Student Spotlight:
Carli Smolen
Preston Times Q&A

There aren’t enough hours in the day for this 2nd floor PC. Carli Smolen is a long way from her hometown of Branchville, New Jersey, but she’s certainly taking advantage of her time here. Between her International Business, Accounting and Global Supply Chain & Operations Management majors, she slips in time for a Spanish minor and her many commitments inside and out of Preston. She does all of this while maintaining her outgoing and personable attitude!

PT: Why did you choose USC?
CS: Honestly, USC was the last school I applied to, at the request of my mother. I was very opposed to it at first. Once I was accepted, we visited the school and I absolutely fell in love. Between the outstanding IB program, my admittance to the Honors College, the size of the student population, awesome weather, a beautiful campus, and Gamcock football, I knew this was the university for me.

PT: What are your career goals?
CS: I hope to eventually find myself in management of a large, multinational company, perhaps in the manufacturing industry. I also have not dismissed the idea of pursuing a career in consulting. Both of these careers are achievable with my majors, and I am excited to work towards them upon graduation!

PT: A unique experience?
CS: My study abroad opportunity in Bilbao, Spain during May 2013. I lived in Spain for 4 weeks. I lived with a fantastic family and made some incredible friends!

PT: What are you involved in on campus?
CS: I serve as the Communications Director for Omega Phi Alpha Service Sorority (OPHiA) - basically, I work with our 17 chair positions to help them develop, organize, and execute their individual projects for the organization. I also perform at least 30 hours of community service each semester with my sisters of OPhiA. I have also been recently selected to serve in an intern executive position for USC’s chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants. With this organization, I have the opportunity to meet many professionals in the field and tour companies that have exceptional production systems - it’s very exciting! In Preston, I am currently a Peer Coordinator (PC)!!

PT: What do you love about Preston?
CS: I really love the fact that nothing is impossible in Preston. Students have futures that are limitless and Preston fosters this idea, allowing its students to pursue their passions from the very beginning of their college careers. I enjoy having the opportunity to watch these very individual students develop themselves over the course of the year, watching them follow their dreams.

PT: What do you love about being a PC?
CS: My favorite moments are when I can help a resident and teach them something new. I have had the opportunity to interact with so many residents and help them learn about both USC and themselves!

PT: You’re in the Honors College, as well, what are some of the benefits of that?
CS: The academic opportunities have been an integral part of my academic career. Small class sizes, extremely engaged professors, and eager students have all helped foster my intellectual growth.

Speed Dating with Associates
Monday, February 4
at 6 PM
Come meet-and-greet with the Preston Associates at PDining starting at 6 PM. Learn about their personal and professional interests. You’ll never know what you may discover!

Contributing to a Good Research Environment:
Plans, Expectations, and Effective Communication
Thursday, January 31st 3:30-4:30
Location: Legare College 322

One of the most important aspects of having a good research environment is the relationship between the mentor and the mentee. This workshop will facilitate the process of making and maintaining a successful relationship.
University of South Carolina
Career Center
Career Fest

Tuesday, January
29

Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Columbia Metropolitan
Convention Center
www.sc.edu/career
facebook.com/UofSCCareers
twitter.com/UofSCCareers

Can you make a 5-minute movie in a week?
Campus MovieFest (CMF), the world’s largest student film festival and a premier outlet for
the next generation of filmmakers, provides students with everything they need
— including Panasonic HD camcorders and Apple laptops —
to make a five-minute movie in one week. Sign-up now for USC’s Campus MovieFest.
Equipment distribution and filming begins on Monday, February 4.

Check out more info, and all the movies ever created during CMF at campusmoviefest.com.

Comedian, Nick Offerman, will be at the Koger Center on
Feb 5th at 8 PM!
Get your FREE ticket with your Carolina Card at the RH Info Center
or the Koger Box Office.

I <3 Female Orgasm at the RH Ballroom
Wednesday, January 30th at 8PM
Preston Dining!

Monday
Pasta Bar
Baked Ziti Casserole
Spaghetti with Meatballs
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheese Pizza
Marinara Sauce
Vegetable Lasagna

Tuesday
Taco/Burrito Bar
Taco Meat and Taco Chicken
Hard & Soft Shells
Chips, Salsa, Sour Cream and Shredded Lettuce
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Vegetarian Enchiladas

Wednesday
Southern Cuisine
Fried Chicken Barbeque Brisket
Macaroni and Cheese
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Brown Gravy
Green Beans
Vegetable Quiche

Thursday
Asian Cuisine
Sesame Chicken Beef Stir Fry
Vegetable Fried Rice
Lo Mein Noodles
Stir Fry Veggie Medley
Spring Rolls
Stir Fry Tofu with Vegetables

Hot Off the Grill!
Grilled Cheese
Quesadilla
Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Hibachi Steak

Happy Birthday Preston!

