**Student Spotlight**

This space reserved for upcoming Student Spotlights!

Preston is full of wonderful, talented and interesting individuals. Now is your chance to brag about you and your friends! Nominate a fellow Preston resident to be in the Student Spotlight, which will be highlighted in an upcoming weekly newsletter.

And yes, you can nominate yourself. Don’t worry, we won’t tell ;-)  

http://preston.sc.edu/spotnom.php

**Help Wanted!**

Need a part-time job?

We are looking for a student marketing coordinator for Preston. Duties will include:
- Creating content for the weekly newsletter
- Scanning old photos
- Creating promotional videos
- Working with Sarah to update website
- Assisting with social media
- Creating slides for video screen in Lobby
- Creating annual scrapbook

Applications available with Sarah in room 101!

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3rd floor resident Skylar Smith named Magellan Scholar!

Skylar Smith has been awarded a 2012 Magellan scholarship through the Office of Undergraduate Research! Working with Preston Associate Dr. Duncan Buell (Computer Science and Engineering), Skylar’s research will be focused on Auditable Event Log Data for South Carolina Elections. You may remember a similar program hosted in the JCR back in October.

"The goal of this research is to analyze existing event log files from 2010 South Carolina elections," says Skylar. "And also to determine from that data what errors and complications occurred in those elections, and then to specify improvements to the event log information that would make it easier to detect and mitigate future errors. We cannot hope to fix an aging system in place, but we could hope to ask in the next equipment to be purchased to get better log records so that effective post-election audits can be conducted."

Skylar says he is interested in this project “because it has to do with South Carolina. I have lived in South Carolina my entire life. I believe that South Carolina is a great state and a great home and this research gives me the opportunity to help make my home a better place. No one should have to worry about their vote not being counted because the voting machine had an error. I want to do this project because I want to make a real contribution to the community that raised me. By helping to address the problems of these machines I will be involved in fixing the voting system of not only South Carolina but potentially the entire country. To have the chance to affect the entire country is a very exciting prospect to me.”

Created in 2005, the Magellan Scholar program enriches the academic experience of USC’s undergraduates through research opportunities in all disciplines from science, technology, and medicine, to theatre, music, and art.

By providing access to faculty mentoring relationships and a professional research experience, the program enables students to creatively explore their interests at a more in-depth level than can be attained in the classroom.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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**PDining schedule for January 9—January 12**

*(now online at http://sc.edu/dining/dining/prestonjan5.htm)*

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One Book, One Columbia

Think of it as a city-wide book club. More information coming soon!

Hosting an event?

Are you having an event in Preston? Make sure to reserve the space online! Check out the calendar on the Preston website (preston.sc.edu) and click “Room Reservation.”

This is the ONLY way to reserve space for events. If your event is not listed on the calendar, it does not exist!

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Preston is making news!

Preston’s Kelly Morris and his brother Patrick are profiled in the latest issue of Undefined Magazine, the premier South Carolina art and artists journal published quarterly.

Mark Pointer who works for the Undefined Magazine, attended a Mobros concert of during 2011 Free Times Music Crawl and decided to profile the Mobors themselves.

Though they have never played on campus, they have played almost everywhere in Columbia. You can catch the Mobros at the 5 Points Pub on January 20, opening for Hot Lava Monster which is a great rock and roll band from Columbia. The show starts at 10pm, its all ages and it’s $5 at the door.

Find the Mobros on facebook, type in “The Mobros,” and also check them out on YouTube. They will release their newest music video in the next few weeks. Make sure to follow them on facebook to keep up to date with all the latest Mobro news!

Hear the Mobros at http://www.reverbnation.com/themobros

Read the article at: http://undefinedmagazine.wordpress/?p=289

Catalyst is a one-day program through Leadership that is designed to allow participants the time and space to consider powerful questions that move them towards action. This is the first year that Catalyst has been at USC and Preston is excited to host 5 of our residents in the inaugural class! Congratulations to Riley Cain, Courtland Thomas, Claire Thompson, Kyron Whitfield, & Blake Dailey!

Congratulations to Preston Associate and Preston U101 instructor Casey Goldston for being featured in the latest edition of the USC Times! The USC Times is a publication for faculty, staff and friends of Carolina.

The cover story highlights Casey’s participation in the Carolina Cares program, which provides holiday gifts to needy children and families around the Columbia community.

Preston re-applications available starting WEDNESDAY!

Want to live in Preston for the 2012-2013 academic year? Re-applications available starting Wednesday, January 11, 2012 (check your email!)

