



# CAPSTONE SCHOLARS... What's going on...

February 6th—February 12th

## This Week's Events

### Tuesday

#### Global Perspectives— China

Come out to the second Global Perspectives at 2 PM in the Study Shack as we hear from Xinfang Jing, a Chinese student here. China is one of the most powerful and important countries in today's society, and has a fascinating culture and history. You don't want to miss it!

#### Alternative Conversation

Come out to the law school auditorium from 6-8 PM on Tuesday, February 7th to hear Charlayne Hunter-Gault discuss her new memoir, *To the Mountaintop: The Civil Rights Movement as I Saw It*, and engage in a dialogue about leadership and civil rights with President Pastides. The USC Gospel Choir will sing as well!

### Wednesday

#### Hickey Bytes

As always, come out on Wednesdays from 12-1 to eat with us. We promise we won't bite!

### Thursday

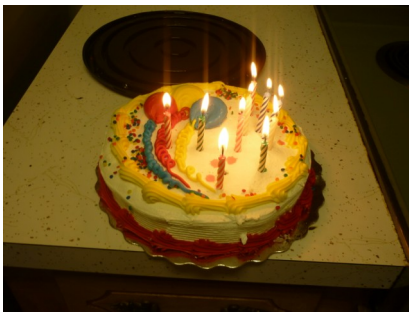
#### Capstone Snack

This week we will be in Gibbes from 3-4 on Thursday to hang out with you guys and get to know you better. Please come by and say hello!

### Friday

#### Everybody's Birthday Party

Come celebrate our January and February babies! See you there from 2-4.



*Sophomore Lacey Humphries and Freshman Nate Moison lending a hand at Harvest Hope Food Bank during the Capstone Service Day this past Friday*

## Other News

#### Cross Campus Adviser is Back!

Due to the success of the adviser in the study shack last semester, we will have another adviser here this semester! All hours will be based on drop-in, but please visit <http://www.sa.sc.edu/ssc/ccaa/> for appts otherwise. The adviser will be available **Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30-4:30.**

#### Capstone Ski Trip

We have a few more spaces open for the ski trip, so e-mail Natalie today if you are interested!

#### Capstone Proposals

Have a great service, leadership, or other idea that you want to implement within the Capstone Program? We are developing a program proposal where you can develop your own project, and the Capstone Scholars Staff will meet with you to figure out the best way to market it and be successful. This could be something similar to the "Break for Change" donation collection that two students recently did. Keep your eyes peeled for more information on that soon!

## Next Week's Events (2/13—2/19)

### Monday

#### Alternative Conversation

Join Carolina Productions and hear from Frank Abagnale, the real-life inspiration for Leo's role in "Catch me if you can." Come out on Wednesday February 13th at 8 PM in the Russell House Ballroom.

### Tuesday

#### Capstone Breakfast

We will be having breakfast in Gibbes Ct from 8:45-9:30 this Tuesday. Swing by and say hello!

#### Carolina Dining Cupcake Contest

Stay tuned for more information on this Cupcake contest between Capstone Scholars and Preston!

## News & Views



Come out for News and Views this Tuesday at 12:30 in the Study Shack. Bring your lunch and discuss what's going on in the world through USA Today articles!

### Thursday

#### Alternative Conversation

Hear about Injustice in the Justice System on Thursday, February 16th at 7 PM in the Capstone Campus Room. The Diversity Dialogues are always a treat, so you don't want to miss it!

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# Partnering Offices

## National Student Exchange

**Deadline extended to February 20<sup>th</sup>!** 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 talk to someone in OSE about the NSE, where you can go, how much it will cost, but most of all, why the NSE is such an amazing opportunity! Applications available at: [http://www.housing.sc.edu/nse/pdf/NSEApplication2012\\_2013.pdf](http://www.housing.sc.edu/nse/pdf/NSEApplication2012_2013.pdf)

## Alternative Spring Breaks

Community Service Programs are sponsoring programs to DC, Nashville, New Orleans, and Palm Beach! Registration will begin on 2/10 at 7:30 AM in RH 227 and will be first come first serve. Please see <http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/alternative-break-trips/> for more information!

## Africa Night

The Pan-African Student Association (PANASA) needs help hosting its **first ever Africa Night**, which will take place **Friday, February 17, 2012**.

The event is **FREE to the public** and will include a variety show, fashion show, and live DJ. There will also be a buffet of cuisine from all across Africa.

**PANASA** is looking for anyone interested in performing, cooking, dancing, singing or helping in any way possible. All donations collected will help support those affected by famine in the Horn of Africa.

## The Vagina Monologues

The show consists of a series of monologues through the eyes of women who have undergone funny, tragic, and enlightening experiences involving their vaginas---monologues showing the audience that a woman is so much more than the sum of her parts. Come join us at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10th  
Saturday, February 11th  
Sunday, February 12th  
USC Law School Auditorium, Room 160  
701 Main Street  
Tickets are \$8 for students and \$10 for the public.

## Skill Builder Workshops

These workshops assist student leaders in enhancing their leadership skills and help students address organizational challenges.  
2/22 at 4:30 in RH 305—Officer Transitions  
3/28 at 4:30 in RH 305—Budgeting for Student Organization Leaders

## Diversity Retreat

Come join a dynamic experience and go away for the weekend to learn in a fun, engaging and active manner about yourself and other-students in order to be more effective leading and living in our society. The retreat is on March 16th-18th and is free for students.

Applications are available at <https://sawebdev.wufoo.com/forms/diversity-retreat-2012/> and will be competitive. Please contact Gavin Weiser at [weiser@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:weiser@mailbox.sc.edu) for any questions!

