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This week's Pic of the Week was taken (with permission) from Dr. Mary Wagner (Director of Undergraduate Admissions). This was the frozen fountain outside Lieber this week!

*At the time SmoakSignals was put together on Thursday, we didn't know if there would be snow or not! Apologies for all the cold weather pics in this issue rubbing it in if Saturday came and went without a flurry.
Fellowships Highlight

James Madison Graduate Fellowship

The James Madison Graduate Fellowship supports up to two years of graduate study for aspiring and experienced secondary school teachers of American history, American government, and social studies. Fellowships fund up to $24,000 of each Fellow’s course of study toward a master’s degree. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and must teach in grades 7-12 for one full year for each academic year of funding received under the fellowship, preferably in the state from which the recipient won the fellowship.

The electronic application is due on Friday, March 1, 2015 by 5 p.m. CST.

The James Madison Graduate Fellowship Workshop will be held Monday, January 25 at 4:00 p.m. in DeSaussure 228A.

Space is limited so please save your seat at the workshop using this link https://advisingappointments.sc.edu/OFSP-GRP/.

What's New?

Upcoming Scholar Events!

Tuesday, January 26 – Organizing Your Financial Life with Carolina Scholar alumna Corinne Sheridan Hanna from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Location: DeSaussure Room 228A, conference room. Food provided, but space limited.

Wednesday, February 3 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Nibble and Scribble: Moe’s and writing donor thank you notes. Location: HRH Conference room (B119). Sponsored by the Honors College Development Office with support from OFSP. Please RSVP to Kathy Keenan at keenankf@mailbox.sc.edu by January 29th.

Friday, February 5 to Sunday, February 7 – Stamps Scholar Conference. Stamps Scholars from both the region and the nation are invited to attend a weekend hosted by OFSP and USC.

Wednesday, February 10 – Show them the Love Lunch – Note Writing Event from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Incoming Carolina and McNair Scholar Candidates will be on campus soon for their interview weekend. Welcome them by completing a handwritten note for their welcome packet and get treated to lunch. Location: Russell House Room 201. RSVP to Kourtney Love at lovekl@mailbox.sc.edu by Friday, February 5.

Wednesday, February 10 – The Last Lecture Series at 7 p.m. with Joel Collins, instructor in the SC Honors College. Location: Gressette Room. Refreshments served, and the event is open to the public. Coordinated by Scholars United.
ODK Leadership Honor Society is recruiting members!

Deadline: Wednesday, February 10.
For details about the organization and application, visit
http://www.southcarolinaodk.org/apply.html

Study Abroad Fair

USC’s Study Abroad Fair will be **Thursday, January 28th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Russell House Ballroom**. The fair combines Study Abroad Office staff, program representatives and experienced U.S. And international students to provide comprehensive information about international education. Information on summer, semester and academic year programs will be available, as well as resources addressing scholarships, financial aid and course credit concerns. Program providers representing more than **40 countries** will attend along with numerous USC academic departmental representatives.

Last year,

- 1,514 USC undergraduates participated in global education programs
- 68 countries were visited, with Spain, Italy, German, France, and England as the most popular destinations
- $808,720 in education abroad scholarships were awarded to USC students
- $2,187 was the average award amount per student
- 56 Global Classroom Programs were led by USC faculty members

The Study Abroad Fair is the perfect way to kick-start any USC student’s overseas education. **For additional information, please contact the Study Abroad Office at 803-777-7557 or visit** [http://studyabroad.sc.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=579:study-abroad-fair-spring-2016&catid=86:latest-news&Itemid=610](http://studyabroad.sc.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=579:study-abroad-fair-spring-2016&catid=86:latest-news&Itemid=610)

Magellan Scholar

**Magellan Scholar research award – Workshops and deadline approaching**

Get up to $3000 to do something YOU are interested in!! Apply for a Magellan Scholar award for your research, scholarship, or creative activities. **DEADLINE: Thursday, February 18 by 5pm.** You must have a faculty mentor, a project plan, and attend a workshop to apply. For more info and Magellan Scholar application workshop dates & times: [www.sc.edu/our/magellan.shtml](http://www.sc.edu/our/magellan.shtml). Need help with finding a mentor and project? Make an appointment with Undergraduate Research [http://www.sc.edu/our/student.php](http://www.sc.edu/our/student.php)
Scholars United Enrichment Team Elections

We will begin accepting nominations for next year's Scholars United Enrichment Team on February 1st. You may nominate yourself, or someone else. Look for the link to the nomination form in next week's (1/31) SmoakSignals.

The positions up for nomination are:

Carolina Executive Chair
McNair Executive Chair

Senior Carolina Representative
Senior McNair Representative

Junior Carolina Representative
Junior McNair Representative

Sophomore Carolina Representative
Sophomore McNair Representative

*Note: Carolina positions are open to Carolina, Stamps Carolina, and Hamilton Scholars. McNair positions are open to McNair and Horseshoe Scholars.

Caravel

Showcase your research, scholarship, and creative works in Caravel

Caravel, USC's online journal of undergraduate research and scholarly excellence is accepting submissions of your work! Send us your research and scholarly articles, films/videos, audio/musical recordings, poetry, plays, short essays, artwork, and more. Caravel is a system-wide journal, showcasing student achievements in all disciplines. Learn more: http://caravel.sc.edu/. Submissions accepted on a rolling basis.
We have decided to push back the date for our Inaugural Racial Justice Summit, meaning there is more time for you to register for this exciting and innovative event!

Save your seat for the Inaugural Racial Justice Summit on March the 19th. Registration is being taken now here! For questions or inquiries, please contact Gavin Weiser or Shay Malone.

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**Summer Research Programs**

We have some new summer programs to share!

- **SURP at University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine**: 10-week program for students who plan to pursue graduate school in biomedical sciences; $3500 stipend; early application deadline **February 1** (final deadline: March 1)
- **Student Fellowship -- Lupus Foundation of Minnesota**: summer program (typically June-August) for students interested in lupus and autoimmune disease; funding provided based on hourly rate; application deadline **February 1**
- **Research in Science and Engineering Program (RiSE) at Rutgers**: 10-week program for students in STEM fields or in social/behavioral sciences; stipend plus housing/travel expenses; applications accepted on a rolling basis until all spots filled (program begins **May 29**)

As always, these are just a few of the summer research programs out there -- you can use the Pathways to Science Database and OUR Summer Research Database to look for opportunities that fit your interests! For tips on applying for summer programs and other resources, check out this link.
LGBT Peer Advocate Applications Open!

LGBT Peer Advocates are a mixed group of undergraduate/graduate students who serve as ambassadors for the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs and are interested in educating the USC community about LGBTQ issues and current events. Peer Advocate duties include: facilitating U101 and other classroom presentations, planning and leading discussion groups, and helping to plan LGBT Programs events. The application opens January 15th and the last day to apply is February 5th. [Apply here](http://us10.campaign-archive2.com/?u=21949797901d30b4dad487007&id=e3b58f00a9&e=d8c640123e)

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Scholar Programs Spring Calendar

[Here](http://us10.campaign-archive2.com/?u=21949797901d30b4dad487007&id=e3b58f00a9&e=d8c640123e)

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**Drop-In Hours**

Katie: Tuesdays, 2-4pm
Jan: Wednesdays, 1-3pm