1. University Housing applications are now online at VIP (don’t forget to pay the $150 housing deposit—you can’t participate in room barter without it!)  
2. Preston Re-applications are due by 5pm on Friday, January 20  
3. Applicants will be notified via email during no later than January 31 as to the result of their application  
4. Room barter process will be held in mid-February


Random Trivia

1. January 9, 1493 Christopher Columbus mistakes manatees for mermaids off the coast of the Dominican Republic  
2. The word “queue” is the only word in the English language that is still pronounced the same way when the last four letters are removed.  
3. Istanbul, Turkey is the only city in the world located on two continents  
4. There are 18 different animal shapes in the Animal Crackers cookie zoo  
5. Catfish are the only animals that naturally have an odd number of whiskers.
Campus events you don’t want to miss!

2012 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service opportunities:
Friday, Jan. 20 & Monday, Jan. 16
1pm-4pm & 9:30am-3pm
Transportation and lunch will be provided. Please register at http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/mlk/ "Register early to guarantee your spot at the Day of Service!

Contact Community Service Programs at sasserve@mailbox.sc.edu or director of MLK Day of Service, Monica Munoz (munozm@email.sc.edu) with any additional questions.

@PrestonRCollege Search “Preston Residential College”

How’s the weather?
Monday, Jan. 9
High: 71°/Low: 51°
Tuesday, Jan. 10
High: 68°/Low: 51°
Wednesday, Jan. 11
High: 67°/Low: 46°
Thursday, Jan. 12
High: 67°/Low: 37°
Friday, Jan. 13
High: 54°/Low: 30°
Saturday, Jan. 14
High: 55°/Low: 32°
Sunday, Jan. 15
High: 58°/Low: 32°

Student GOVERNMENT
Interested in running for office?
Elected positions with Student Government include:
• Student Body President
• Student Body Vice President
• Student Body Treasurer
• Student Senate (52 seats)
Informational Meeting for Potential Student Government Candidates: Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 8 p.m. in the Senate Chambers (Russell House 322)

FREE MOVIE SCREENING!
Politics on Film
"Advise & Consent"
Tuesday, Jan. 10
Ernest F. Hollings Special Collections Library, Program Room
Jan 10, 2012 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

WOMEN’S STUDENT SERVICES
Are you female junior or senior who stands out from the crowd? Apply for the 2011-2012 Outstanding Woman of the Year award!

To be eligible for this award, the candidate must be an undergraduate student with 60 credit hours or more. The applicant must have attended USC for at least one semester and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better. Other areas of consideration for this award are:
1. Academic achievements and awards
2. Campus involvement
3. Community involvement/service
4. Athletic activities
5. Performing arts
6. Campus media
7. Work experience or internships
8. Contributions and impact to the University and to other women.
Applications are due February 8.
http://www.sa.sc.edu/wss/rsvp/

UNIV 101 Peer Leader applications NOW AVAILABLE!
A University 101 Peer Leader is an exceptional upper-class student, chosen to serve as a co-instructor in a University 101 class. Peer Leaders are selected through an application and interview process based on their academic success, involvement in campus organizations and knowledge of the South Carolina campus.
Peer leaders are not simply teaching assistants. Rather, they are co-instructors, taking responsibility for leading class discussions, planning activities and working one-on-one with each student.

How do I become a Peer Leader?
Undergraduate students interested in becoming a peer leader must apply online, submit a completed recommendation form by the appropriate deadline, and go through a group interview process in the spring. Qualified applicants are students in Junior standing or above during the semester which they will serve and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Please view the University 101 Peer Leader position description for more information on the qualities and duties of a peer leader.

All peer leaders must attend a training workshop and Team-Building workshop during the spring semester. Peer leaders are also required to enroll in EDLP 520: The Teacher as Manager during the semester they are serving.

Check out www.sc.edu/univ101/ for more info!

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NOMINATE YOUR PROFESSOR
We are always on the lookout for new Preston Associates! Let us know who you think might be a great addition to Preston!

Email Dr. D (donaldbj@mailbox.sc.edu) with your suggestion(s).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!
Your tuition bill is due Tuesday Jan. 10th at 5pm. Make sure you pay by then or else your class schedule will be CANCELED!

With that in mind, if you did not get an ideal class schedule, a bunch of classes have spots opening up (and more will open up on the 10th) so go back and claim the class sections you wanted!

Your meal plan does not work until tuition is paid.

Thanks to Melissa Hirsch for this information!

GOOD LUCK DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES!