Visit a Friday Class at Carolina!
These professors have opened their classes today for you to visit! Make sure to arrive early, and please sit near the back.

8:30-9:20 a.m.
- University 101, section C01, Capstone Keystone Room
- University 101, section S12, South Quad 168

9:40-10:30 a.m.
- Principles of Fashion Merchandising (RETL 268), Carolina Coliseum 3020D
- University 101, section C02, Capstone Keystone Room
- University 101, section 11, East Quad 200A
- Oceans and Society (MSCI 210), Booker T. Washington 201
- The Ocean Environment (MSCI 101), Public Health Research Center 114

10:50-11:40 a.m.
- Environmental Pollution and Health (ENHS/ENVR 321), Green Quad Learning Center 102
- Introductory Sociology (SOCY 101), Sloan 112
- Principles of Fashion Merchandising (RETL 268), Carolina Coliseum 3020D
- University 101, section C04, Capstone Keystone Room

Noon-12:50 p.m.
- University 101, section 20, Capstone Keystone Room
- University 101, section H01, Honors Residence Hall B110
- University 101, section 198, Patterson Hall 104
- University 101, section S11, Columbia Hall 107
- Earth Resources (GEOL 205), Close-Hipp 008

1:10-2 p.m.
- University 101, section 35, Sims Hall 118
- University 101, section 31, Patterson Hall 103
- University 101, section 250, Sims Hall 119
- Introduction to the Earth (GEOL 101), Jones 210

2:20-3:10 p.m.
- Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament) (RELG 301/HIST 492), Humanities Classroom Building 402

3:30-4:20 p.m.
- Cultural Geology (GEOL 110), Booker T. Washington 201

7-7:45 a.m.
Yogalates
Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, Room 127
A Yogalates session focuses on muscle strength, balance, body alignment, stabilization and flexibility using a hybrid of yoga and Pilates exercises. Equipment such as blocks, resistance bands, weights, fit balls and foam rollers also may be utilized to further enhance strength and balance. Your student must be a current Group X pass-holder, and parents will need to sign a waiver of liability and show your Parents Weekend nametag before participating. Sponsored by Campus Recreation

7-8 a.m.
BODYPUMP™
Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, Room 125
The Les Mills BODYPUMP™ is a barbell-based workout that strengthens your entire body. This class challenges all major muscle groups by using the best weight room exercises like squats, presses, lifts and curls. Great music, awesome instructors and your choice of weight inspire you to get the results you came for and fast! Your student must be a current Group X pass-holder, and parents will need to sign a waiver of liability and show your Parents Weekend nametag before participating. Sponsored by Campus Recreation
**8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Heard at Every Turn: Traditional Music in South Carolina**  
**McKissick Museum, 2nd Floor, South Gallery**  
This exhibit features the many cultural groups that brought music traditions with them to South Carolina, how these traditions evolved since their introduction and what they sound like today. Exploring the role that music plays in South Carolina today, the exhibit examines the foundations of its various music traditions—from Gullah and old-time country to spirituals, gospel, Norteño music and bluegrass—tracking the individuals who passed these traditions on, the instruments they used and the new generations of musicians who are carrying music of the Palmetto State into the future.  
*Sponsored by McKissick Museum, College of Arts and Sciences*

**8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**iCARE Center for Free Technological Support Drop-In**  
1244 Blossom Street  
Drop in and watch employees at the iCARE Center provide free hands-on assistance to students who have issues with their technical equipment. Technicians in the iCARE Center can assist with virus removal, software installation, hardware installation and more. Current students should never pay for technology assistance without stopping by the iCARE Center first.  
*Sponsored by University Technology Services*

**8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**McKissick Museum: Invitation to Explore**  
**McKissick Museum, 1st Floor Gallery**  
Just as programs at the university require many people to ensure successful experiences for participants, museums have a number of individuals who work behind the scenes. Every exhibit at McKissick is the shared product of many people who largely do their work anonymously—but this exhibit is different. In addition to presenting the varied parts of the museum’s collection, these cases introduce the permanent staff, revealing a little bit about why they do what they do. The exhibit includes some of the staff’s favorite artifacts, some never before exhibited, from the museum’s collections of Southern stoneware, sweetgrass baskets, gems and minerals, university history artifacts, political memorabilia, fine art, Baruch silver, textiles, art glass and Folk Heritage Award winner items.  
*Sponsored by McKissick Museum, College of Arts and Sciences*

