

# Top Scholars – Spring Dates 2020

National Fellowships and Scholar Programs (NFSP) – DeSaussure, Room 328 – [NFSP@sc.edu](mailto:NFSP@sc.edu) or 803.777.0958

*Dates to remember are for your information, but are not sponsored by NFSP*

**Tuesday, January 14 – Scholars Meeting from 4 pm. to 5 pm.** Location: Gressette Room, Harper College. Spring calendars will be ready for pick up, have announcements, and more.

**Tuesday, January 21 - March 6 – First Year Scholar Chats.** First-Year Scholars schedule 20-minute appointments with Jan or Tim to discuss their first semester. Schedule via Navigate – emails will be sent.

*Dates to Remember: January 21 & 28 – Washington Semester Program Information Sessions 11 am. Location: DeSaussure 228. For more information, check the Honors College website.*

*January 29 – SURF and Exploration Grant Writing Workshop. 7:00 pm. Location: Gressette.*

**Thursday, January 23, 9-11 PM – Scholars United: Scholar Shag Night** Location: Bill's Pickin' Parlor, 710 Meeting St, West Columbia. Come celebrate the start of the new semester by dancing the night away! Whether you are a regular at Bill's or have never stepped on a dance floor, join Scholars United for a fantastic time catching up with the Top Scholar community. Admission is \$3 per person, lessons are from 9:00 to 9:30 pm, and dancing is until 11:00 pm. Contact Rebecca Fisher ([rpfisher@email.sc.edu](mailto:rpfisher@email.sc.edu)) for details.

**Friday, January 24, 2 to 4 PM – Scholars United: Professional Headshots.** Location: Meet at the Maxcy Monument on the Horseshoe. Scholars can come drop in to get complimentary professional headshots taken by our own Kristen Livingston. Great for profiles, LinkedIn, and any other professional uses! Contact Marinna Smith ([marinna@email.sc.edu](mailto:marinna@email.sc.edu)) or Nathan Stofik ([nstofik@email.sc.edu](mailto:nstofik@email.sc.edu)) with any questions.

**Thursday, January 30 – Freshman Carolina, McNair and Stamps Scholars and Mentors Drop-In Breakfast** from 7:15 am to 9:00 am. Location: Preston Dining Room. RSVP via Wufoo <https://scofsp.wufoo.com/forms/r1b3kcqo0voza7/> by Wednesday, January 22. **Invitations will be emailed out soon!**

*Dates to Remember:*

- February 1 – Honors College Graduation form due for May and August Graduates*
- February 5 – HONORS WEEK: Special Edition, Perk Up Your Network & Student Intern Panel. 4 – 5 pm. Location: Gressette Room.*
- February 7 – Washington Semester Program Information Session 11 am. HRH, B119. For more information, check the Honors College website.*
- February 10-15 – Leadership Week Student Leadership and Diversity Conference. See website for specific events and details.*
- February 13 – Deadline at 5 pm. for the Fall 2020 Washington Semester Program, online application: see the Honors College website for more information.*

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**Wednesday, February 5 – Show them the Love note writing** Event with Sweet Treats and drinks. 2 to 4 pm., James F. Byrnes Building, Room 513. RSVP by February 3 by 4 pm. <https://apply.sc.edu/register/2020scholarnotewriting> Sponsored by Undergraduate Admissions. Contact Abhinav Perumalla: [abhinav@email.sc.edu](mailto:abhinav@email.sc.edu)

**Thursday, February 6 – Show them the Love note writing** Event with Sweet Treats and drinks. 2 to 4 pm., James F. Byrnes Building, Room 513. RSVP by February 3 by 4 pm. <https://apply.sc.edu/register/2020scholarnotewriting> Sponsored by Undergraduate Admissions. Contact Abhinav Perumalla: [abhinav@email.sc.edu](mailto:abhinav@email.sc.edu)

**Tuesday, February 11, 7:30 PM – Scholars United: Symphony Night.** Location: Koger Center for the Arts. Rising Stars Showcase. USC Student tickets are free with ID. Join your fellow scholars for a night at the Symphony! Dr. Weiss, the symphony director, will be speaking with us before the concert. While tickets are free, we must reserve them as a group. Please contact Macy Cope ([mtcope@email.sc.edu](mailto:mtcope@email.sc.edu)) and tell her you plan to attend **by 5pm on Wednesday February 5th** to secure your seat!

**Thursday, February 13 – Last Lecture Series at 7pm with Dr. Judith Kalb**, director of the Russian Language Department. Location: Gressette Room. Harper College. Refreshments served, and the event is open to the public. Coordinated by Scholars United.

