Catherine Ramirez is a Preston Ambassador, a member of Preston Government, a member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha service sorority (ESA) and a baton twirler for the University of South Carolina. She is one of the two twirlers at the football games and she does travel to away games. She holds numerous regional and national titles for baton twirling. Catherine says it pays off showing off in Williams-Brice Stadium. In addition to all her other commitments, she was recently appointed as a University 101 Peer Leader position for the upcoming academic year. “I immediately knew that I wanted to apply because I think that the University 101 program is truly amazing. I applied through the email that I received after I was nominated. I want to be a peer leader because I want to help incoming freshman acclimate to college life. I am looking forward to sharing my experience and knowledge with them in any area of life that they need. As a freshman, it is great to have someone older to help you out, and I want to be that person to my University 101 class”. Catherine Ramirez exemplifies the Preston Residential College spirit.

“I love being the feature twirler for the University of South Carolina because performing in front of 80,000 plus fans is something that I will never forget.” - Catherine Ramirez
### Happy Birthday

1) Tyler Simpson (4-15)
2) Maria Peebles (4-16)
3) Jacob Lyerly (4-17)
4) Thomas Nagel (4-20)
5) Daniel Smith (4-20)

### Prestonites,

Good luck next week with your final exams! Let’s finish the year off strong!

### SHOUT OUT!

Congratulations to Celia Cui who was presented with the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for 2012 Leadership and Service Awards

### Weather

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Office of Fellowship and Scholar Programs Drop-In Hours

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 healthcare, the environment, or tribal public policy. USC Nomination Deadline: Wednesday, November 14, 2012.

Craft Club

Craft Club at 6pm in Seminar Room

Preston Talent Showcase

Preston Talent Showcase was last week and it was a lot of fun and all the contestants were amazing and have tons of talent!
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/orec/biking/abandoned-bike-project/

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Nominate a Pillars for Carolina Namesake!

Do you know a great professor, faculty, or staff member that has had a positive contribution on the lives of students here at Carolina? If so, nominate them as a Pillars for Carolina Namesake and we will invite them to share their experiences with 100 freshmen during the Pillars 2012 Namesake Luncheon! If you have any questions please contact Mitchell Hammonds at hammonmc@email.sc.edu

http://www.sa.sc.edu/sg/pillars/namesake-nominations/

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Want a free tote bag?!

Come to Preston Lobby Tuesday 6-8PM for a free reusable bag. Also bring your your plastic bags, we'll be recycling them as well!

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Tuesday: 4-17

Special Preston Tour!
Library Special Collections Tour at 4pm

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Movies Playing:

The Boy in the Stripped Pajamas at 6pm
Underworld: Awakening at 9pm

Russell House Theatre

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Carolina After Dark
Monday, April 23
10p-2a @Russell House

End of the semester study break! Come relax with an oxygen bar, massage chairs, and massage beds, make a photo magnet, get a henna tattoo and an airbrushed trucker hat, and sing along with Grease-showing in the theater! And of course, FREE FOOD!
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 tree 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.

THE GATSBY BANQUET was a great success and everyone had a lot of fun. The food was fantastic and thanks to everyone who put their time into making Gatsby amazing and fun. Below are some pictures of the Banquet.

PC of the Year: Malia Ward
Preston Associates of the Year: Dr. Lara Anderson
Spirit Award: Haley Rabic and Allison McDonald
Service Award: Kyron Whitfield and Celia Cui
Preston resident of the Year: AJ Keene
Special Faculty Recognition: Dr. Hal French
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

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.