**8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Natural Curiosity: The University of South Carolina and the Evolution of Scientific Inquiry in the Natural World**  
**McKissick Museum, 3rd Floor**  
Humans possess a fascination with the natural world around them. From the 32,000-year-old cave paintings of horses in France to the giraffe stickers today’s children paste into their activity books, we can see that humans are eager to see, touch, collect and understand nature. “Natural Curiosity” explores this curiosity about nature by asking questions about why we collect natural specimens and artifacts, how we display them and what they tell us about our relationship with and obligations to the natural world. Through an examination of approaches to building and maintaining the natural science collections at the University of South Carolina, this exhibit also offers a glimpse of the impressive array of specimens collected and displayed over the past 200 years for the purposes of education, research and entertainment.  
*Sponsored by McKissick Museum, College of Arts and Sciences*

**9-10:15 a.m.**  
**Guided Tour of the South Caroliniana Library and Horseshoe**  
**South Caroliniana Library, Horseshoe**  
Take a guided tour of the South Caroliniana Library, the nation’s oldest freestanding college library. Built in 1840, the library holds special collections related to the history of South Carolina and USC. The tour will include some of the exciting historical highlights of student life on the Horseshoe over the past two centuries.  
*Sponsored by the South Caroliniana Library*

**10 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
**My Carolina Alumni Association Ring Week**  
**Russell House, First Floor Desk (beside the Grand Marketplace)**  
Stop by to learn about the Official University of South Carolina Ring tradition.  
*Sponsored by My Carolina Alumni Association*

**9-10:15 a.m.**  
**Parents Weekend Check-In**  
**Russell House Ballroom**  
All registered Parents Weekend participants should check in to pick up their materials, including the Guide to Parents Weekend, schedule of events, nametags, tickets and other goodies!  
*Sponsored by the Office of Parents Programs*

**10 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Parent Resource Fair**  
**Russell House Ballroom**  
While you’re checking in for Parents Weekend, visit with representatives from the University Bookstore at the Russell House, CarolinaCard, Carolina Dining, Fire Safety, Parking Services, Law Enforcement and Safety, Student Health Services, Student Life and University Housing. Registered for the Parents Weekend 5K? Pick up your race packet!  
*Sponsored by the Office of Parents Programs*

**10 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Student Athletic Ticketing Help Desk**  
**Russell House, Golden Key Room (309)**  
Stop by and speak with staff from Student Athletic Ticketing to learn more about getting student tickets for athletic events.  
*Sponsored by the Student Athletic Ticketing Office*
**11 a.m.-Noon**

**Behind-the-Scenes Tour of McKissick Museum**
**McKissick Museum, 2nd floor**

Come explore the rarely seen treasures in the McKissick Museum’s massive collection. With more than 100,000 gem and mineral specimens, sweetgrass baskets, Edgefield pottery and even the first Cocks uniform, McKissick has something for everyone! *Sponsored by McKissick Museum, College of Arts and Sciences*

**Noon-4 p.m.**

**My Carolina Alumni Association Parent Welcome Reception**
**Alumni Center, 900 Senate Street**

Stop by and see the new state-of-the-art Alumni Center while you are in town! My Carolina Alumni Association will have refreshments available, and staff will offer tours of the new facility at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. *Sponsored by My Carolina Alumni Association*

**11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**Pep Rally**
**Greene Street in Front of the Russell House**

Catch the Gamecock spirit as Carolina takes on the Central Florida Golden Knights! Join Mic Man, the cheerleaders, the pep band and other special guests for this exciting event. You are sure to get excited for Saturday’s game at this pep rally that will include giveaways! *Sponsored by Student Government and Gamecock Athletics*

**11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

**Southern Cookout at the Top**
**Top of Carolina, Capstone House**

Enjoy a traditional Southern cookout at the Top of Carolina, South Carolina's only revolving restaurant, with a 360-degree view of the metropolitan Columbia area and the University of South Carolina campus. The cost is $12.95 per person (plus tax). Advance reservations are required. You can make a reservation at tinyurl.com/TopofCarolina. When you arrive at Capstone, take the elevator to the 18th floor. *Sponsored by Carolina Dining*

