Two Preston residents set to intern at the 2012 Olympics!

The summer Olympics come around once every four years, but a chance to intern at the Olympics as part of your academic major comes around once in a lifetime. Two Preston residents, Riley Cain and Melissa Hirsch, are going to spend their summer in London, working at the XXX Olympiad.

Sport and entertainment management majors were alerted to this great opportunity via email. Interested students attended an interest meeting and could submit applications.

Riley says she is most excited about being a part of something that’s as well-known as the Olympics. “It’s an event I’ve watched on television every two years but I honestly never thought I would be a part of.” This internship is with Cleanevent, the company that manages facilities and services for the Olympics. USC will send 50 interns and the University of Leeds in England will send 20 students.

Cleanevent handles the budgeting and planning of timelines for the Olympics. They are responsible for scheduling employees, recording timesheets, maintaining employee information, taking all helpdesk calls, and assisting athletes, trainers, workers, and other employees.

According to Melissa, interns will “help manage the entire venue from the help desk they are stationed at. They are the liaisons between guest service and Cleanevent workers.” When a guest has an issue with the facility, be it maintenance, cleaning, etc., interns get the call and alert the appropriate crew. Interns also take care of logging the calls and worker timesheets into the Cleanevent database. Most interns will work directly under the Venue Manager (there are many different venues used for the Olympics) and will get behind-the-scenes, hands-on experience in event management.

“Being at the Olympics will be an incredible experience and I will learn a lot by working with a diverse group of people in an unfamiliar setting. I can’t wait to see London and travel around Europe some! I love that a bunch of USC SPTE students are all going together so that we can stick together through the chaos. It should be great!
Meet your Resident Tutors (RTs)!

Resident Tutors (RTs) are graduate students who live in Preston and are here to assist you with all things academic! Whether it’s general study skills or something with your particular class or major, set up an appointment or stop by the PACE Office (room 110). Drop-in hours are Sunday to Thursday, 8p-9p.

Himal Ahuja (in the PACE Office on Sundays and Wednesdays)
Himal is attending the University of South Carolina graduate school in International Business. He is from Mumbai, India, originally. With his degree, Himal hopes to work in the automotive industry with a job in international business, which “will teach me the best practices of different cultures and countries.”

Plamena Berova (in the PACE Office on Thursdays)
Plamena is from Sofia, Bulgaria. Her undergraduate degree is in economics from Sofia University. She is now a grad student in International Hospitality and Tourism Management. Plamena is a big music fan and wants to work a job that incorporates hospitality and entertainment together. She also enjoys interacting with people from various cultures and backgrounds.

Lydia James (in the PACE Office on Mondays and Tuesdays)
Lydia is originally from Surrey, England and is working on a master of arts degree in teaching theatre and English. One day she hopes to be a high school Drama and English teacher. Her hope for Preston is “to meet loads of new people with many different personalities and to be a positive and influential tutor to residents.”

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

Chadwick Devlin
January 18

Ashley Ehlers
January 20

Blake Dailey
January 21

Congratulations to Courtland Thomas, the recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award from the Midlands Coalition of Churches!

Courtland is the youngest person to ever win this award, which celebrates the willingness to assist and serve others, as well as the sharing of educational talents.

This award was presented by SC State Senator John L. Scott, Jr.

WAY TO GO!

Summer 2012 Conference Assistant applications now available!

Applications at http://www.housing.sc.edu/job_ca.html

1. Read the Conference Assistant Job Description
2. The deadline is 12pm on Friday, February 10. The earlier you submit your application, the sooner you may be offered an interview! 3. Wait to receive an email confirming submission of your application. Respond to that email with your resume.
4. Candidates will be contacted by the selection committee if selected to proceed in the interview process.
5. Offers will be made on March 1, 2012

Random Trivia

1. January 17, 1994 6.7 Northridge earthquake rocks Los Angeles
2. Of all the words in the English language, the word “set” has the most definitions
3. Every three days a human stomach gets a new lining
4. The king of hearts is the only king without a moustache on a standard playing card
5. A cat’s purr has the same romance-enhancing frequency as the voice of singer Barry White.

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Campus events you don’t want to miss!

