Fall 2020 Calendar for Top Scholars
National Fellowships and Scholar Programs (NFSP) – DeSaussure Room 328

*Dates to Note – are for your information but are not sponsored by NFSP. Unless noted, events are for all scholars.*

National Fellowship and Scholar Programs staff will follow all mandatory and recommended University safety protocols to help provide a safe and fun environment for all events this year.

*Note these calendar changes for the fall:* no Presidential tailgate invitations, the Etiquette Dinner may move to Spring 2021, and the Fall Dinner will be held as a series of Fall Dinners held on various dates.

**Campus Resources to Investigate:**

- **Career Center** – [www.sc.edu/career](http://www.sc.edu/career) -- Opportunity Knocks Part-Time Job Fair, Gamecocks Get Hired Fairs.
- **Honors College Internships** -- [https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/honors_college/internal/index.php](https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/honors_college/internal/index.php) and click *Beyond The Classroom*, then select *Internships* for internship related information and programs such as: the Washington Semester Program; SC Semester Program; Perk up Your Network.

![](https://www.schc.sc.edu/sites/default/files/2020-04/schc-convention-calendar-2020-square.jpg)

**Washington Semester Program 2020: Zoom Info Sessions for spring 2021 applications:**

- Friday, August 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Monday, August 31 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 1 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 8 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 9 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- To sign up for an Information Session please click here!
- Applications due Thursday, September 17 at 5 p.m.
- Saturday, September 26th 8:00am – 6:30 p.m. (WSP Interviews)
- Sunday, September 27th 8:00am-4:00pm (WSP Orientation)

- **Leadership and Service Center** – [https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/leadership_and_service_center/index.php](https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/leadership_and_service_center/index.php) for Student Organization and Community Service Fairs, Voter Registration Drive, Homecoming and much more.
- **Office of Undergraduate Research** – [www.sc.edu/our](http://www.sc.edu/our) for various programs including the Magellan Scholar Award.
- **Office of Pre-Professional Advising** – [www.sc.edu/oppa](http://www.sc.edu/oppa) for pre-health, pre-law and pre-med majors.
- **Honors College Undergraduate Research** – [https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/honors_college/internal/index.php](https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/honors_college/internal/index.php) and click *Beyond The Classroom* for SURF and Exploration Grants – Information Sessions and application deadline.
- **Office for Education Abroad**, formerly *study abroad* – [https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/study_abroad/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/study_abroad/index.php) for study abroad deadlines, study abroad fair, as well as the Passport Travel Grant deadline
- **Honors College Programming** – [https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/honors_college/internal/index.php](https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/honors_college/internal/index.php) and click *Honors College Events* on the right for Family Weekend. We have also listed SCHC Convocation, Bedtime Stories and Bingo.

**Important University Dates to Note:**

- September 7 – Labor Day – is a Remote Class Day.
- November 3 – Election Day – is a Remote Class Day.
- November 24 – Face to Face Instruction ends and Thanksgiving Break held November 25 to 29.
- November 30 and December 1 – are Remote Class Days.
- December 2–4 – Reading Days (days off, study days).
- December 7–14 – Final Exams.

**University of South Carolina Welcome!**

Check out the events and programs here: [https://sc.edu/about/signature_events/uofsc_welcome/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/signature_events/uofsc_welcome/index.php)
Scholar Program, Scholars United, and SCHC Event Dates:

Tuesday, August 18 at 5:30 p.m. – **Honors College Convocation.** Location: Online.

Tuesday, August 18 at 10:30 a.m. – **Introduction to National Fellowships.** Location: [https://youtu.be/zy_CuYZBXgQ](https://youtu.be/zy_CuYZBXgQ).

Wednesday, August 19 at 11 a.m. – **Freshman Convocation.** Location: Online on the New Student Convocation webpage.

Wednesday, August 19 at 1 p.m. – **Upperclassman Scholars Meeting.** Location: Online via Blackboard Collaborate with resources by email.

Wednesday, August 19 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. – **Orientation for First Year Scholars.** Location: Carolina Room, Capstone. Learn more about campus opportunities and involvement, the importance of your scholarship and more during this afternoon conference.

