Passion + Community + Responsibility + Knowledge

Welcome back!
Good luck with your first days of classes!

Student Spotlight:
Darya Kaborda

Darya is majoring in chemistry and minoring in biology here at USC with goals of getting into medical school to become a pathologist. She is originally from Hrodna, Belarus in Europe, and moved to Greenville, South Carolina in the 2000s. She was born in Belarus and lived there until the age of seven. She is fluent in Russian and has not seen any relatives apart from her mother and father since she was seven.

When asked why she chose to attend USC she shares, “I chose it for the convenience of being close to family and close to home. Also, I figured with it being the largest university in the state, it would offer many more unique opportunities, clubs, organizations, etc. that other smaller colleges would not offer. I figured it would provide an enriching college experience to come to USC rather than go elsewhere.”

Darya is involved in Alpha Epsilon Delta, the premedical honor society on campus, as well as involved in research with Dr. Ken Shimizu (also her Magellan mentor) and graduate student Chen Zhao. The research deals with organic chemistry and the way molecules fold up based on intramolecular interactions. She recently became the Magellan Scholar recipient so that she can continue her research more extensively with Dr. Shimizu. She shares, “I would have been doing the research regardless (and was already doing it prior to receiving the Magellan grant). The grant just makes it more meaningful, fun, and of course paid for! It’s a huge honor that people out there thought what I was researching was worth the money, time, and effort that goes into it. It means I will continue working with Dr. Shimizu on this research and finally feel like it will be worth something and mean something to more than just Dr. Shimizu and me since I will get to present it on Discovery Day to other people.”

Finally, Darya shares, “I love how many resources I have available to me in Preston from volunteer opportunities, to leadership opportunities, to just having so many wonderful adults and mentors around that I can share thoughts with and get to know. It makes the big college experience feel smaller and more personal.”

Be sure to welcome Preston's guests, Dr. Brown and Dr. Chittick!

Monday
Wing bar
Buffalo Wings
Honey Mustard Wings
BBQ Wings
Macaroni and Cheese
Steamed Cut Corn
Broccoli with Cheese Sauce
Baked Potato Chips

Tuesday
County Fair Bar
Hot Dogs
Chicken Tenders
Beef Chili
Breaded Chicken Filet
Sandwiches
BBQ Baked Beans
French Fries

Wednesday
Asian Bar
Sesame Tofu
Sukiyaki
Teriyaki Chicken
Ginger Snow Peas
Confit Turmeric Rice
Polynesian Glazed Vegetables

Thursday
International Theme
Cod Vera Cruz
Steak Pizzelles
Vegetable Curry Stew
Shredded Braised Red Cabbage
Fried Zucchini Sticks
Brazilian Rice

Hot Off the Grill!
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Grilled Hamburgers
Hibachi Steak
Hibachi Chicken and Vegetables
Preston Specific Events

National Popcorn Day
Saturday, January 19 at 5:45 PM
Meeting in the Preston Kitchen then walking over
to the CP Movie in the RH Movie Theater.

Taboo Night-Battle of the Sexes
Tuesday, January 22 at 7:30 PM in the JCR

Ski/Snowboarding Trip
Saturday, January 26 6 AM- Midnight in Sugar Mountain, NC
Please contact Carl Smolen or Daniel O'Dowd for more details.

Board Game Night
Wednesday, January 30 at 8 PM in the JCR

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Linking Leaders... Launching Legacies...

The 27th annual Student Leadership and Diversity Conference (SLDC) is Saturday, February 2, 2013 from 9 AM- 4:30 PM.
This one day regional conference provides an opportunity for faculty, staff, and students to interact with individuals from other schools in the region.
SLDC trains and educates student leaders in essential leadership skills, developing their leadership identity, working and leading in a diverse society, and initiatives and methods to create sustainable positive change.

Why YOU Should Participate:
Network with students and advisors throughout the region
Develop leadership essentials for any role
Be a part of engaging discussion about maximizing your student leadership experience
Learn more about working and leading in a diverse society
Expand your resume by presenting an educational session with a staff or faculty member

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING:
Preston will sponsor registration fees for up to 5 students!

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CAROLINA PRODUCTIONS

Carolina Productions Calendar Launch Party
Tuesday, January 15 from 11-2 PM
Location: Greene St.
Figure out what Carolina Productions has in store for this semester!

Carolina Productions Events:
Nate Staniforth- Illusionist
Tuesday, January 15 at 8 PM in the RH Theater

Student Organization Fair
Wednesday, January 16 on Greene St.

Comedy Hypnotist
Thursday, January 17 at 8 PM in the RH Ballroom

Pitch Perfect
Thursday, January 17- January 20 at 6 PM in the RH Movie Theater
Student Organization Fair
Wednesday, January 16, 2013 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM on Greene Street
To get more information about student organizations at USC visit www.sa.sc.edu/studentorgs/

Preston Birthdays!
Ian McKeown 1/1 Callin Preston 1/1 Rasmune Baker 1/5 Alice Le 1/6 Jenna Stephens 1/6
Rachel Poston 1/7 Karen Shebuski 1/7 Kimberly Charlton 1/8 Roshani Parikh 1/8 Zachary Carlton 1/10
Timothy Jackman 1/10 Meagan Leazer 1/13 Kaylee Calvin 1/17 Tyler DeRosa 1/19 Blake Dailey 1/21

The Carolina Emerging Scholars Second Annual Literature & Culture Conference
Conference DATE: May 18, 2013
Abstracts DUE: March 1, 2013
LOCATION: University Of South Carolina, Lancaster
More info: http://usclancaster.sc.edu/cesc/

Celebrating the world’s greatest love stories has long been the subject of authors, painters, musicians, dancers, moviemakers, and critics. The Carolina Emerging Scholars Conference is pleased to accept papers on the theme of “Deathless Love,” ranging from the story of Heloise and Abelard to Wuthering Heights and the Twilight series, and dealing with any genre from poetry to the movies. We would be particularly interested in interdisciplinary papers making connections between two or more genres, for instance, literary or historical love affairs immortalized in visual art or music, the historical and literary intersections of Spiritualism, and cross-cultural notions of love beyond death. Abstracts of no more than 250 words are due by March 1, 2013 to cescon@mailbox.sc.edu. Abstracts must include name, title of paper, institution, and contact information.

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