**11:30 a.m.**

**College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management Bistro Lunch with the Dean**
**McCutchen House, Horseshoe**

Families of students who are in the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management (HRSM) are invited to a special lunch with the dean and other faculty at the McCutchen House! You must have registered in advance. The cost is $10 for family members and $5 for your HRSM student. *Sponsored by the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management*

**11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

**Bistro Lunch at the McCutchen House**
**McCutchen House, Horseshoe**

Operated by the School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management, students prepare and serve lunch under the close supervision of the director and professional chefs. Enjoy this delicious meal with your family for just $10 per person. To make reservations, call 803-777-4450. *Sponsored by the McCutchen House*

**1:15-1 p.m.**

**HIIT Fit**
**Blatt P.E. Center**

If you are looking for a traditional interval/tabatta style workout, look no further! HIIT Fit is high intensity interval training at its finest. Classes may vary in structure based on the instructor, but you can expect to spike your heart rate and improve your cardiovascular fitness. Classes may utilize bodyweight movement, dumbbells, steps, resistance bands, glide discs, medicine balls or body bars. Your student must be a current Group X pass-holder, and parents will need to sign a waiver of liability and show your Parents Weekend nametag before participating. *Sponsored by Campus Recreation*

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**1-1:45 p.m.**

**Emerging Issues Regarding Alcohol and Drug Trends on College Campuses**
**Russell House, Room 205**

This workshop will explore emerging trends and issues related to high-risk drinking, marijuana use and prescription drug abuse on college campuses. Current national, state and USC data will be presented. Additionally, this presentation will provide strategies for communicating with your student about difficult issues and supporting him or her in making responsible decisions as a Carolinian. Resources to help you encourage your student to engage in healthy, low-risk behaviors also will be provided. *Sponsored by the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention and Education and the Office of Student Conduct*

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1-1:45 p.m.
Help! My Student is Stressed.
Russell House, Room 305
Join Student Health Services’ Counseling & Psychiatry staff to learn how to identify signs of anxiety, depression and distress and the various resources on campus for dealing with these issues. Risk factors and skills training will be briefly covered, and parents also will have a chance to ask questions about mental health topics. Sponsored by Counseling and Psychiatric Services

1-1:45 p.m.
Meet with First Lady Patricia Moore-Pastides to Discuss Diet, Exercise and Wellness on Campus
Russell House, Room 303
Join Patricia Moore-Pastides, the First Lady of the University of South Carolina, as she shares her passion for healthy cooking during this informative and interactive session. Ms. Moore-Pastides is the author of Greek Revival (University of South Carolina Press, hardcover, $34.95) and Greek Revival from the Garden (University of South Carolina Press, hardcover, $27.95), which focus on the time-tested Mediterranean diet and simple, delicious cooking. Her books present all new recipes focused on bringing the bounty of the garden to the table in easy and accessible ways. The First Lady will provide samples of one of her recipes and sign copies of her books after her presentation. You don’t want to miss this exciting and exclusive opportunity! Sponsored by the University of South Carolina Office of Special Events

1-1:45 p.m.
Study Abroad: See the World!
Russell House, OAK Room (315)
This informal session will provide information about the study-, intern-, volunteer- and research-abroad opportunities available to USC students as well as answer questions about credit, financial aid, scholarships and safety abroad. Also, families are encouraged to stop by the Study Abroad Office, located in the Close-Hipp Building, suite 453 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sponsored by the Study Abroad Office

1-1:45 p.m.
University 101: Parent Edition
Russell House, Room 203
More than 80 percent of first-year students at USC participate in the nationally-recognized first-year seminar, University 101. To provide insight into University 101, this parents-only session of UNIV 101 will engage you in a classroom experience similar to what your student experiences! Come see how University 101 helps students successfully transition to the university and achieve personal and academic success in their first-year of college. Sponsored by University 101 Programs

1-4 p.m.
Meet the Career Coaches
Career Center, Thomas Cooper Library, Level 5
Visit the Career Center and meet the career development coaches while enjoying coffee, cookies and conversation about career opportunities. Drop by to learn how the Career Center can positively impact your student’s experience at Carolina. Sponsored by the Career Center

