminars very useful. To register, please follow the link under the desired event(s). **For more information, please visit:** www.sc.edu/cte



Teaching Assistant Workshop: Acting Principles for TAs

Peter Duffy, Assistant Professor, Department of Theatre and Dance

Thursday, January 19, 2012, 2:00–3:30p.m.

Graniteville Room, Thomas Cooper Library, Mezzanine Level

For more information and to register for this event visit <http://cte.sc.edu/S12/Acting/>

Strategies for Accommodating Common Student Disabilities

Karen Pettus, Director, Office of Student Disability Services

Monday, January 23, 2012, 3:35-4:25p.m.

Center for Teaching Excellence, Thomas Cooper Library, Room L511

For more information and to register for this event visit <http://cte.sc.edu/S12/Disabilities/>

Engaging Students with Difficult Content Online: A Successful Case Study

Joan Culley, Associate Professor, College of Nursing

Vera Polyakova-Norwood, Director of Online Learning, College of Nursing

Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 11:00a.m.-12:15p.m.

Center for Teaching Excellence, Thomas Cooper Library, Room L511

For more information and to register for this event visit <http://cte.sc.edu/S12/Difficult/>

Crisis in the Classroom

Christopher Wuchenich, Director of Law Enforcement and Safety, University of South Carolina

T.J. Geary, Captain of Field Services, University of South Carolina

Alisa Cooney-Liggett, Director of Student Conduct

Thursday, January 26, 2012, 3:00-5:00p.m.

Center for Teaching Excellence, Thomas Cooper Library, Room L511

For more information and to register for this event visit <http://cte.sc.edu/S12/Crisis/>

MLK JR.
DAY OF SERVICE

LIFE'S MOST PERSISTENT AND URGENT QUESTION IS
WHAT YOU ARE DOING FOR OTHERS?
 -DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

JANUARY 16, 2012 | 9:30AM - 3PM
JANUARY 20, 2012 | 1PM - 4PM
JANUARY 21, 2012 | 9:30AM - 3PM

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