**Week of August 24: A Treat for a Thank!** Instead of gathering for Nibble and Scribble, we’ll provide you a donor note writing bag to get you started on this important task which is also a scholarship requirement. Upperclassmen, pick up your bags at one of these times outlined below. First-Year Scholars will receive theirs at the orientation program August 19. Bags will be available outside the front doors of DeSausser, Horseshoe side. **Coming by email** is your donor name, and links to Donor Note Writing Tips, along with samples of excellent notes.

- Monday, August 24 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 25 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
- Thursday, August 27 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Friday, August 28 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 1 at 8 p.m. – Honors College Bedtime Stories.** Location: Online with details soon, [https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/honors_college/internal/index.php](https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/honors_college/internal/index.php).

**September 1, 2, or 3, Time TBA - Scholar Group X Yoga Class.** Location: to be shared with details soon. Join us for a relaxing night of yoga! Whether this is your first Group X class or your 50th, we would love your presence with us to tap into your zen and release some stress! Contact Macie Sherburne for more information at maciebs@email.sc.edu

**Sunday, September 6 from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., approximately - Tubing Down the Congaree River.** Location: Congaree River. We will begin tubing at a point on the river right beside the Riverbanks Zoo and end at the Cayce Riverwalk just past the Blossom Street bridge. This float usually takes around 3-3.5 hours to complete, but it can vary depending on the flow rate of the river. Soak in some nature and join us for an awesome afternoon on the river to celebrate Labor Day weekend! Contact Ellie Lord, eklord@email.sc.edu, for more details about the event.

**Friday, September 11 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. – Family Weekend.** Location: online. For more information, visit [https://sc.edu/about/signature_events/family_weekend/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/signature_events/family_weekend/index.php). More information about Family Weekend in the coming weeks.

**Sunday, September 13 at 4 p.m. – Scholars United: First Scholars United Enrichment Team Meeting and Freshman Representative Elections.** Location: to be shared with details soon. All First Year Scholars should plan to attend elections from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to listen to campaign speeches from those running for freshman representatives. Voting will follow. Any questions should be directed to our Scholars United Enrichment Team (SUET) chairs Rebecca Fisher, rpfisher@email.sc.edu or Genna Rivers, gkrivers@email.sc.edu.

**Monday, September 14 at 8 p.m. – Last Lecture.** Dr. Rhea Merck, Department of Psychology. Location: Online. Sponsored by Scholars United. Contact McKenzie Jones, mej17@email.sc.edu for details.
Friday, September 18 – **McNair Scholar and Stamps Scholar Enrichment Orientations.** Location: Hollings Room, Thomas Cooper Library. Learn more about your scholarship’s enrichment fund and how to access it. You will need to sign up to attend and details about the orientations will be provided by email. Times are:
- McNair Scholars arrive at 2 p.m.
- Stamps Scholars arrive at 3:30 p.m.

**Monday, September 21 at 5 p.m. – Scholar Fall Diner Series.** Location: Campus Room, Capstone. When a fall dinner is too big, you break it down into small parts – a diner! Join your peers at informal meal with guest speaker. Details and information on signing up to attend a Fall Diner will be coming to your inbox.

**Friday, September 25 at 1 p.m. – Scholar Fall Diner Series.** Location: School of Information and Communications, Room 318. When a fall dinner is too big, you break it down into small parts – a diner! Join your peers at informal meal with guest speaker. Details and information on signing up to attend a Fall Diner will be coming to your inbox.

**Saturday, September 26 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. – First Year Scholars Community Building Day.** Location: to be shared with details soon – the retreat team is cooking up a good time for an outdoor team-building activity. Details forthcoming!

**Sunday, September 27, Time TBA - Scholars United: Headshots on the Horseshoe.** Location: UofSC Horseshoe. One of the best ways to enhance your LinkedIn or personal website is to have a professional headshot. Join us for free (!!) headshots with one of the most gorgeous backdrops in all of South Carolina. Dress code is business casual to business professional attire. Date and time are weather dependent. Contact Nathanael Lemmens, nlemmens@email.sc.edu for details.