2-2:45 p.m.
Assisting Your Student During Academic Challenges
Russell House, Room 303
Do you want to help your student achieve academic excellence? We thought so! This session will assist parents in identifying signs of academic difficulty for students. Parents will walk away with knowledge of academic support programs at USC. Sponsored by the Student Success Center

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2-2:45 p.m.
Preparing Your Sophomore Student for Success
Russell House, Room 203
Ever heard of the sophomore slump? Families who have students in their second academic year at UofSC should attend this session to learn about opportunities and pitfalls that students may face in their second year. Attendees will learn about campus resources that can help sophomore students and what questions they can ask to help their students navigate the sophomore year successfully. Sponsored by the Student Success Center

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Undergraduate Research: How to Get Involved and Why It’s Important
Russell House, Room 305
Come hear about the benefits of students engaging in undergraduate research! The Office of Undergraduate Research will share information about the office and its services, and a panel of student researchers will share their experiences. Research is a great opportunity for students of all years and all majors. Attend this session to find out how your student can get involved. Sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Research

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2-3:30 p.m.
Open House for the School of the Earth, Ocean and Environment
Jones Physical Science Building, Room 108
Families of students majoring in environmental science or studies, marine science and geology are invited to mingle with the faculty and staff of the department and tour the laboratory facilities. Sponsored by the School of the Earth, Ocean and Environment

3-3:45 p.m.
Getting the Most Out of USC: How Student Involvement Complements the Classroom
Russell House, Leadership and Service Center
Beyond the classroom experiences are key to a successful college experience. The Leadership and Service Center offers a multitude of ways for students to start their involvement journey. The LSC staff can help students get involved, connect with the university and understand what it means to be a Carolinian. Come learn more about how we help students think about their involvement and how it plays into their future goals while getting the most out of USC. Sponsored by the Leadership and Service Center

2-5 p.m.
Leadership and Service Center Open House
Russell House, Leadership and Service Center
Visit the newly-opened Leadership and Service Center! This innovative space offers your students a place to get involved, learn leadership skills, give back to the community, connect with leaders and so much more. Take some time to meet the staff, explore the space and learn how students can utilize the services to craft their own college experience and leave their mark at Carolina. Sponsored by the Leadership and Service Center

2:30-3:30 p.m.
Career Planning at the Moore School of Business
Darla Moore School of Business, Sonoco Pavilion
Interested in your business student’s future career prospects after graduation? Want to guarantee that your student will be fully prepared to “leave the nest” in four short years? Come learn about the exciting new career preparation initiatives facilitated by the Moore School’s Office of Career Management. Learn the secrets to what your student should be doing, as early as his or her freshman year, to begin to plan his or her successful career in the business world. Find out how you can assist with increasing your student’s level of engagement in the professional development opportunities that happen daily at the Moore School. Sponsored by the Darla Moore School of Business

3-3:45 p.m.
What’s the Big Deal About Sweet Tea?
Russell House, OAK Room (315)
Welcome y’all! Are you curious about the “famously hot” environment your out-of-state student now calls home? Join us for all things Southern as we introduce you to the South, USC culture and traditions and a taste of Southern cuisine! You also will be able to connect with other out-of-state families and learn about how the Student Success Center supports your out-of-state student so he or she can succeed academically and socially at the University of South Carolina. So y’all come join us for fun, free food and plenty of Southern hospitality! Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs

3-3:45 p.m.
Serving our Diverse Students
Russell House, Room 203
Parents and caregivers of college students often wonder how they can help their college student succeed. If your student also identifies as a minority or as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, you may have additional questions and concerns about this new home away from home. The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA) offers a comprehensive list of programs and support services that help students in their personal and academic development and also in their understanding of others and themselves. Come to this session to learn how we collectively support our diverse student populations and strengthen your connection to the university and your student! Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs

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3-4 p.m.
Mayberry or Mayhem? Public Memories of Guantanamo
McKissick Museum, 2nd floor
Are you interested in hearing about students' outside-the-classroom learning experiences? Carolina students, staff and faculty will talk about their spring break trip to the Guantanamo Joint Military Base (GTMO), Cuba. The discussion will explore how study-abroad opportunities can lead to transformative experiences. The goal of the panel is to encourage audience members to think about what public memory is, how it relates to GTMO and how public perceptions compare to the reality of living at Guantanamo Bay. Sponsored by McKissick Museum, College of Arts and Sciences

