PRESTON RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE IS A CREATIVE AND VIBRANT COMMUNITY OPEN TO ALL UNDERGRADUATES AND TO ALL ACADEMIC MAJORS ON THE USC-COLUMBIA CAMPUS. WITH LONGSTANDING TRADITIONS, INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING, STUDENT INITIATIVES, FACULTY MENTORING, AND A UNIQUE DINING FACILITY, PRESTON RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE FOSTERS A DYNAMIC LIVING AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT PROMOTES INTELLECTUAL EXCHANGE, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL INTERACTION, AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL CONFINES OF THE CLASSROOM.

Preston Events this Week!

Monday
Talent Showcase
7PM
Preston Back Garden

Tuesday

Wednesday
Gatsby Banquet
5-6 Patio
6-8 Back Garden

Thursday

Friday
Paint War
6PM
Preston Green

Saturday
Service at Epworth Children’s home
10:20 - 1:30

Safe Zone Ally Training
Friday, April 13
1-3:30 p.m.
Capstone Keystone Room

Safe Zone 101 is an introductory workshop designed to facilitate and encourage discussion on the topics of homophobia and heterosexism, to introduce participants to the most common and important LGBT vocabulary, and to provide an introduction to issues of gender and sexuality in order to create a safe and inclusive Carolina.
Sign up at http://www.sa.sc.edu/omsa/become-a-safe-zone-allyrequest-a-presentation/
**P Dining April 9th to 12th**

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**Happy Birthday**

1) Emily Mizell (4-10)
2) Allison Schwartz (4-12)
3) Evelyn Allen (4-13)
4) Michael Coutts (4-13)
5) Tyler Simpson (4-15)

Theatre South Carolina presents Shakespeare’s noble yet monstrous Macbeth. Doomed by his own nature and driven by the promise of power (and the desires of the scheming Lady Macbeth), his blind ambition leads him down the fateful path of seduction; compelling Macbeth to murder in order to gain the Throne!

Shakespeare’s masterpiece will take you on an engrossing journey through the sinister recesses of the human psyche and keep you poised on the edge of your seat!

FREE TICKETS! Limited availability (first come, first served)

Contact Martha Jenkins (jenkin85@mailbox.sc.edu) for tickets

**WEATHER**

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Princeton Paint War

Is the end of the year stressing you out? Wish you had a way to blow off some steam? Well lucky for you Paint War is just around the corner. Paint War is an annual event held by Princeton during Preston Week. This year paint war is going to be held on Friday, April 13 at 6:00PM. So take some time for yourself and have a little fun. Make sure to wear clothing you don’t mind ruining (or making look more awesome, since if you let it sit a while the paint will stay on the shirt.) Hope to see you there!

Office of Fellowship and Scholar Programs Drop-In Hours

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Visit OFSP in Legare 220 during our drop-in hours below. An advisor will be on hand to meet with you.

Mondays and Tuesdays, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm
Wednesdays, 11:30 am @ 1:30 pm
Thursdays, 10:00 am @ noon
Fridays and other times are by appointment.

USA Today All Academic Team: This program honors full-time undergraduate juniors or seniors who not only excel academically but extend their reach beyond the classroom to benefit society. Students must be nominated (we can help with this) and criteria include academic rigor, leadership, activities, and an essay describing the applicant’s most outstanding intellectual endeavor. Apply online. Application deadline: May 18, 2012.

Students with an interest and passion for the environment should look at the Udall Scholarship with NOAA Hollings. Monday, April 9. Legare College 322. $5,000 to sophomores and juniors with a demonstrated commitment to careers related to the environment, or Native Americans and Alaska Natives who have outstanding potential and are in fields related to health care, the environment, or tribal public policy. USC Nomination Deadline: Wednesday, November 14, 2012.

Princeton Tie Dye!

Princeton Tie Dye was a great success this past Friday. We had a blast picking designs and making tie dye shirts. Here are some photos from the event.

Preston Carnival

Preston Carnival was a huge success here are some photos.
Outdoor Recreation Bike Shop

The Outdoor Recreation Bike Shop is proud to introduce a new, progressive program available to USC students, faculty and staff. The program has been dubbed the Abandoned Bike Project. The program is an attempt to reintroduce bikes that have been left behind for new and willing owners to take advantage of. This is a wonderful opportunity to really put recycling and sustainability into action.

Bikes start at $35.

A requirement to get a bike is attending a 3-hour workshop held one Sunday each month from 2:00pm to 5:00pm, broken down into skill based clinics will be hosted at the Outdoor Recreation Bike Shop.

http://campusrec.sc.edu/orc/biking/abandoned-bike-project/

ALLY WEEK 2012

What can we do to create an inclusive Carolina for our lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Gamecocks? ALLY WEEK 2012 has the answers!

Join LGBT Programs and Services in the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs for an exciting week of panel discussions, speakers, activities on Greene Street, and so much more April 9-13. At each event, we’ll showcase the dynamic multiculturalism found within the LGBT community while providing opportunities to challenge stereotypes and discuss the value of allies in our community.