## President's Volunteer Service Award

Are you keeping track of the service you are doing in the community? Would you like to be recognized nationally for the community service that you do? The President's Volunteer Service Award program is a great way to thank and honor those who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service. If you have contributed 100 plus hours of community service during the last 12 months and would like to be considered for this award, start keeping track of your hours for final submission and recognition in April at the [Leadership & Service Awards Ceremony!](#)

## Black History Month 2012

Check out all the month's events online at <http://www.sa.sc.edu/omsa/2012/02/01/black-history-month-calendar-of-events/>.

## Career Fair Workshops

All sessions are in CC 602B unless noted  
**Exploring Careers through Job Shadowing** (2/8 @3:30-4:30)  
**Internship and Co-Op information** (2/8 @5-6)  
**Writing a Winning Resume** (2/16 @2:30-3:30 PM—Flinn Hall 101)  
**Developing your Job Search Plan** (2/10 @2:30-3:30)

## LGBT Safe Zone Ally Training

Build an inclusive Carolina. Become a Safe-Zone Ally this Semester!  
Feb. 20th from 5-7:30 PM in Patterson 104  
February 26th from 2-4:30 PM in Patterson 104  
March 15th from 5-7:30 in Capstone Carolina Room—Specifically for Capstone Scholars!  
April 13th from 1-3:30 in Capstone Keystone Room

## Magellan Scholar Proposals

Magellan Scholar grant proposals due: Thursday, February 16, 2012 by 5pm Do you have a project that an undergraduate could help with? Each Magellan Scholar receives up to \$3,000 to help fund a research project, competing for this award with the submission of a research, scholarship, or creative project proposal developed in collaboration with his or her faculty mentor. Selection is based on the project's educational and intellectual merit, the potential impact of the project, and the student's previous academic success. More information at [www.sc.edu/our/magellan.shtml](http://www.sc.edu/our/magellan.shtml)

Application Workshops:  
Mon, Feb 6, 4pm RH 303

## the discover program

Discover is an **8-week, not-for-credit seminar** aimed at connecting and developing relationships with faculty; understanding current issues related to ethics, intellectual property, and copyright laws; learning about opportunities for funding and showcasing research; and creating a plan for research during your college experience. Reserve your spot by e-mailing [our@sc.edu](mailto:our@sc.edu) with your name, major, and year.

Each week we will meet for one hour to go over topics related to getting you started in undergraduate research at USC including:  
Finding your path in research (2/15)  
Connecting with faculty (2/22)  
Making the first impression (2/29)  
Developing meaningful relationships with faculty mentors (3/14)  
Issues related to intellectual property and copyright (3/21)  
Ethics in research (3/28)  
Getting the most out of research (4/4)  
Planning the next steps (4/11)

## Interested in spending a semester in D.C.?

The experience, the contacts, and life in our Nation's Capital – it is a semester you'll never forget. Attend the Washington Semester Internship Program Information Session to learn more about the program and hear from students who have experienced this exciting semester. Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Honors Residence Hall, Classroom B110  
Fall 2012 Application Deadline is Thursday, Feb. 23 For more information about the Washington Semester Program, please visit the website: <http://schc.sc.edu/thehonorexperience/academics/washingtonsemesterprogram.aspx>

## Serve Carolina Workshop—February 11th

The Serve Carolina Workshop is a spring one-day retreat that provides resources, training, and support for 35 student leaders in organizations that value community service. The Community Service Interns and Carolina Service Council Executive Officers serve as key facilitators for their peers. This training workshop allows key students the opportunity to network, collaborate, and utilize the resources of the Community Service Programs office.

The training workshop is held on campus. 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. Visit <http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/serve-carolina-workshop/> to sign up and get more information.

## Research Opportunities

Dr. Kunka is seeking a student who is interested in comic books and graphic novels to serve as a research assistant on a project that examines the history of racial caricatures in comics. The research assistant's duties will involve going through an electronic collection of downloaded public domain comic books from the 1930s-1950s and documenting instances of racial caricatures in those comics. The research assistant should have access to his or her own computer and be proficient in MLA citation format. Experience creating Excel spreadsheets or Access databases may be helpful as well. The student would also collaborate on a Magellan Scholar grant application. Please email ([ajkunka@uscsumter.edu](mailto:ajkunka@uscsumter.edu)) to express interest or ask any questions

The USC Department of Psychology's Obesity Research Group is seeking research assistants to work on a grant project funded by the National Institutes of Health. The project, known as "Project SHINE" (Supporting Health Interactively through Nutrition and Exercise) is a family-based study aimed at improving the health of African American families who have an adolescent between the ages of 11-15. **Students who are interested in nutrition and eating behavior may be especially interested in applying, as we are currently in need of research assistants to conduct dietary recall phone calls with adolescents and their parents.** Research assistants could gain course credit for this experience and would work ~6-10 hours per week. Please contact Sara St. George ([sara.m.stgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:sara.m.stgeorge@gmail.com)) with questions (see contact information below). Visit [www.projectshine.info](http://www.projectshine.info) to learn more about the overall project!

## Second Annual M.O.S.A.I.C. Symposium!

Register NOW to attend the 2nd annual M.O.S.A.I.C. Symposium, a one-day conference with the goal of promoting diversity in international learning. Students will learn more about opportunities such as study abroad, scholarship funding, undergraduate research, on-campus options for developing international competencies, interning abroad, the international student experience here on campus, etc., and how these opportunities can benefit them both academically and professionally. 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 MOSAIC 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! Scholarship are available to cover the registration fee (\$10 Early Bird registration fee, \$20 general registration fee), please contact Rachel Hardison at [hardisor@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:hardisor@mailbox.sc.edu) for details!