



# CAPSTONE SCHOLARS...

## What's going on...

January 9th—15th, 2012

Welcome back from Break! Is this starting to feel like home now?



### Monday

**Classes Begin! Good luck!**

### Wednesday

**Hickey Bytes**

Join us for the first Hickey Bytes of the semester from 12-1. We will be changing up the time throughout the semester, so make sure to check out when we'll be there each newsletter!

### Friday

**Welcome Back Party!**

Join us on Friday, January 13th from 2-4 PM in the Study Shack to celebrate the beginning of the semester. Come and catch up with all your Capstone friends you haven't seen in a while!

### Break for Change Service Event

Freshman Scholars Jessica Rohr and Tara Mochrie are collecting many items like blankets, baseball caps, and toiletries to be donated to local homeless shelters and children's homes. Please bring your donations to the boxes at the bottom of Capstone. Thank you for helping to make a difference in Columbia! E-mail [mochrie@email.sc.edu](mailto:mochrie@email.sc.edu) or [rohr@email.sc.edu](mailto:rohr@email.sc.edu) for more info!

### Missing Points?

We want to make sure to give you credit for all the events you have attended. Please check on Blackboard, and let us know if you are missing points from an event you attended.

### Capstone Scholar Fall Participation

Thank you to everyone last semester who came out to our conversations, social events, challenged themselves, and helped in the community. Last semester was our most involved class yet! 98% of the freshman class participated in our events, and the sophomores were more involved than ever before! We look forward to getting to know you all better this semester.

### Housing Next Year

It's that time of the year again! Housing Applications are open through February 4th. Please fill out your application ASAP to secure a spot. The sophomores will be guaranteed the second floor of Capstone House, and Capstone Scholars fellows can apply to live in the prestigious Fellows house at 820 Henderson. Visit <http://housing.sc.edu/applynow.html> to apply and for more information.

Interested in being a Resident Mentor and having a positive effect on the upcoming freshman? Applications are due by this Friday, January 13th at [http://www.housing.sc.edu/rm/app\\_rm.php](http://www.housing.sc.edu/rm/app_rm.php).

### Have someone who made an impact on you this year?

The Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate Award recognizes individuals who have made significant and extraordinary contributions to the academic or professional development and/or personal lives of first-year students. University of South Carolina- Columbia faculty, staff, and students may be nominated for the award. All candidates chosen to participate in the interview process are awarded a plaque. The award recipient is recognized at Awards Day and receives a \$1000 award and a plaque recognizing this important achievement. All other finalists receive a \$250 award in addition to their plaque.

The nomination form can be found here: [http://129.252.140.198/UNIV101\\_Award/web/Award\\_add.php](http://129.252.140.198/UNIV101_Award/web/Award_add.php)

### Capstone Events this Semester

We have a lot of great events planned for you this semester, including another skydiving trip, a ski day trip, and Capstone Conversations from speakers Michael Amiridis, provost, Mayor Benjamin, local doctors, previous contestants on the Biggest Loser, and Carolina Athletes. Be sure to check the newsletter and our website. Have an idea for an event? Please let us know!

### Capstone Leadership and Academic Points

Did you know you can receive extra points for completing an internship, research, being a resident mentor, and having a leadership organization? Please go to <http://studentvoice.com/usc/capstonescholars> To fill out a survey to receive credit for all the ways you are involved at USC!

### Volunteers Needed!

Although the official MLK Day is Monday, Jan. 23rd, please consider registering for the Friday- January 20th 1:00pm-4:00pm option when you are registering for MLK. They are in need of volunteers that day especially! Of course, we would love for you to volunteer everyday if you wish! Please find the registration link here: <http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/>. Grab a group of friends and make a difference in the community to start the semester off right!

*Mentors/Mentees of the semester Julian Greer and Megan Ingley*



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# Partnering Offices

## University 101 Peer Leader

Become a University 101 Peer Leader! University 101 Peer Leaders are outstanding junior and senior students who help co-teach the University 101 course. Through their role in the course, peer leaders serve as mentors and role models to first-year students while developing valuable leadership, communication, and teamwork skills. Applications for fall 2012 are now being accepted! The deadline for all applicants is January 20, 2012. Visit our website at <http://sc.edu/univ101/peerleaders/> or check us out on [Facebook/u101peerleaders](#) for more information!

## Outstanding Women of the Year Nominations and Applications

Please consider nominating deserving undergraduate junior or senior women to apply for the Outstanding Woman of the Year award! To be eligible for this award, the candidate must be an undergraduate student with 60 credit hours or more. The applicant must have attended USC for at least one semester and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better. Students are asked to fill out the online application, including a few short essays that will be reviewed by a committee. The application deadline for students is February 8. To nominate women for this award, please visit: <https://sawebdev.wufoo.com/forms/q7w5w7/>. Nominations are due January 25, 2012.

## Student Leadership and Diversity Conference

The Student Leadership and Diversity Conference (SLDC) is **Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 9am-4:30pm**. This year's theme is Ignite Change! This one day regional conference provides an opportunity for faculty, staff, and students to interact with individuals from other schools in the region. SLDC trains and educates student leaders in essential leadership skills, developing their leadership identity, working and leading in a diverse society, and initiatives and methods to create sustainable positive change. Conference highlights include over 25 educational sessions and 2 keynote speakers, Joshua Fredenburg and Marie-Louise Ramsdale. For more info visit <http://www.sa.sc.edu/leaders/sldc/>.

## Martin Luther King Days of Service

This January USC will be celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> year commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy through an annual Day of Service as well as with two other volunteer opportunities. If you are looking for a resume boosting, leadership position, consider applying to become a site leader!

### 2012 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service:

Monday, January 16, 2012 from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

### Additional Service Opportunities:

Friday, January 20, 2012 from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Interested? Please register at <http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/mlk/>**

Please contact [saserve@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:saserve@mailbox.sc.edu) if you have any additional questions.

## LEAP Program

The Leaders Engaging Across Perspectives (LEAP) program is an 8 week leadership certificate program. In LEAP, students explore leadership through a variety of lenses by engaging in dialogue on leadership through a global, national, statewide, and local scope.

Benefits of the program:

Learn more about your own personal leadership style

Make connections between academic disciplines and co-curricular experiences

•Connect with a community of students that desire to learn more about their own leadership capabilities

To find out more information or to sign up online go to <http://www.sa.sc.edu/leaders/leaders-engaging-across-perspectives/>

Application Deadline: **January 22, 2012**

## Study Abroad Fair

Interested in study abroad? Then you should plan to attend the upcoming USC Study Abroad Fair, **11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Friday, January 27 in the Russell House 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lobby** to learn more about the opportunities available. At the Fair, you can meet USC students who have studied abroad, talk with current international exchange students, speak with program representatives, get info about financial aid, and speak with USC Study Abroad staff.

## Career Fest

The USC Career Center will host [Career Fest Spring 2012](#) on Wed., 2/1 for students and alumni interested in non-technical positions and the [Science, Engineering and Technology \(SET\) Fair Spring 2012](#) for students and alumni interested in technical positions. Internship, cooperative (co-op) education and full-time positions are available. The events will be held concurrently at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center from noon until 4 p.m. Shuttle service will be available. Visit the upcoming events section of the Career Center webpage at [www.sc.edu/career](http://www.sc.edu/career) for more information about each of these events.

## National Student Exchange

**The application deadline for to study away in the fall of 2012 or spring 2013 is JANUARY 31, 2012.** NSE allows USC students to study at one of nearly 200 universities across the US, US territories, and Canada. Come to learn all about the NSE, where you can go, how much it will cost, but most of all, why the NSE is such an amazing opportunity! Information sessions will be held:

- o Wed., 1/18 at 7pm in RH 348
- o Tues., 1/24 at 7pm in Honors 111
- o Wed., 1/25 at 7pm in RH 201
- o Fri., 1/20 and 27 Drop-In Open Houses in the Office of Student Engagement (Patterson Hall, Garden Level)