3-4 p.m.
Opportunities Abound in Public Health: A Drop-In
Public Health Research Center, 921 Assembly Street, Lower Lobby
Parents and students are invited to a reception to meet faculty and staff in the Arnold School of Public Health. Learn more about the undergraduate degrees in public health and exercise science. Sponsored by the Arnold School of Public Health

3-5 p.m.
Pre-Professional Advising Open House
Sumwalt College, Room 208
The Office of Pre-Professional Advising staff will be available to meet with students and parents who are interested in attending pre-med, pre-law, pre-veterinary or pre-dental programs. Enjoy refreshments and learn more about the opportunities and resources that the office has to offer. Sponsored by the Office of Pre-Professional Advising

3-5 p.m.
School of Journalism and Mass Communications Open House
School of Journalism and Mass Communications, 800 Sumter Street
Come experience the brand new, state-of-the-art home of the USC School of Journalism and Mass Communications. Tours of the new facility and refreshments will be available. The school has nearly doubled its space, adding broadcast and photo studios, campaign rooms, expanded computer labs and a greenhouse television studio. Sponsored by the School of Journalism and Mass Communications

3:30-4:30 p.m.
Capstone Scholars Program Reception
Capstone, Campus Room
Capstone Scholars and their families are invited to join Capstone Scholars faculty and staff members for a drop-in reception. Enjoy hors d’oeuvres while meeting other Capstone Scholars families and learning more about the initiatives your students will participate in on campus. Sponsored by the Capstone Scholars Program

3:30-5 p.m.
Jewish USC Drop-in Reception
Davis College, Room 216
All parents and students with links to the Jewish community or an interest in learning more about the community are invited to join the Jewish Faculty and Staff Council for a drop-in reception. Learn about opportunities to connect socially with the campus Jewish community, meet Jewish leaders on campus and learn about Hillel and other Jewish organizations on campus. Share a moment and a nosh (bite) during this season of Jewish holidays. Sponsored by the Jewish Faculty and Staff Council

3:30-5 p.m.
Top Scholars Reception
Harper College, Gressette Room
Parents and family members of Carolina Scholars, McNair Scholars, Horseshoe Scholars and Hamilton Scholars are invited to drop by for light refreshments and to meet the staff of the Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs and the Honors College. Sponsored by the Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs and the Honors College

3:30-5:30 p.m.
Commitment to Caring Ceremony and Reception
Williams-Brice Nursing Building, Auditorium (Room 231)
The College of Nursing invites junior nursing students and their families to join us for this annual event. The Commitment to Caring Ceremony is a special event honoring junior students who have been accepted into the upper division of the nursing program. It is a meaningful ceremony symbolizing the significance of this step in their journey to becoming a caring and compassionate nurse. Families also will have the opportunity to tour the Simulation Lab, which puts students in realistic hospital scenarios and allows them to practice patient care skills before working in the real world. Sponsored by the College of Nursing

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4-4:45 p.m.
College of Education Instruction and Teacher Education Drop-In
Wardlaw College, Room 110
The College of Education’s Instruction and Teacher Education Department invites current students, family members and alumni to meet faculty representatives from the programs within the department. This will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with College of Education faculty members and ask questions related to the programs. Sponsored by the College of Education

4-4:45 p.m.
Smart Money Management at USC
Russell House, Room 203
College poses new financial responsibilities and sometimes challenges. Financial stress can affect your student’s academics, so help your student keep that stress in check through smart money management. Learn how to help your student avoid financial pitfalls and learn all about free financial literacy resources to support your student’s financial success at USC. Sponsored by the Student Success Center

4-5 p.m.
School of Library and Information Science Drop-In
Davis College
The School of Library and Information Science invites parents and guardians of students in the library and information science degree program to meet faculty, staff and current students at this drop-in reception. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the School of Library and Information Science