*If applicable, Saturday, October 3 - Watch Party for UofSC Football Game vs. Florida.** Location: to be shared with details. Join the scholars to watch the Gamecocks take on the Florida Gators! We will gather together to stream the football game live! Enjoy the treat of snacks and drinks. Bring a mask and your scholar friends and let’s have some fun supporting our Gamecocks! Contact Macie Sherburne for more information at maciebs@email.sc.edu

**Monday, October 5 at 12 p.m. – Scholar Fall Diner Series.** Location: Russell House Ballroom. When a fall dinner is too big, you break it down into small parts – a diner! Join your peers at informal meal with guest speaker. Details and information on signing up to attend a Fall Diner will be coming to your inbox.

**Monday, October 5 at 8 p.m. – Last Lecture.** Speaker and department to be announced. Location: Online. Sponsored by Scholars United. Contact McKenzie Jones, mej17@email.sc.edu for details.

**Monday, October 12 at 12 p.m. – Scholar Fall Diner Series.** Location: Russell House Ballroom. When a fall dinner is too big, you break it down into small parts – a diner! Join your peers at informal meal with guest speaker. Details and information on signing up to attend a Fall Diner will be coming to your inbox.

**Monday, October 19, Time TBA - Scholars United: Glow in the Dark Games.** Location: UofSC Horseshoe. Take a break from your busy week and come play capture the flag and other non-contact games with Scholars United. Wear something neon and expect to get some glow in the dark bling. Date and time are weather dependent. Contact Nathanael Lemmens, nlemmens@email.sc.edu for details.

**Wednesday, October 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. approximately - Pizza Run at our local Strictly Running on Devine.** Location: Strictly Running on Devine; 2515 Devine St. The course is three miles long with a water stop, and the store provides free pizza to enjoy after! This event will be a great way to get to know the local running community in Columbia and also find out more information about Strictly Running’s free weekly yoga sessions. Anyone interested is encouraged to join, there will be groups running at various paces! This will be a great chance to preemptively burn off those Halloween candy calories, too. Contact Emma Ladd, epladd@email.sc.edu, for more details about the event.

**Friday, November 6th, Time TBA - Gamecock Entertainment Movie Night.** Location: to be shared with details soon. Join Scholars United in watching a Friday night free film right here on campus! Gamecock Entertainment provides free movies to all students with your Carolina Card. Contact Macie Sherburne for more information at maciebs@email.sc.edu
Monday, November 9 at 8 p.m. – **Last Lecture.** Dr. Ken Erickson, Department of International Business. Location: Online. Sponsored by Scholars United. Contact McKenzie Jones, mej17@email.sc.edu for details.

Tuesday, November 10, Time TBA - **Scholars United: Study Corner.** Location: to be shared with details soon. Exams can be stressful, so come relax or find some solace in the struggle by studying with friends. We might have some sweet treats available so be sure to stop by and say hello! Contact Nathanael Lemmens, nlemmens@email.sc.edu for details.

November 14 or 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Hiking in Harbison State Forest.** Location: Harbison State Forest, 5600 Broad River Road. Harbison State Forest is a plot of over 2,000 acres of land filled with trails for every level of nature enthusiast. Located just outside of downtown Columbia, Harbison State Forest is one of the largest public green spaces within city limits of any metropolitan area in the US. Join us as we explore some of the beautiful nature trails together! Contact Ellie Lord, eklord@email.sc.edu, for more information.

**Scholars United Enrichment Team**

**IS – In-State**

**OOS – Out of State**

Co-Executive Chairs:
IS: Genna Rivers and OOS: Rebecca Fisher

Senior Representatives:
OOS: Nathanael Lemmens – Scholar Community
IS: Ellie Lord – Columbia/SC Community

Junior Representatives:
OOS: Julia Williams – Secretary
IS: Emma Ladd – Columbia/SC Community

Sophomore Representatives:
OOS: Macie Sherburne – UofSC Community
IS: TBA – UofSC Community

Freshman Representatives:
IS: TBD – UofSC Community
OOS: TBD – Columbia/SC Community

**Additional Leadership:**
Last Lecture Coordinators – McKenzie Jones and Stella Strength
Relay for Life Coordinator – Merideth Tallon