

THE GARNET GRADUATE

The Graduate Student Association Newsletter

of the

University of South Carolina

'Tis the Season

The end of the semester can be both a time of happiness and dread for graduate students. Although the holidays are right around the corner, there are final projects and exams hanging over our head. I encourage you keep pressing on and remember the words of Winston Churchill, "Never give in. Never. Never. Never. Never."

This has been a wonderful semester for the GSA. So many things have been accomplished thanks to a wonderful student leadership team and the support of our university administrators! I am thankful for everyone's diligent work and service to Carolina.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year!

Sincerely,

Andrew Dorsey

GSA President

Upcoming Events

❖ **USC Tree Lighting Ceremony**

On **Thursday, December 1st at 6:00 PM** on the university will celebrate the *57th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony* on the Historic Horseshoe. Come join the USC community- listen to the carolers, sip hot cider and enjoy the beautiful festivities. All are welcome!

❖ **Doctoral Hooding Ceremony**

On **Monday, December 12th at 1:30 PM** the Graduate School will recognize December doctoral graduates during the December Doctoral Hooding Ceremony at the Koger Center for the Arts.

For more information about the ceremony, visit <http://gradschool.sc.edu/current/commencementhooding.asp>

❖ **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. More details to come!

For more information, visit

www.mycarolina.org/advocacy



Special Election Announcement

GSA Vice President

The GSA announces a special election to be held on **Thursday, January 15, 2011**, on Blackboard for the office of GSA Vice President. Candidates must submit a completed candidacy form on or before **December 15th at 4:30 PM** to the Campus Life Center, Russell House 227. The term for this office will run from January 16, 2012 to April 15, 2012. Candidates must be in good academic and good disciplinary standing with the University of South Carolina. Eligible candidates for this office include all USC graduate students (both distance-based students and Columbia campus students) and USC law school students.

The Vice President serves in the place of the President as necessary and operates that office should it become vacant. The Vice President also assists in the coordination of GSA programs and manages the Graduate Student Orientation. The Vice President oversees the administrative aspects of the GSA.

If you are interested in running for this office, please download the Officer Candidacy Form at <http://www.sa.sc.edu/sg/organization/>. For more information, please contact us at sogsa@mailbox.sc.edu.



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What do I get from PFF?

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- **Better preparation** through experience and reflection for all aspects of a faculty career including teaching, research and service

What do I do for PFF?

- **Consider what you're doing anyway** as part of your graduate program – teaching, research, service. Compare those activities to the PFF checklist.
- **Pursue opportunities** to round-out your experiences based on the PFF checklist.
- **Reflect** on activities and submit written reflections.

Download a PFF application and you can begin documenting your points for the PFF credential today!

<http://www.sc.edu/cte/pff/index.shtml>

Sign-up and finish at any time. The Graduate School and Center for Teaching Excellence co-sponsor the PFF program at USC and award the PFF credential each year at Graduate Student Day in April.

Questions?

Email ruthp@sc.edu in the Center for Teaching Excellence.

Meet Tyler Elmendorf, GSA Vice President

Tyler H. Elmendorf is the current Vice President of the University of South Carolina Graduate Student Association. A native of Greenville, South Carolina, Tyler received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and Experimental Psychology from the University of South Carolina in 2007. Tyler also holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from USC. In December, Tyler will receive a master's degree in Human Resources from the Darla Moore School of Business. During his time in graduate school, Tyler has served as Treasurer of the MPA Student Association, the Benefits/Stipends Chair of the Executive Committee of the Graduate Student Association, and as a member of the Graduate Finance Committee. Tyler is a student tutor and mentor for the USC athletic program.

If you are interested in running for GSA Vice President and would like to know what it entails, contact Tyler Elmendorf at elmendorf@email.sc.edu.

Congratulations Tyler on your graduation and thank you for your service to USC!

Job Opportunity

Preston Residential College Resident Tutor for SPRING 2012


Job Description

Preston Residential College is seeking talented and engaging full-time graduate students to serve as resident tutors. The Resident Tutors (RTs) live in Preston and serve as academic resources and mentors for undergraduate students. The RTs report to the Faculty Principal and work closely with the Residential Hall Director, the peer coordinators, and the faculty associates in building a strong, diverse, and stimulating living and learning community. The RTs are expected to promote academic success among students by assisting with course work and by connecting residents to campus resources, such as the Office of Undergraduate Research, ACE & the Student Success Center, the Office of Student Engagement, and the Career Center. RTs are required to attend training sessions offered by the Housing Office and by ACE (Academic Centers for Excellence). RTs are expected to work 10 hours per week in their assistantship. RTs may hold a graduate assistantship in their department of study or similar employment in their discipline if approved by their academic advisor and the Faculty Principal.

Please submit résumé and cover letter with three professional or academic references to Dr. Bobby Donaldson (bdonaldson@sc.edu). Logistical questions may be directed to Erin Wilson at wilsonen@mailbox.sc.edu.

Congratulations To Our December Graduates!





Carolina Service Council & Community Service Programs
Cordially Invites You To Help Families Of Columbia Through Our
CAROLINA CARES

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE

November 1 - December 1
Fill A Stocking

Bring the spirit of giving back to a child in Columbia this year

Adopt A Family

Fulfill a family's wish list through the Nurturing Center


Holiday Mail For Heroes

Send holiday wishes to our veterans and service members


Light The Tree

Celebrate the spirit of service at USC's
57th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
December 1, 2011 at 6p.m.


Stockings & Wish Lists Available at the Campus Life Center,
Russell House Suite 227




For further information see,
www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice



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