You can also see all our events on our calendar online at http://www.sc.edu/capstonescholars/news.html.

**CAPSTONE EVENTS**

This week’s events: August 26th - August 30th

**Capstone Conversation with Dr. Hickey**

**Wednesday, August 28th, 5:45 p.m., Capstone Campus Room**

This Capstone Conversation is with Dr. Hickey on the Personal Challenge component of the Capstone program. Come listen and learn about his travels throughout 57 countries and how his successful summits of the highest mountains of the 7 continents of the world have contributed to the development of the Personal Challenge program. Learn how students have incorporated it into taking on some monumental feats!

**Capstone Welcome Social**

**Friday, August 30th, 1-5 p.m., Capstone Campus Room**

This is our first of many social events and is a great time to meet and greet your Capstone Staff, as well as your fellow Capstone Scholars. A good number of our Capstone Scholars are living outside of the Capstone House building so is a great time to learn more about their living arrangements and to get to know them on a personal level. At this event we will have catered food and snacks as well as plenty of games to play: Wii, corn hole, ladder golf and board games! Also, an added bonus is that we will introduce all of the Capstone Ambassadors around 3pm. So, if you are still unsure of who your Ambassador is this will be a great time to put a face with a name. There will also be a rotating PowerPoint throughout the event with the names and pictures of all Ambassadors!
Next week’s events: Sept. 2nd – Sept. 8th

Monday, Sept. 2nd
Labor Day – No classes!

Capstone Conversation with Capstone Student Panel
Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, 4:30pm-6:00 p.m., Capstone Campus Room
Come meet some of the best and brightest Capstone Scholars. Learn how they were able to get involved early and continue to stay involved in the program.

Service Friday
Friday, Sept. 6th, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Capstone Office
The first Capstone Service project will be to Harvest Hope Food Bank, please register here: https://capstonescholars05.wufoo.com/forms/harvest-hope-friday-september-6-24pm-r7w3z5/

Upcoming events

Capstone Conversation with President Pastides
Monday, Sept. 9th, 4:30 p.m., Capstone Campus Room
Join us for a conversation with University of South Carolina President Pastides. Dr. Pastides will speak about the opportunities that exist at USC, as well as the path that leads from Capstone to leadership and legacy!

Alternative Conversation: On the Path to a Profession in Healthcare
Wednesday, Sept. 18th, 4:00-5:15 p.m., Capstone Campus Room
Join Dr. Alfred Moore from the College of Pharmacy to learn about the various options that students have for entry into the Pre-Pharmacy program, as well as the benefits of seeking a career in pharmacy.
Following Dr. Moore’s presentation, Dr. Hickey will discuss educational preparation as well as community/hands-on experiences that are beneficial for anyone interested in a career in healthcare. Included also will be information on undergraduate research, shadowing, and the value of study abroad. A panel of students that have expertise in these areas/experiences will join Dr. Hickey to validate the need to be involved!

Alternative Conversation: Healthcare Student Organizations
Wednesday, Sept. 18th, 5:45-7:00 p.m., Capstone Campus Room
Following the presentations of Dr. Moore and Dr. Hickey, we will have close to 30 healthcare specific student organizations speak about their specific groups and how you can join! If you are interested in healthcare these two sessions should be on your “must attend” list!
Study Abroad: Nicaragua, Ghana & Peru
Thursday, Sept. 19th, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Capstone Campus Room
Join us for an informational session on the 2014 study abroad opportunities offered through Capstone. The faculty advisors for all trips will be in attendance at this event. Dr. Hickey will discuss his Spring Break Medical Mission Trip to Nicaragua, Dr. Minuette Floyd will talk about her Maymester trip to Ghana, Africa, and Jim Byrum will detail his Maymester trip to Peru. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet them and find out more about the projects they will be doing on their respective trips!

Hickey Bites
Every Wednesday, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Gibbes Court
Capstone Scholars Staff look forward to eating lunch with Capstone Scholars in Gibbes Court from 12-1:30 p.m. Come eat with us – we look forward to getting to know you!

News & Views
Every other Tuesday, 1 p.m., Study Shack
Interested in Current Events? Every other Tuesday Associate Principal David DeWeil will lead “News and Views” at 1 p.m. in the Study Shack. Bring your lunch and discuss what’s going on in the world through USA Today articles! This counts as a Capstone Conversation.

Personal Challenge Opportunities
Each semester Capstone financially supports students for the Bow Tie Run and the Mud Run. If you are interested in being sponsored for the Bow Tie Run register with Capstone here: https://capstonescholars05.wufoo.com/forms/bow-tie-run-sept-29/ Remember financial support spots are limited!