Click here to view the full schedule of events! Be sure to visit us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter to learn more about our events as well.

Together, we can create an inclusive Carolina!

For more information, visit www.sa.sc.edu/omsa, e-mail lgbtusc@mailbox.sc.edu, or call 803.777.2367.

Speed Dating with Associates

Many thanks to everyone who participated in “Speed Dating with Associates” on Tuesday, March 27. We had 13 of our great Preston Associates at PDining to mix-and-mingle. Dr. Hal French, our senior scholar-in-residence said “Hey, this was fun! I enjoyed circulating, making some new student friends (better than Facebook!). And before I noticed, it was 7:30!” Next time you see an Associate at PDining, stop by their table and say “hello”—our Associates love getting to know lots of our residents!

Movies Playing:

The Other F Word at 6pm
Contraband at 9pm
Russell House Theatre
Campus Events

The average child in America watches over 40,000 television commercials in a year, or over 100 a day.

The sense of smell connects to the part of the brain that also controls emotions and memories. This is why smells often evoke strong memories.

The science of kissing is called philematology.

In Poland, spiders or spider webs are common Christmas trees decorations because according to legend, a spider wove a blanket for Baby Jesus. In fact, Polish people consider spiders to be symbols of goodness and prosperity at Christmas.

James Doohan (Star Trek character Scotty) did not have a right middle finger. He lost it during WWII.

A baby dolphin must learn to hold its breath while nursing.

Penn Center

On March 29th through April 1st, Preston Residential College sponsored a service-learning trip to Penn Center located in the low county of South Carolina. A group of ten students and the faculty principal, Dr. Bobby Donaldson, made up the entourage.

Established in 1862, Penn School was founded as a school for newly freed slaves on St. Helena Island. During the early 1900’s it operated as a school focused on agricultural and industrial training under the name Penn Normal. By the mid 1900’s it stopped functioning as a school and became a community center know as Penn Community Services Center. In the 1960s, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference used Penn as a training site for retreat and strategic planning. It wasn’t until 1980 did it become know as Penn Center, an agency focused on preserving the unique history, culture and environment of the Sea Islands.

While at Penn Center, students had an opportunity to learn about that unique history and help to preserve it by doing service work. Kyron Whitfield, the student community service coordinator, along with Walter Mack, the executive director of Penn Center, worked together to plan out an agenda of service projects for weekend. Those projects included the planting of a garden that is used to prepare meals on the campus, clearing of the extensive nature trails that spanned along the marsh and dock area and cleaning of the historic York W. Bailey Museum.

In addition to completing service tasks at Penn Center, students were afforded the opportunity to explore the low county of South Carolina. Experiencing new foods, environments and places allowed them to gain new perspectives of the dynamic state of our flagship university here at the University of South Carolina.
MAPP MINORITY ASSISTANCE PEER PROGRAM

MAPP Coaches will be second-year, minority students at USC, who are interested in assisting incoming, first-year students next Fall semester. Coaches will show new students the ropes—those things that make first-year students successful at USC.

MAPP Mentors will be 3rd, 4th, and 5th year, minority students at USC, who are ready to plan their exit from the university. Mentors will serve the first and second year students, equipping them with the necessary knowledge of being successful long-term here at USC. Mentors will also receive special training on “what a mentor is, the qualities that make you a Carolinian and good United States citizen,” and they will be assisted by graduate students to help them plan their future.

Please visit the following link if you are interested in becoming a MAPP Coach or MAPP Mentor:

http://www.sa.sc.edu/sl/mapp/

and click the link on the right side of the page to complete the application.

Dr. Bobby Donaldson, Faculty Principal
Sarah Morgan, Assistant Principal
Martha Jenkins, Business Manager
Corey Konnick, Residence Hall Director
Erin Wilson, Graduate Assistant
If you have any questions/concerns with the newsletter please contact Zil Shah

Find us online!

http://www.facebook.com/groups/186711708045170/

https://twitter.com/#/PrestonRCollege

http://preston.sc.edu/

CONSULTATION WITH A LIBRARIAN

A personal research consultation with a librarian can be very beneficial whether you are learning to use the library or need assistance with in-depth research. Consultations are available for all current members of the University of South Carolina community. Once you have made your request please allow 2-3 business days for a response at which time an appointment will be scheduled with a librarian who is well suited to address your research needs. Most consultations will take place Monday through Friday between 9am-5pm and typically last 30 to 60 minutes. Evening appointments may be arranged based on librarian availability.

Examples of what consultations can help with:

- selecting the best resources for your research area/assignment
  - accessing and navigating electronic resources
  - developing search strategies
- discovering and locating primary source materials
- searching the web for relevant and reliable information
- Capstone class research/ Senior seminar projects
  - locating materials for a literature review

http://library.sc.edu/reference/bookalibrarian.html

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