4-5:30 p.m.
Retail Management and Fashion Merchandising Reception
McCutchen House Patio
Meet with the Department of Retailing faculty while sipping iced tea and enjoying wonderful treats at the historic McCutchen House. Learn about the internships and career placement opportunities, student groups and courses that make Carolina students extremely competitive in the marketplace. Sponsored by the Department of Retailing in the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management

4:30-5:30 p.m.
Engineering and Computing College Conversation
Swearingen Engineering Center, 1C01 Amoco Hall
Families of engineering and computing majors are invited to join Dr. Jed Lyons, associate dean, to discuss the new challenges each semester brings. Most families and students meet Dr. Lyons during summer orientation, but likely much has changed in the lives of the students since then. In this session, staff will discuss the academic life of engineering and computing students from freshman to senior year. Families will learn about resources, strategies and opportunities for student engagement and success. Join the College of Engineering and Computing for an informal and informative conversation. Sponsored by the College of Engineering and Computing

5:30-7 p.m.
President’s Welcome Reception
President’s House, Horseshoe
Stop by the President’s House between 5:30 and 7 p.m. to meet Carolina’s “first family,” Dr. Harris Pastides and Ms. Patricia Moore-Pastides, as they officially welcome you to Parents Weekend 2015! Visit the beautiful President’s House and gardens while enjoying a few hors d’oeuvres at this drop-in reception. Make sure to wear your Parents Weekend nametag! Sponsored by the Office of Parents Programs

6 p.m.
Tomorrowland
Russell House Theater
Enjoy this free movie with your family! This adventure film tells the story of a teen and a former boy-genius inventor who embark on a mission to unearth the secrets of a place somewhere in time. Students should show their CarolinaCard. Sponsored by Carolina Productions

7 p.m.
Men’s Soccer vs. New Mexico
Eugene E. Stone Stadium
Show your support for the men’s soccer team as they battle the New Mexico Lobos! Show your Parents Weekend nametag and receive $1 admission. Carolina students are admitted free with their CarolinaCard.
7 p.m.
Women’s Volleyball vs. Kentucky
Volleyball Competition Facility, 1051 Blossom Street
Watch as the Gamecock women's volleyball team faces the Kentucky Wildcats! Show your Parents Weekend nametag and receive $1 admission. Carolina students are admitted free with their CarolinaCard.

8-11 p.m.
Carolina Beach Bash
Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, Pool House Entrance on Park Street
Experience a Southern beach party poolside while enjoying great food and music! Dine on delicious Southern foods like shrimp and grits, pecan-crusted chicken, brisket sliders, banana pudding, pecan pie and much more! Bring your dancing shoes for one of South Carolina’s most enjoyable traditions – beach music. Play a game of corn hole with your family. Take a photo with your family in the photo booth. Visit with our beloved mascot Cocky. Get ready for a fun Friday night Parents Weekend tradition! Make sure to wear your Parents Weekend nametag as it is required to enter the event (and bring your wristband, if applicable). Enter the party at the white tent near the Strom's pool house gate located on Park Street. This event is subject to change based on weather conditions. Sponsored by the Office of Parents Programs

9 p.m.
Entourage
Russell House Theater
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Midnight
The Avengers
Russell House Theater
Come enjoy the final Friday night midnight movie of the semester – The Avengers! This film is based on the Marvel Comics superhero team of the same name and is full of action and adventure. Students should show their CarolinaCard. Sponsored by Carolina After Dark

Saturday, Sept. 26

7:30 a.m. (rain or shine)
Parents Weekend 5K
Solomon Blatt PE Center, Wheat Street
Run or walk the 5K course for fun with your family! Pre-registered participants can pick up their packets on Friday at Parents Weekend check-in or from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Carolina Beach Bash. On-site registration begins on Saturday at 6:30 a.m. and ends at 7 a.m. Pre-registered participants who cross the finish line are guaranteed a Parents Weekend 5K t-shirt. Dress for a hot, humid South Carolina day! Sponsored by Campus Recreation and the Office of Parents Programs

8 a.m.
Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ) Tailgate
South Carolina State Fairgrounds
Join Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ) for a tailgate at the State Fairgrounds! Cru is a Christian collegiate ministry passionate about connecting students to God and helping them grow in their faith. Food will be provided at the tailgate, so come join in on the fun! For a specific location, visit www.carolinacru.com. Sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ

9:30-11:30 a.m.
Parents Weekend Tailgate Party
Old Football Practice Field, National Guard and Bluff Roads
Get excited for the football game against Central Florida at this traditional, Southern tailgate party! Visit with Cocky, Cocky’s parents and the cheerleaders, and listen to live music from The Reggie Sullivan Band and the Carolina Marching Band! Enjoy tailgate food like barbecue, hot dogs, chicken fingers and more! Plenty of food and drinks will be available. Please refer to the Football Fan Guide for gameday and parking information, or take the shuttle to the game. (Walking directions from the shuttle drop-off point to the Tailgate Party are located in the Guide to Parents Weekend, which you will receive at check-in. Please keep in mind that the walk from the shuttle drop-off to the Tailgate Party is approximately 1.1 miles.) Make sure to bring your Parents Weekend nametag (and wristbands, if applicable) and football game tickets! All guests, including Carolina students, must have their Parents Weekend nametag to enter the Tailgate Party. Please note that individual tickets to this event are not available as this event is exclusive to the Parents Weekend package. This event is subject to change based on weather conditions. Sponsored by the Office of Parents Programs
10-11 a.m.
**Vinyasa Yoga**
Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, Room 127
Vinyasa yoga is an energizing class that cultivates heat, endurance, flexibility, strength and awareness. One dynamic pose flows to the next by synchronizing movement with breath. Stretches, poses and breathing exercises build energy, boost metabolism, stimulate circulation and restore overall vitality while improving posture, strengthening muscles and reducing stress and tension. You'll always end this class with a deep relaxation period. Vinyasa Yoga has an extended time spent in savasana. Your student must be a current Group X pass-holder, and parents will need to sign a waiver of liability and show your Parents Weekend nametag before participating. *Sponsored by Campus Recreation*

11 a.m.-Noon
**Tour of McKissick Museum’s Exhibitions**
McKissick Museum, 2nd Floor Lobby
Enjoy a curator-led tour of the museum’s exhibitions, “Heard at Every Turn: Traditional Music in South Carolina,” “The Guantanamo Public Memory Project” and “Natural Curiosity: The University of South Carolina and the Evolution of Scientific Inquiry in the Natural World.” *Sponsored by McKissick Museum, College of Arts and Sciences*

11 a.m.-3 p.m.
**Heard at Every Turn: Traditional Music in South Carolina**
McKissick Museum, 2nd Floor, South Gallery
This exhibit features the many cultural groups that brought music traditions with them to South Carolina, how these traditions evolved since their introduction and what they sound like today. Exploring the role that music plays in South Carolina today, the exhibit examines the foundations of its various music traditions—from Gullah and old-time country to spirituals, gospel, Norteño music and bluegrass—tracking the individuals who passed these traditions on, the instruments they used and the new generations of musicians that are carrying music of the Palmetto State into the future. *Sponsored by McKissick Museum, College of Arts and Sciences*

11 a.m.-Noon
**BODYPUMP™**
Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, Room 125
The Les Mills BODYPUMP™ is a barbell-based workout that strengthens your entire body. This class challenges all major muscle groups by using the best weight room exercises like squats, presses, lifts and curls. Great music, awesome instructors and your choice of weight inspire you to get the results you came for and fast! Your student must be a current Group X pass-holder, and parents will need to sign a waiver of liability and show your Parents Weekend nametag before participating. *Sponsored by Campus Recreation*

10 a.m.-2 p.m.
**Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections**
Ernest F. Hollings Library, Thomas Cooper Library
Stop by the Ernest F. Hollings Library to view the Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections. The exhibit in the gallery is “Defining Botany: the Culture and Science of Plants.” There will be a gallery talk at noon by Dr. Mary Ellen Bellanca, Department of English, USC Sumter, on Jane Loudon (1807-1858), the author of many popular 19th century horticultural works. *Sponsored by University Libraries*

10 a.m.-2 p.m.
**South Carolina Political Collections**
Ernest F. Hollings Library, Thomas Cooper Library
Stop by the Ernest F. Hollings Library and take a look at the South Carolina Political Collections. The exhibit in the gallery is “Nuclear Carolina: Power and Waste in the Palmetto State.” *Sponsored by University Libraries*