Saturday, Sept. 21st
Bow Tie Run (registration open now until Sept. 15)
http://www.bbbbsgc.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1074136

Monday, Sept. 23rd, 4-6 p.m., Challenge Course
Capstone has booked the Challenge Course for our students from 4-6pm. Outdoor Recreation is excited to offer an adventure education experience unlike any other. The experience consists of the Alpine Tower, the Swing-By-Choice, and the Team Development Course. This is a great opportunity to gather your friends together to accomplish this challenge. Register here: https://capstonescholars05.wufoo.com/forms/challenge-course-monday-sept-23-46pm/
Student Organization Fair
Wednesday, Sept. 4th from 11-2 on Greene Street
Students, get excited to meet and greet with over 130 student organizations to see how you can get involved on campus! [http://www.sa.sc.edu/studentorgs/](http://www.sa.sc.edu/studentorgs/)

**Socials**
Friday, Sept. 13th, 2-4 p.m., location TBD
Milkshakes and Matisse
Join us from 2-4pm, location TBD, to create a Milkshake and art masterpiece with Art professor Dr. Minuette Floyd. Dr. Floyd will also be leading a Maymester trip to Ghana, Africa with a focus on art education. So this is the perfect opportunity to get to know her, learn more about the trip, and have fun! [https://capstonescholars05.wufoo.com/forms/milkshakes-matisse-friday-sept-13-24pm/](https://capstonescholars05.wufoo.com/forms/milkshakes-matisse-friday-sept-13-24pm/)

**Other Capstone News**

**Hand Middle School Mentoring Information and Training Sessions**
Interested in impacting middle school students this year? Then, Hand Middle School Mentoring might be a great fit for you. This opportunity has been very popular among Capstone Scholars over the recent years and this year we are adding our Personal Challenge component in the mentoring process. Come to our information sessions next week in the Study Shack.

There will be information sessions every 30 minutes from 8-10 a.m. on Monday, August 26th through Wednesday, August 28th. Please bring your driver’s license with you (the reason will be explained in the meeting). Training Sessions will be held on Wednesday, September 4th and Tuesday, September 17th from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Study Shack.

**Capstone Ambassador Program**
The Capstone Ambassador Program is a great way for you to get connected to USC, your major, and the Capstone Scholars Program. YOU have been assigned 2 ambassadors, and have already been personally contacted by them. Check your e-mail! They are planning great educational and social events for you! Questions on who your ambassador is? E-mail Kim Howard at howardk3@mailbox.sc.edu.

University News

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Community Service Opportunity Fair
Thursday, Sept. 5th from 11-2 on Greene Street
Come visit with community agencies about the opportunities they have for volunteers and interns this semester. Visit Community Service Programs website to see some of the agencies that will be represented: http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/servicefair/

Study Abroad Fair
Friday, Sept. 6th from 10-3 in the Russell House Ballroom
The USC Study Abroad Fair is back! Come learn more about study, work, intern and volunteer abroad opportunities for USC students. Study Abroad Office staff members will be available to talk with you as well as representatives from various program providers. Get excited for high-quality brochures, free pens and the infinite possibilities open to you! http://studyabroad.sc.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=428:study-abroad-fair&catid=38:study-abroad

Emerging Leaders Program
An 8 week leadership certification program that strives to provide USC students with the tools that they need to become successful leaders. There are two sections of the program that meet weekly starting on September 11th on Wednesdays (5:30-7:00pm) or Thursdays (5:00-6:30pm). For more information: http://www.sa.sc.edu/leaders/elp/ or contact saleader@mailbox.sc.edu.
• Connect with a community of students that desire to learn more about their own leadership capabilities
• Receive 1:1 mentoring and support from Emerging Leader Mentors, who are upper class student leaders
• Develop the confidence to use your leadership skills to make a difference at USC
• Be a part of a Carolina tradition! ELP has been in existence for over 25 years!

Service Saturdays
Saturday, Sept. 21st, 8:30-1:30
Registration is open: http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/servicesat/

Sign-ups on Service Saturdays begin at 8:30am; buses will depart at 9:00am, arrival at service site by 9:30, lunch and reflection around 1:00, return to campus by 1:30pm. If you are under the age of 18 and would like to participate in Service Saturday, please have your parent or guardian sign a Service Saturday Waiver and fax it to the Campus Life Center at (803) 777-7132. The waiver is located is http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/servicesat/.

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Sophomore September
Presented by the Office of Student Engagement

Welcome Back Carnival
Wednesday, August 28th, 11am-3pm, Greene Street
Rain date: September 3rd
FREE food from Jimmie Johns, Papa Johns, Insomnia Cookie and Coca Cola! Carnival games and food! Bungee run, obstacle course and punt, pass and kick inflatables. Information from the Office of Student Engagement, Study Abroad, Student Success Center, Office of Pre-Professional Advising, Career Center, USC Connect, Undergraduate Research and more. Hosted by Student Engagement
*Stop by the center OSE table to pick up a sophomore punch card and get it stamped!