**Saturday, February 15, 10 AM to 12 PM – Scholars United: Soda City Social.** Location: Main Street, downtown Columbia. With over 150 vendors per week, the Soda City Market is the perfect location for unique products and food. Whether football-filled Saturdays in South Carolina have kept you from this must-see in Columbia last fall, or you've never skipped a Market, join Scholars United for a morning filled with friends, fun, and bellies full of fantastic food! Contact Ellie Lord (eklord@email.sc.edu) for details.

*Dates to Remember:* February 19 – **Deadline for the Magellan Scholar award for summer and fall research.**

For more information, visit [www.sc.edu/our](http://www.sc.edu/our).

February 21 – **Perk up Your Network (drop in event) 10 am to 11 am** Location: DeSaussure 228

**Saturday, February 22 through Monday, February 24 – In-state Top Scholar Weekend.**

*Dates to remember:* February 18, 12 –to 4 pm. – **Career Fair (all majors) at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.**

For more information, visit [www.sc.edu/career](http://www.sc.edu/career). Dress code is business attire. Register in Handshake.

February 19, 12 to 4 pm. – **Career Fair (STEM) at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.**

For more information, visit [www.sc.edu/career](http://www.sc.edu/career). Dress code is business attire. Register in Handshake.

February 25 – **Office of Undergraduate Research Mini-grant deadline for spring/summer.**

**3 Dates in February 25 (4 pm), 26 (1 pm) and 27, (7 pm) – Workshop for Honors College SURF/Exploration Funding. Held in Gressette Room. All applicants, even continuing ones, must attend a session.**

**Saturday, February 29 through Monday, March 2 – Out of State Top Scholar Weekend.**

*Dates to remember:* March 1 – **Deadline for study abroad: Maymester, Summer, Fall and Academic Year 2020.**

March 8 – **Discover USC abstracts due.** Visit:

[http://www.sc.edu/about/annual\\_events/discover/usc/about/news/2017/20171128\\_Discover%20USC\\_2018\\_Planning.php](http://www.sc.edu/about/annual_events/discover/usc/about/news/2017/20171128_Discover%20USC_2018_Planning.php) for more information, details and changes.

**Tuesday, March 3, 8:15 to 9:15 pm. Scholars United: Scholars Yoga Class,** Location: City Yoga, 2121 College Street in Five Points. Class is free and will be taught by Jan Smoak, RYT-200. All yoga mats and props are provided by the studio. Wear clothing you can move in and bring a water bottle. Questions? Email [jansmoak@sc.edu](mailto:jansmoak@sc.edu).

**Thursday, March 5, 8:00 PM – Scholars United: Carolina After Dark Paint Night.** Location: Russell House Ballroom. Join Carolina After Dark in the Russell House Ballroom for a Paint Night! Get your creative juices flowing for this make it/take it event! Scholars to meet prior to event or are welcome to join at event. Contact Macy Cope ([mtcope@email.sc.edu](mailto:mtcope@email.sc.edu)) for details.

**March 8-15 – Spring Break.**

**Thursday, March 19 – The Last Lecture Series at 7 pm.** Lecturer and program TBD. Location: Harper College, Gressette Room. Refreshments served, and the event is open to the public. Coordinated by Scholars United.

**Thursday, March 19, 7:30 PM – Scholars United: Glow in the Dark Capture-The-Flag.** Location: Horseshoe. Take a break from classes and join us for a fun game of capture the flag on the Horseshoe. Contact Marinna Smith ([marinna@email.sc.edu](mailto:marinna@email.sc.edu)) or Nathan Stofik ([nstofik@@email.sc.edu](mailto:nstofik@@email.sc.edu)) with any questions.

**Sunday, March 22, 9:30 AM - 1 PM – Scholars United: Hiking in Harbison State Forest.** Location: Harbison State Forest. 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! Parking is \$5 per car, so carpooling will be the best form of transportation. Contact Ellie Lord, [eklord@email.sc.edu](mailto:eklord@email.sc.edu), for more information.

**Thursday, March 26 – Healthy Cooking Class with UofSC Dietitian Lindsay Shazly, 5 to 6:30 pm.** Location: Center for Health and Well Being, room 219. Class is limited to 20 people. Look for an invite from Tim in mid-February. More information contact: [timsmith@sc.edu](mailto:timsmith@sc.edu).

**Saturday, March 28, April 18, or April 25. If interested in this event hold all these dates. We will send out an update when the facility assigns us a date. (Time TBD) – Alpine Tower.** Location: Challenge Course, by Bates West. Step out of your comfort zone and relieve the stresses of spring semester by climbing the university's Alpine Tower with fellow scholars. Expect the climb to cost \$8-\$12 per person (Exact price TBD). Contact Genna Rivers ([gkrivers@email.sc.edu](mailto:gkrivers@email.sc.edu)) for more information.

