

Top Scholars – Spring Dates 2021

National Fellowships and Scholar Programs (NFSP) – DeSaussure, Room 328 – topscholars@sc.edu or 803.777.0958

Horseshoe Drop-In Hours:

January 12 with Tim, from 2 pm to 3:30 pm
January 18 with Abbey, from 10:30 to 12 pm
January 29 with Jan, from 1:30 pm to 3 pm
February 2 with Tim, from 2 pm to 3:30 pm
February 8 with Abbey, from 10:30 to 12 pm
February 19 with Jan, from 1:30 pm to 3 pm
February 23 with Tim, from 2 pm to 3:30 pm
March 1 with Abbey, from 10:30 to 12 pm

March 12 with Jan, from 1:30 pm to 3 pm
March 16, with Tim, from 2 pm to 3:30 pm
March 22 with Abbey, from 10:30 to 12 pm
April 6 with Tim, from 2 pm to 3:30 pm
April 2 with Jan, from 1:30 pm to 3 pm
April 12 with Abbey, from 10:30 to 12 pm
April 23 with Jan, from 1:30 pm to 3 pm
April 27 with Tim, from 2 pm to 3:30 pm

Campus Resources to Investigate:

- [Leadership and Service Center](#) – for Student Organization and Community Service Fairs, and the February Student Leadership and Diversity Conference.
- [National Fellowships](#) -- half of NFSP is National Fellowships so check out national fellowships and scholarships.
- [Office of Undergraduate Research](#) – for various programs including the Magellan Scholar Award.
- [Office of Pre-Professional Advising](#) – for pre-health, pre-law and pre-med majors.
- [Honors College Undergraduate Research](#) – and click *Beyond The Classroom* for SURF and Exploration Grants – Information Sessions and application deadline.
- [Honors College Internships](#) – including [Washington Semester](#), [SC Semester](#) (due April 18) and more.
- [Office for Education Abroad](#) - formerly *study abroad* for study abroad deadlines, study abroad fair, as well as the Passport Travel Grant deadline
- [Honors College Programming](#) – click *Honors College Events* on the right.

Important University Dates to Note:

January 18 – Martin Luther Day, Jr. Day – no class.
January 19 – Last day to change/drop a course without a W.
January 19 – Housing sign-ups begin
February 8 – 13 – Honors Week
February 15 – President’s Day, no class and last day to apply for May graduation.
February 25 – Wellness Holiday, no class.
March 12 – Wellness Holiday, no class.
March 27 -- Last day to change/drop a course without a WF.
March 30 – Wellness Holiday, no class.
April 21 – Wellness Holiday, no class.
April 26 – Last Day of Class.
April 27 – Reading Day.
April 28 to May 5 – Final Exams.
May 7 and 8 – Commencement Exercises.

Monday, January 11 from 7 pm to 8 pm – Scholars Meeting with Treat Boxes. Location: Teams. Spring calendars will be shared electronically. Treat box pick up 2 pm to 4:30 pm by reservation only.

Thursday, January 14 at 3:30 pm -- Stamps Scholar Enrichment Meeting. Location: Zoom. Stamps Scholars will receive updates on the enrichment process and potential enrichment opportunities.

Thursday, January 14 at 5 pm – McNair Scholar Enrichment Meeting. Location: Blackboard. McNair freshmen and sophomores will receive updates on the enrichment process and potential enrichment opportunities.

tentative, January 14 at 7 pm -- Alumni Roundtable on Advertising and Creative Industry. Location: Zoom. Maddie McDowell (72 and Sunny in LA) and Sharon Panelo (The Martin Agency in NYC) are both advertising industry executives. Details will be sent by email and sign-up required.

Tuesday, January 19 from 7 pm to 8 pm – Virtual Game Night: Kahoot and Gimkit. Location: Virtual. A fun, friendly game of Kahoot and Gimkit (a more interactive version of Kahoot).

Wednesday, January 20 from 5 pm to 6 pm – Get it Done in 2021! Location: Russell House Ballroom A. Join Scholar Programs for an hour of crafting and personal development. You'll create a vision board to reflect the long-term dreams you have for this year and beyond, and a guest presenter will discuss setting SMART, short-term goals to make those dreams a reality. Craft supplies will be provided. Details will be sent by email and sign-up required.

Sunday, January 24 from 2 pm to 4 pm – Scholars United and Scholar Programs present Professional Headshots on the Horseshoe. Location: Meet at the Maxcy Monument. Scholars can come drop in to get complimentary professional headshots taken by photographer Jeff Blake. Great for profiles, LinkedIn, and any other professional uses! Contact Genna, gkrivers@email.sc.edu and Rebecca, rpfisher@email.sc.edu for more information with any questions.