Study Abroad Fair
Friday, Sept. 6th, 10am-3pm, Russell House University Union Ballroom
Meet with representatives from Study Abroad and various providers about opportunities to study away from USC! Hosted by the Study Abroad Office
*Stop by the OSE table outside of the Russell House Ballroom to get your sophomore punch card stamped!

Taste of Off Campus Fair
Monday, Sept. 9th, 11am-1pm, Greene Street and Davis Field
Come learn about local vendors and merchants to help get connected to the Columbia community. Hosted by Student Life
*Stop by the OSE table to pick up a sophomore punch card and get it stamped!

Sophomore Cool Down
Wednesday, Sept. 11th, 11am-2pm, Greene Street
Cool down in the infamous Cola heat with a free SNOW CONE! Information about resources around campus that can help with the sophomore year will also be available. Hosted by Student Engagement  *Have your sophomore punch card signed when you get a snow cone

Football Tailgate Saturday
September 14th, Two hours before kick-off, Gamecock Village
Free food, music and lots of fun at this alcohol-free tailgate before the first SEC game against Vanderbilt! Hosted by SAPE
*Have your sophomore punch card signed when you get there!
Career Fest
Tuesday, September 17th, 12pm-4pm, Columbia Convention Center
Employers will meet with students about potential job and internship opportunities with their companies. Come dressed to impress and prepared with your most updated résumé! A shuttle service will run from campus to the Convention Center. For more information visit the Career Center’s website. Hosted by the Career Center
*Please bring a flyer or handout from the event as proof of attendance to the OSE office when turning in the punch card at the end of the Sophomore September program.

Diversity Dialogue Workshop
Thursday, September 19th, 7pm, Honors Residence Hall B110
Join EMPOWER and the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs to kick-off their 7th year of the Diversity Dialogue Series! Share dinner and a dialogue about regional differences making up who we are, and how this ties into our unique personal definitions of diversity. Hosted by OMSA
*Have your sophomore punch card signed when you get there!

Mutual Expectations Workshop with Academic Advisors
Thursday, September 26th 11:30-12:45pm, Russell House Ballroom
Students sit down together with academic advisors to discuss expectations of each other in the academic advising relationship. Students and Advisors can enjoy an open dialogue and facilitated conversation over a free lunch! An RSVP is required for this specific event. Hosted by Student Engagement and CTE
*Have your sophomore punch card signed when you get there!

Participate in ACE Coaching or Out to Lunch!
August 28th- September 30th, On Your Own Time
Students are encouraged to make use of these two FREE programs from the Student Success Center! Schedule and complete an appointment with an ACE Coach at 777-1000 OR make use of the Out to Lunch program and take a professor or advisor out to lunch for FREE! Visit http://www.sc.edu/success for information on how to use the programs. Hosted by Student Success Center
*Please bring proof of attendance when you drop off your sophomore punch card and we will check it against the SSC records.

Bring completed passports to the Office of Student Engagement in Patterson Hall by Wednesday, October 16th to collect prize(s). http://www.housing.sc.edu/studentengagement/tsis.html In addition to the great prizes OSE is offering, you also receive a Capstone point for attending 2 of the events, and 2 points for attending 5 of the events!
Undergraduate Research
Interested in undergraduate research but don’t know where to begin! The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) has scheduled Getting Started Workshops for this fall. YOUR staff will help to match you with a fantastic mentor and project, and provide funding information for research experiences in every field. During the workshops we will not only provide general information, but also work briefly one-on-one with you to identify your research interests and decide what your next steps will be. http://www.sc.edu/our/getstarted.shtml?1

Parent’s Weekend Reception and Fun Run
Mark your calendars for Parents Weekend 2013, to be held Oct. 4-6, 2013! Online registration is open until Friday, September 13 at 4 p.m. Please continue to visit this website for updates throughout the summer. http://www.sa.sc.edu/parents/parents-weekend/ Also, remember to bring them to the Capstone Scholar Parent’s Reception on Sunday, October 6th from 12 – 1:30 in the Capstone Campus Room for light appetizers.

Employment Opportunities

Tech help
Dr. Hickey has a need for someone that is knowledgeable about Wordpress, or some other similar publishing platform, to help redesign his personal website. Will pay $10.00 hr. and can be done in the comfort of your room! Call Dr. Hickey at 777-4436 or drop by his Capstone Scholars to chat with him about this fun project!

Gamecock Connection Positions Available
The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is looking for enthusiastic, dedicated students to assist with recruiting prospective students at Admissions special events. Applicants should possess strong communication skills, enthusiasm for USC, good work ethic, and professionalism. We are looking for volunteers to assist with Admissions events this fall, and there will be a mandatory training meeting for new members. Applications are available in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions located on the Horseshoe in Lieber College. Application deadline: Friday, September 6th at 5:00 pm. For more information, please call Jennifer Black at 803-777-5779.

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