**Sunday, March 29 – Stamps Scholars Day of Service** – Details coming soon. Contact service chairs Ellie Lord: [eklord@email.sc.edu](mailto:eklord@email.sc.edu), or Natalie Monzavifar: [monzavin@email.sc.edu](mailto:monzavin@email.sc.edu) for more information.

*Date to remember: March 30 - **Deadline for Honors College Research Grant submissions (SURF & Exploration) for funding effective July 1. Attendance at a February workshop is required.***

**Tuesday, March 31 -- Spring Dinner for all Top Scholars and donors at 6:30 pm tentatively, Alumni Center.** This dinner honors our graduating seniors and donors. **Invitations will be mailed to your local or campus address, and RSVPs required.**

**Friday, April 3 - Saturday, April 4 – Relay for Life at 5 pm** Location: The Blatt. For more information, contact Jan Smoak: [jansmoak@sc.edu](mailto:jansmoak@sc.edu). More information will be provided as the new semester begins.

**Saturday, April 4, Time TBD – Scholars United: The Big Event.** Each year the university holds The Big Event, a day dedicated to serving the greater Columbia community during which UofSC students have the opportunity to give back to the community that provides us with so much. The volunteer tasks vary, but it's sure to be a great day of service and scholarly bonding! More details to come. Contact Rebecca Fisher ([rpfisher@email.sc.edu](mailto:rpfisher@email.sc.edu)) for more information.

**Thursday, April 9 – The Last Lecture Series at 7 pm with Dr. Rhea Merck, Department of Psychology.** Location: Gressette Room, Harper College. Refreshments served, and the event is open to the public. Coordinated by Scholars United.

*Dates to remember: April 10 – **Last day to submit Honors College thesis defense date and location.***

**Friday, April 10 – Intent to Apply (ITA) Deadline at 5 pm to the 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.

**Thursday, April 16 – University Awards Day at 2 pm.** Location: Horseshoe. National Fellowship and Scholarship Winners will be recognized as well as all other University and departmental awards.

**Friday, April 17 – Discover USC. Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.** For more information, contact the Office of Undergraduate Research at 777-1141 or [our@sc.edu](mailto:our@sc.edu).

**Wednesday, April 22 – National Fellowships Celebration** at 4 pm. Location: Gressette Room, Harper College.

**Sunday, April 26, 12 pm to 5 pm approximately – Scholars United: Tubing Down the Congaree River.** Location: Congaree River. Tubing down the Congaree River will begin at a point on the river right beside the Riverbanks Zoo and end at an exit point just past the Blossom Street bridge. The time required to cover this distance varies depending upon the flow rate of the river, but usually takes around 3-3.5 hours to complete. Join us for a stress-free afternoon on the river before finals are underway! Carpooling will be arranged, and scholars must provide their own inner tubes. (These can be bought at stores like Walmart or Target or they can also be purchased online for very cheap!) Contact Ellie Lord ([eklord@email.sc.edu](mailto:eklord@email.sc.edu)) for more details about the event.

*Dates to remember: April 27 – **Last day of classes for Spring 2020.***

*April 27 – **Last day to defend SCHC thesis for May graduates.***

**Tuesday, April 28 – Stamps End of the Semester Celebration at 6:30 pm.** Location: Liberty Tap Room.

**Saturday TBD, April – Scholars United: Scholar Picnic.** The signature event of spring semester. Come out for lots of food, fun, and, of course, the annual McNairolina Kickball Game. Grab your friends to enjoy time in beautiful spring nature and watch the Out-of-State scholars defend their UNDEFEATED title!

**Thursday, May 7 – Honors College Revocation Ceremony at 6 pm.** Location: Koger Center. For more information, contact the South Carolina Honors College at <http://students.schc.sc.edu/graduation>.

**Scholars United Enrichment Team**

***IS – In-State***

***OOS – Out of State***

Co-Executive Chairs:

IS: Kristen Livingston and OOS: Leah McLean

Senior Representatives:

OOS: Marina Smith – Scholar Community

IS: Devin Woodsmall – Secretary/Treasurer

Junior Representatives:

OOS: Nathaniel Lemmens – Marketing Chair

IS: Ellie Lord – Columbia/SC Community

Sophomore Representatives:

OOS: Nate Stofik – Scholar Community

IS: Macy Cope – UofSC Community

Freshman Representatives:

IS: Genna Rivers – UofSC Community

OOS: Rebecca Fisher -- Columbia/SC Community

**Additional Leadership:**

Last Lecture Coordinators – Madison Baker and McKenzie Jones

Relay for Life Coordinator – Samantha Rush, or Jan Smoak