The South Carolina Republican Primary: A Panel Discussion by Nationally Acclaimed Political Analysts

Panelists:
- Daniel Balz, Political Correspondent, The Washington Post
- Thomas Edsall, Joseph Pulitzer II and Edith Pulitzer Moore Professor of Journalism, Columbia Journalism School
- Jeffrey Zeleny, Political Correspondent, The New York Times

Moderator: Dr. Laura Woliver, Department of Political Science and Women’s and Gender Studies, USC

Wednesday, January 18, 7pm
Gambrell Hall Auditorium (Room 153)
Sponsored by the Department of Political Science and the College of Arts and Sciences

Diversity Dialogue about poverty

Mr. Wayne Fields, the President/CEO of Oliver Gospel Mission, will speak about the face of poverty in Columbia. Please contact Marcy LaBossiere with any questions or concerns La-bossie@mailbox.sc.edu.

Thursday Jan. 19 at 7pm
South Quad Lounge

Campus MovieFest (CMF), the world’s largest student film festival and is back at Carolina for the second year. Sign up online www.campusmoviefest.com

Deadline to register is February 7

Preston’s own Ken Etheridge directed “The Pursuit,” which was named Best Picture at the 2011 CMF finale.

Brought to you by Carolina Productions.

How’s the weather?

Monday, Jan. 16
High: 61° / Low: 46°

Tuesday, Jan. 17
High: 66° / Low: 42°

Wednesday, Jan. 18
High: 54° / Low: 29°

Thursday, Jan. 19
High: 57° / Low: 35°

Friday, Jan. 20
High: 65° / Low: 43°

Saturday, Jan. 21
High: 64° / Low: 40°

Sunday, Jan. 22
High: 66° / Low: 39°

How’s the weather?

Congratulations to Nia Wylie, who recently participated in the South Carolina Student Leadership Forum on Faith and Values after being nominated by her University 101 professor.

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).
**Need a ride?**

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- BMW MINI COOPER
- Toyota Prius
- Ford Escape

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**Project Condom**

Do you have what it takes to create an impeccable garment made only of condoms? Register to participate in Project Condom: Season 5 - a four-week design contest that culminates with the Project Condom runway fashion show on March 1 at the Russell House Ballroom. Students work in groups of three or more and be sponsored by a student organization or create your own team name. All the condoms you need to make your garments will be provided in an assortment of colors.

A panel including special guest judge Mondo Guerra [http://www.lovemondotrasho.com/](http://www.lovemondotrasho.com/) who appeared on season 8 of Project Runway and is a contestant on Project Runway All Stars, will judge the garments and declare a winner. The audience will also have a chance to vote for their favorite designs. Winners will receive prizes from ONE Condoms!

Visit [http://www.sa.sc.edu/shs/cw/projectcondom/](http://www.sa.sc.edu/shs/cw/projectcondom/) for more information about Project Condom and to register your team.

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**Preston Government funding applications due TOMORROW!**

Budget requests to Preston Government are due TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH BY 5:00 PM. You must submit your form to Anna Grace Gentile (room 206). Then the next day on THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH, Government requests that you come in and present your request in a quick 5 minute proposal at an assigned time (after 8pm). If you are not able to make it to that meeting then you may send an informed representative in your place. In this meeting Government will discuss the requests, ask questions and later inform you of how much money you may receive.

If you have any questions please contact gentilag@email.sc.edu

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**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

This position is up to 10 hours a week for the Spring semester.

Applications available with Sarah in room 101!

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**Host an event?**

Be sure to complete the program planning form, available online and outside room 101. This form will help you keep on track and remind you of deadlines and be aware of what resources you may need.

We're here to help!

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**Want to be a Preston Ambassador?**

Applications are available NOW for ’12-’13 Preston Ambassadors and due by Wednesday, February 1 at 5pm (check your email). Preston Ambassadors assist with Fall Banquet, Gatsby, give tours of our great building, move-in day, and many other great events!

Interest meeting tomorrow at 8pm in the Seminar Room.

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See something incorrect? Want to add something to the next edition?

Direct all comments and questions to Sarah Morgan, Assistant Principal at morgans@mailbox.sc.edu

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