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Winter Break

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Mark your calendar!

12/23-1/3 - University is officially closed for winter break
1/4 - University will open for faculty and staff.
1/11 - Spring 2016 classes begin
1/12 - All Scholars Meeting
1/13 - OFSP Open House and Drop-In

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PIC OF THE WEEK

Scholars United Enrichment Team (minus our senior class reps, Riley and Weston) at the Yule Ball. We had around 100 people dancing the night away at an incredibly fun event. Good work putting it all together, team!

Fellowships Highlight

Coffee with an Intern

Don’t forget that OFSP has student interns, current undergraduate winners of national fellowships, who you can invite out for conversation! Ever wonder what it’s REALLY like to apply for a Hollings or Goldwater? How do you talk about being prepared for an immersive program like the CLS? If you are thinking of applying for one of the competitions below, let us know (ofsp@sc.edu) if you would like to be connected with an OFSP intern. Coffee’s on us!

Interns are available for the following competitions:

- Critical Language Scholarship (CLS)
- DAAD RISE
- Gilman
- Goldwater
- Mount Vernon Fellows
- NOAA Hollings
- NSF GRFP
- NSF REUs (summer research program)
- Taiwan USA Alliance
- Truman
- Udall
What's New?

Save the Dates!

Monday, January 11 – First day of class, and all Scholars Meeting and guest speaker/alumna Sally McKay from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Location: Gressette Room, Harper College. Spring calendars will be ready for pick up, and we’ll have comments from a University alumna, Sally McKay. In addition, announcements regarding the Last Lecture Series, Scholars United events, and Scholar Recruitment Weekend will be given.

Wednesday, January 13 – OFSP Open House & Drop-In on the third floor of DeSaussure, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Location: DeSaussure, third floor. The Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs is moving from Legare to DeSaussure and we want to welcome you officially to our new space with a drop-in. Come and see our space, pick up calendars and visit with staff.

Thursday, January 21 – First Year Carolina and McNair Scholars and Mentors Drop-In Breakfast from 7:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Location: Preston Dining Room. RSVP needed to OFSP@sc.edu by Thursday, January 14. Invitations will be emailed out soon!

Register for U201: Navigating Cultures

If you've studied abroad, or are preparing to study abroad, enroll in this exciting new course from the Study Abroad Office and USC Connect for the Spring 2016 term!

U201: Navigating Cultures (3 credits)
Course Description
This three-credit course will equip students with the knowledge and skills to develop their own cultural compass, as well as to better understand other cultures. This course will challenge students to analyze and explore global learning opportunities both abroad and locally. Students will analyze the significance of their global learning experiences, the impact of what they have learned, and their goals for the future.

Course content will be comprised of readings, guest lectures, field trips, and an independent project to allow students to develop an understanding of their experiences in a broader context.

Contact Sarah Langston at langstos@mailbox.sc.edu for more information.

Faculty Awards Nominations

Michael J. Mungo Distinguished Professor of the Year Award

This award is given annually to an outstanding teacher of undergraduate courses. Nominations may come from students, faculty members, administrators, and alumni. A selection committee composed of undergraduates and former winners of the award evaluates the nominations and determines the list of finalists. Members of the selection committee visit the finalists’ classes, interview the finalists and the finalists' colleagues, and poll the students in the finalists' classes. The winner receives a $20,000 prize and certificate of recognition, and the winner's name is engraved on a permanent plaque housed on the main floor of the Thomas Cooper Library.

Nominations may be submitted by USC Columbia students, faculty members, administrators and alumni.

For complete information, please see http://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/provost/honorsandawards/internal/mungodistinguishedprof.php.

Michael J. Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Award

Four awards are presented annually from among the University of South Carolina Columbia campus undergraduate faculty. The winners each receive a $5,000 prize and a certificate of recognition. Nominations will be accepted from USC Columbia students, faculty, department chairs, and deans. Eligible full-time tenured or tenure track faculty members who have taught at USC for at least three years may be nominated or may
For complete information, please see [http://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/provost/honorsandawards/internal/mungoteaching.php](http://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/provost/honorsandawards/internal/mungoteaching.php).

**Ada B. Thomas Outstanding Faculty/Staff Advisor Award**

This award recognizes a full-time faculty or staff member who advises undergraduate students on the Columbia Campus. Any USC Columbia student, faculty, staff, or alumni can nominate an advisor for the award. Because this award recognizes quality advising, nominations from students are particularly welcome.

For complete information, please see [http://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/provost/honorsandawards/internal/advising.php](http://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/provost/honorsandawards/internal/advising.php)

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**Summer Research Opportunity**

Research at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)!

The Summer Undergraduate Research Programme (SURP) will take place from **June 6-August 12, 2016**. Students from a wide range of academic disciplines will develop research skills and knowledge in a specific area of interest; join a world-class research team and build networks with leading experts in the field; as well as experience postgraduate studies first hand. Students participating in SURP will **conduct a research project under the supervision of a CUHK faculty member for 8 or 10 weeks**. Upon successful completion of the program, they will be awarded three credits.

This year, some 70 research projects are offered in six academic disciplines. To learn more about the faculty and projects, visit the following links: [Faculty of Education](http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/surp-2016); [Faculty of Engineering](http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/surp-2016); [Faculty of Law](http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/surp-2016); [Faculty of Medicine](http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/surp-2016); [Faculty of Science](http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/surp-2016); and [Faculty of Social Science](http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/surp-2016).

For more information, visit [www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/surp-2016](http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/surp-2016). Application deadline is **February 15, 2016**.

**Questions?**

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**Social Justice Award Nominations**

The Social Justice Awards are given to members of the University community who exemplify the philosophies of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through acts of community service, social justice, or racial reconciliation. Students, faculty, and staff are eligible to win the award. The nomination deadline is **December 18, 2015**. **Click here** for more information or to make a nomination.

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Come visit us in our new space on the 3rd floor of DeSaussure!

**Have a great break!**

Don't forget to relax, rest, and enjoy your time with your family and friends.