10 a.m.-4 p.m.
**My Carolina Alumni Association Ring Week**
Russell House, First Floor Desk (beside the Grand Marketplace)
Stop by to learn about the Official University of South Carolina Ring tradition. *Sponsored by My Carolina Alumni Association*

11 a.m.-3 p.m.
**McKissick Museum: Invitation to Explore**
McKissick Museum, 1st Floor Gallery
Just as programs at the university require many people to ensure successful experiences for participants, museums have a number of individuals who work behind the scenes. Every exhibit at McKissick is the shared product of many people who largely do their work anonymously—but this exhibit is different. In addition to presenting the varied parts of the museum’s collection, these cases introduce the permanent staff, revealing a little bit about why they do what they do. The exhibit includes some of the staff’s favorite artifacts, some never before exhibited, from the museum’s collections of Southern stoneware, sweetgrass baskets, gems and minerals, university history artifacts, political memorabilia, fine art, Baruch silver, textiles, art glass and Folk Heritage Award winner items. *Sponsored by McKissick Museum, College of Arts and Sciences*
Humans possess a fascination with the natural world around them. From the 32,000-year-old cave paintings of horses in France to the giraffe stickers today's children paste into their activity books, we can see that humans are eager to see, touch, collect and understand nature. “Natural Curiosity” explores this curiosity about nature by asking questions about why we collect natural specimens and artifacts, how we display them and what they tell us about our relationship with and obligations to the natural world. Through an examination of approaches to building and maintaining the natural science collections at the University of South Carolina, this exhibit also offers a glimpse of the impressive array of specimens collected and displayed over the past 200 years for the purposes of education, research and entertainment. **Sponsored by McKissick Museum, College of Arts and Sciences**

**Noon**

**South Carolina vs. Central Florida**  
Williams-Brice Stadium  
Enjoy the tradition of Carolina football as the Gamecocks take on the Central Florida Knights! Make sure to take your tickets for the game, and enter the stadium at the correct gate. Be in your seats at least 20 minutes before kickoff to experience the best entrance in college football!

**6 p.m.**  
**Tomorrowland**  
Russell House Theater  
Enjoy this free movie with your family! This adventure film tells the story of a teen and a former boy-genius inventor who embark on a mission to unearth the secrets of a place somewhere in time. Students should show their CarolinaCard. **Sponsored by Carolina Productions**

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**Sunday, Sept. 27**

**10-11:30 a.m.**  
**Capstone Scholars Networking Brunch**  
McCutchens House  
Capstone Scholars and their families are invited to an informal networking opportunity and brunch with the Career Center and Capstone Scholars Program staff. The event will provide a chance for Capstone Scholars and their parents to connect with fellow Gamecocks and learn how the USC Career Center and Capstone Scholars Program can help prepare students for careers through exploration, experiential learning and professional networking. **Sponsored by the Capstone Scholars Program and the Career Center**

**10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday Brunch**  
**Top of Carolina, Capstone House**  
Enjoy brunch at the Top of Carolina, South Carolina's only revolving restaurant, with a 360-degree view of the metropolitan Columbia area and the beautiful University of South Carolina campus. The cost is $23.95 per person (plus tax). Advance reservations are required. You can make a reservation at tinyurl.com/TopofCarolina. When you arrive at Capstone, take the elevator to the 18th floor. **Sponsored by Carolina Dining**

**12:30-2 p.m.**  
**Honors College Picnic**  
Horseshoe  
All Honors College students and their families are invited to join the Honors College staff for a festive fall picnic on the historic Horseshoe. Bring blankets, chairs and your appetite! Rain location is the Russell House Ballroom. **Sponsored by the Honors College**

**6 p.m.**  
**Women’s Soccer vs. Alabama**  
Eugene E. Stone Stadium  
Watch as the Gamecock women’s soccer team battles the Alabama Crimson Tide! Show your Parents Weekend nametag and receive $1 admission. Carolina students are admitted free with their CarolinaCard.

**6 p.m.**  
**Maxcy College Parents Brunch**  
Maxcy College  
The International House at Maxcy College invites Maxcy residents and their families to this special brunch highlighting events and programs at the International House. Come enjoy a catered breakfast and meet some new Maxcy friends, both international and American. Advance reservations are required. **Sponsored by the International House at Maxcy College**