Sunday, January 24 from 6 to 8 pm – Scholars United Among Us & Online Game Night. Location: Over Zoom/another platform. Get back into the competitive spirit with a little friendly challenge between classes and In-State/Out-of-State matchups. Exact game and time subject to change. Contact Nathanael Lemmens, nlemmens@email.sc.edu, or Karthik Rangavajhula, karthikr@email.sc.edu, for more details about the event.

Tuesday, January 26 – Friday, March 5 – First Year Scholar Chats. First-Year Scholars schedule 20-minute appointments with Abbey or Tim to discuss the first semester. Schedule via Navigate – emails will be sent and sessions held online.

Thursday, January 28 from 7 pm to 8 pm – Yoga and Coffee/Tea Time. Location: Campus Room at Capstone. Yoga taught by Jan Smoak, with coffee/tea/hot chocolate following. Space will be limited, and sign-ups required.

Monday, February 1 at 7 pm – Alumni Roundtable on Academia. Location: Zoom. Four Top Scholar alumni, all in different areas, will provide insight on academic, college-level teaching, research, writing and more. Panelists are Drs. Anna Babel, Susan Crook, Anna Stewart and Patrick Warren. Details will be sent by email and sign-up required.

Thursday, February 4 from 6 pm to 7 pm – Scholars United and Scholar Programs present a LinkedIn Seminar. Location: Virtual, platform TBA. Join LinkedIn aficionado Jessica Gibson from the Career Center for a seminar and workshop about building a professional LinkedIn page that will help you land that internship or job. Jessica will also share her networking tips for using your new page for making business contacts. Contact Genna, gkrivers@email.sc.edu and Rebecca, rpfisher@email.sc.edu for more information. Details will be sent by email and sign-up required.

Sunday, February 7 from 5 pm to 6 pm – Scholars United Picnic on the Horseshoe. Location: The Horseshoe. Come mingle with other scholars during a nice picnic on the Horseshoe. Bring food from an on-campus dining facility, or enjoy a local option such as Beezer's, Sahara on Main, or The Green Olive. Feel free to invite fellow scholars and non-scholars. Contact Nathanael Lemmens, nlemmens@email.sc.edu, or Karthik Rangavajhula, karthikr@email.sc.edu, for more details about the event.

Thursday, February 11 at 7 pm – Zoom Yoga with Jan as part of Honors Week. Open to all SCHC students, scholars will be able to sign up by completing a waiver form, and the Zoom link will be sent before the class. Class will be a basic one-hour class.

tentative, **Friday, February 12 – Valentine's Coffee Bar.** Look for more information in the coming weeks!

Saturday, February 13 from 2 to 4 pm – Scholars United Valentine's Day Goodie Bag Event. Location: Horseshoe. Come join us to pick up a Valentine's Day Goodie Bag, or you can make one of your own! Also, if you're needing to give out some Valentine's Day cards, we have a card-making station for you! Contact Macie Sherburne maciesherburnecollege@gmail.com or Emily Giep egiep@email.sc.edu for more information.

February 20-22, 2021 – In-state Top Scholar Weekend

Both are virtual at this time. All scholars have a chance to apply for this year's Scholar Host Team, check your email for more information. We will also write notes to the prospective candidates – details provided soon.

Sunday, February 21, Time TBD – Scholars United Resume/Interviewing Workshop. Location: Zoom/other platform. Come learn tips and tricks for polishing your resume and perfecting common interview answers. There will be opportunities to ask questions and practice with other attendees. Contact Nathanael Lemmens, nlemmens@email.sc.edu, or Karthik Rangavajhula, karthikr@email.sc.edu, for more details about the event.

Monday, February 22 at 8 pm – Last Lecture Series with faculty TBD. Location: Online. Sponsored by Scholars United. Contact McKenzie Jones, mej17@email.sc.edu, or Stella Strength, sstrength@email.sc.edu, for details. Reserve your ticket via Eventbrite and a link will be shared for viewing.

Wednesday, February 24 at 7:30 pm – Alumni Roundtable on Finance. Location: Zoom. Steve Smith, McNair alumni ('08), will share his career path into the finance industry. Smith is Head of Insurance Analytics at Neuberger Berman in New York. Details will be sent by email and sign-up required.

Thursday, February 25 from 3 pm to 4 pm – Scholars United Winter Snacks and Hot Drinks on the Horseshoe. Location: USC Horseshoe in front of DeSaussure. This Wellness Holiday we will be hosting a get-together with sweet treats and some hot cider and hot chocolate! Come catch up with fellow scholars or throw the frisbee and enjoy your day without class. Contact Ellie Lord, eklord@email.sc.edu, or Emma Ladd, epladd@email.sc.edu, for more details about the event.

