

# Lancers Edge

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## Founders Hall Beam Signing



On July 12, 2013, members of the USC Lancaster community, including faculty, staff, students, and donors enjoyed a special barbecue luncheon and then met outside Founders Hall for a commemorative beam signing ceremony. Those attending signed their names on the last beam of USCL's newest building just before it was raised to its location above the north entrance of the facility. Founders Hall, scheduled to open this year, will give the university additional classroom and faculty office space and will support the rapid growth of the campus over the last decade. The completion of the building is made possible through the efforts and gifts of those dedicated to the mission and future of USC Lancaster.

## Native American Studies Center

Since the grand opening of the USCL Native American Studies Center in October 2012, over 7,000 visitors from more than 31 South Carolina counties, 26 states and 16 countries have stepped through the doors.

Impressively, the center

averaged 650 visitors a month in 2013.



**Cherokee Pottery, Title: Pitcher**  
**Artist: Maude Welch, Date: Unknown**  
**Donation by: Brent Burgin**  
**Photo by: Brittany Taylor**

The NASC is home to 1,300 different pieces of Catawba, Cherokee and Pamunkey pottery, and is home to the largest collection of Catawba Indian pottery in existence. In addition to the pottery collection, the center also houses approximately 500,000 archaeological artifacts, 4,000 photographs, and over 6,000 slides. In August, it hosted the Smithsonian traveling exhibition, "IndiVisible: African-Native American Lives in the Americas." The NASC remains the only location in South Carolina to ever host this exhibit.

The Native American Studies Center is located at 119 South Main Street, Lancaster, South Carolina and is open to the public.

## Faculty

Each USCL professor is passionate about the subjects they teach. It's their enthusiasm and dedication that leads to successful students who want to achieve their best.

In 2012-2013, USC Lancaster faculty attended or made scholarly presentations at 28 different regional, national, and international conferences. Faculty published three books, three book chapters, eight articles, one review, and nine abstracts, and received nearly \$115,000 in external grant funding for research and scholarship.

Of particular pride to the campus, Dr. Bettie Obi Johnson, Associate Professor of Chemistry at USC Lancaster, was the recipient of the 2012-2013 John J. Duffy Excellence in Teaching award, the USC Regional Campuses' highest teaching recognition. Dr. Johnson earned her B.S. in Chemistry from the University of West Florida and her Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry from the Georgia Institute of Technology. She began teaching chemistry at USC Lancaster in 2004 as adjunct and then instructor and entered the tenure track as assistant professor in Fall 2006.

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## Athletics

The Lancer's athletics program is currently gearing up for the Spring 2014 season. Practices have begun and the season looks promising. The Lancers Baseball team is dedicated both on and off the field, finishing the Fall 2013 semester with a record 3.2 GPA. Baseball home games are played at the baseball field, a.k.a. "Doomsday Corner," on Roddey Drive.

The Men's Lancers Soccer team finished the 2013 season with an 8-13 record, scoring a regional win over USC Salkehatchie and two more over Richard Bland College. Both the men's and women's soccer programs have been recruiting heavily this semester and have successfully secured several new players for the Fall 2014 season.



In 2013, the USCL Golf team traveled to Lubbock, Texas and finished 13th in the Division I National Championship. This was the best finish ever for the seven-year-old team. The team will continue the Spring schedule by competing in the Titan Winter Invitational to be held in Melbourne, Florida. Sports schedules are available through the Lancer's website at [www.usclathletics.com](http://www.usclathletics.com).

## Educational Foundation of USC Lancaster

The Educational Foundation of the University of South Carolina Lancaster (EFUSCL) was founded in 1963 to "receive and administer funds for education and charitable purposes."

In addition to owning the real estate of the campus, the EFUSCL receives and manages charitable donations to support USC Lancaster. Most gifts are designated for scholarships, but the Foundation also manages gift and grant funds that are designated for other purposes.

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## Students

The USCL student body is committed to helping others through numerous student activities, service projects, and volunteering opportunities, both here and abroad. Since



2012, the student body has engaged in over 2,000 community service hours. Two premier student groups are the Omega Scholars and Delta Links. Sponsored through TRiO programs, these groups organize food and clothing drives each year as well as assist in fundraising for various area charities.

Out of only fifty students chosen nationwide, Tyler Reeves (Senior, BOL) was named an OXFAM Change Leader for 2013-14. OXFAM is a global organization dedicated to righting the wrongs of poverty, hunger and injustice around the world. As an advocate, Tyler will work toward educating individuals on the issues of poverty and will attend the IMPACT conference later this year.

Two USCL College of Nursing students, Ciarra Ellis and Katrina Graske, were featured in the September issue of *The Gamecock CONnection* for their humanitarian efforts in the developing countries of Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic. Both were active in construction work and setting up triage clinics in local schools.

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