Thursday, February 25 at 7:30 pm – Virtual Game Night: Escape Room. Location: Online. Join Scholar Programs to solve riddles and complete puzzles to make your great escape! Hosted by Jennifer Bess, Director of National Fellowships. Details will be sent by email and sign-up required.

February 27-March 1, 2021 -- Out-of-State Top Scholars Weekend

Both are virtual at this time. All scholars have a chance to apply for this year's Scholar Host Team, check your email for more information. We will also write notes to the prospective candidates – details provided soon.

Scholar Dinners – Plans are underway for three dinners to be held in March during the second, third and fourth full weeks of March for freshmen, sophomores and juniors. Seniors will be recognized and celebrated with one to two other events. Scholars will sign-up for one dinner with parameters set on in-state vs. out-of-state scholar attendance and in line with COVID protocols. Details will be sent by email and sign-ups required. Dress: business attire. Target dates are: March 9, 15 and 24.

Monday, March 1 from 8 pm to 9 pm – Scholars Bingo. Location: Online. Join Scholar Programs for good ole fashioned bingo and prizes! Hosted by Jan Smoak, Director of Scholar Programs. Details will be sent by email and sign-up required.

Sunday, March 14 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm – Scholars United Picnic on the Horseshoe. Location: The Horseshoe. Come mingle with other scholars during a nice picnic on the Horseshoe. Bring food from an on-campus dining facility, or enjoy a local option such as Beezer's, Sahara on Main, or The Green Olive. Feel free to invite fellow scholars and non-scholars. Contact Ellie Lord, eklord@email.sc.edu, or Emma Ladd, epladd@email.sc.edu, for more details about the event.

Tuesday, March 16 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm – Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA) Roundtable: Allyship and Advocacy Location: Virtual. Caroline Wallace with the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs will lead a roundtable on what it means to be an LGBT ally and what actionable steps students can take as advocates on campus and beyond.

Monday, March 29 at 8 pm – Last Lecture Series faculty to be announced. Location: Online. Sponsored by Scholars United. Contact McKenzie Jones, mej17@email.sc.edu, or Stella Strength, stellas@email.sc.edu, for details. Reserve your ticket via Eventbrite and a link will be shared for viewing.

Date to be announced and likely held in April -- Spring Reception for all Top Scholars Seniors at 6 pm, President's House. This reception honors our graduating seniors. **Invitations sent to our seniors and RSVPs required.**

Friday, April 2 at 5 pm – Relay for Life. Location: Details coming. University event fundraising for the American Cancer Society. For more information, contact Merideth Tallon at mtallon@email.sc.edu.

Saturday, April 3 from 10 am to Noon -- Scholars United Easter Egg/Scavenger Hunt. Location: throughout campus but meet at the horseshoe. Come join us for an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt! The grand prize egg will be candy and a cash prize for each

group member. Contact Macie Sherburne maciesherburnecollege@gmail.com or Emily Giep egiep@email.sc.edu for more information.

Wednesday, April 7 at 5 pm – Intent to Apply (ITA) Deadline to National Fellowships and Scholar Programs. Location: DeSaussure Room 328. Complete the ITA online form to let us know what fellowships you are considering applying to in the 2020-2021 academic year, so we can support you in application.

Sunday, April 11 from 2 pm to 4 pm – Scholars United Show Some Thanks Note Writing. Location: Horseshoe/Honors Dorm. Did you have a professor, advisor, or other staff member who made this year a little easier? Drop by the Horseshoe or the Honors Lobby to write a quick “Thank you” to the people who make this place so great. Contact Nathanael Lemmens, nlemmens@email.sc.edu, or Karthik Rangavajhula, karthikr@email.sc.edu, for more details about the event.

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Monday, April 19 at 8 pm – Last Lecture Series with Dr. Toby Jenkins, College of Education. Location: Online. Sponsored by Scholars United. Contact McKenzie Jones, mej17@email.sc.edu, or Stella Strength, stellas@email.sc.edu, for details. Reserve your ticket via Eventbrite and a link will be shared for viewing.

April Events traditionally held:

Be on the lookout for information about **University Awards Day, Discover UofSC, National Fellowships Celebration and Honors College Revocation.**

Tuesday, April 27 – Stamps End of the Semester Celebration at 6:30 pm. Location and details will be announced.

Scholars United Enrichment Team
IS – In-State and 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: Vacant

Freshman Representatives:

IS: Emily Giep – UofSC Community

OOS: Karthik Rangavajhula – Columbia/SC Community

Additional Leadership:

Last Lecture Coordinators – McKenzie Jones and Stella Strength

Relay for Life Coordinator – Merideth Tallon