Trevor Parmelee 1/28  Matthew Pritchard 1/28
Brannen Spell 1/28  Ashley Miller 2/2
Amber Olbon 2/2  Daniel Guerriero 2/4

Sunday 1/27  Monday 1/28  Tuesday 1/29  Wednesday 1/30  Thursday 1/31  Friday 2/1  Saturday 2/2

Poetry Night 8pm  RH Bookstore Cafe
I (heart) female orgasm 8pm  RH Ballroom
Board Game Night 8pm in the JCR

2/3  2/4  2/5  2/6  2/7  2/8  2/9
Speed Dating With Associates 6pm  PDining
Comedian Nick Offerman 8pm  Koger Center
Valentine's Day Tea 4pm  JCR
Register for the 27th Annual Student Leadership & Diversity Conference

Preston is sponsoring a few registrations, so let us know ASAP if you want to attend. The Student Leadership and Diversity Conference (SLDC) is an annual conference held Saturday, February 2, 2013 from 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM. This year’s theme is Linking Leaders Launching Legacies: 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.

Registration for USC-Columbia students is $20 per student and covers a continental breakfast, lunch, conference t-shirt, and all other necessary materials for the day.

Registration is available at: www.sa.sc.edu/sldc

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Peace First is excited to launch a new national campaign to celebrate young people leading change to create peaceful schools and communities. Five amazing young people between the ages of 8 and 22 will each receive a $50,000 two-year Fellowship to recognize their peacemaking work and invest in their leadership. This is a great opportunity for you to nominate a young person you know and spread the news throughout your networks.

Winners will be chosen on these key criteria: compassion, courage, and the ability to engage others in creating positive change.

Applications are now open and will be accepted through April 12. Please get involved!

We need your support to tell uplifting and inspiring stories about young people creating change.

Go to www.peacefirst.org/prize to share the Prize with a young person you know or nominate them today!

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Sophomores and Scholarships

Announcing a new program for sophomores only! Now is the perfect time to seriously consider some of the wonderful national fellowship opportunities that may help facilitate your interests and future goals. We invite you to attend a Sophomores and Scholarships session this semester. Come meet with Jen Bess, our Fellowships Coordinator, as she walks you through fellowship options, the application processes for a select group of fellowships, and helps you consider how a fellowship application may fit into your future plans.

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Delta Delta Delta is hiring student workers for dishwashing shifts throughout the week. The shift is Sunday through Thursday 3:30 to 7:30 PM in the TriDelta house with a pay rate of $8.00 per hour and a meal is included.

If you interested, please contact Erin Wilson ASAP at wilxnen@mailbox.sc.edu, or come by the Delta Delta Delta house in the Greek Village between 9 AM and 5 PM (please ask for Erin or Jon Bankert).
National Student Exchange – Study "Abroad" in our country and territories!

The National Student Exchange (NSE) is offering several information sessions this month! The priority application deadline to study away with NSE in the fall of 2013 or spring 2014 is January 31, 2013. This is a great opportunity for students to experience a different culture! NSE allows USC students to study at one of nearly 200 universities across the US, US territories, and Canada. Information sessions will be held on six different days in the next few weeks.

To view the times of the sessions, visit www.sc.edu/nse.

For more information about NSE, contact Kasha Klimegore (nse@sc.edu or 803-777-6731).

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Leadership Programs

Are you someone making a difference in the Carolina Community? Do you know someone who is? Nominate or apply today for a Leadership and Service Award.

Nominations are due Feb. 7th, Applications are due Feb. 24th.

For more information, please visit http://www.sa.sc.edu/leaders/lsawards/

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Fill The Vans!

Each week of this semester there are at least 12 different opportunities for students to engage in service through Community Service Program's Fill the Van Program. Students will serve 1-2 hours per project and transportation is provided. Students have the ability to serve with the same agency each week of the semester; which will hopefully facilitate students building a relationship with the agency and continuing to serve beyond these weekly projects.

Students should register each week to serve at an agency of interest to them.

Register here: http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/volunteer-2/

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Gamecock Connection Positions Available

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is looking for enthusiastic, dedicated students to assist with recruiting prospective students at Admissions special events. They are looking for volunteers to assist with Admissions events this spring.

Applications are available in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, located on the Horseshoe in Lieber College.

Application deadline: Friday, February 1st at 5:00 pm. For more information, please call Alexandra Scovel at 803-777-9106.

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Magellan Scholar Research Award

WORKSHOPS and DEADLINES Approaching

Get up to $3,000 to do something you are interested in! Apply for a Magellan Scholar award for your research, scholarship, or creative activities.

DEADLINE: Thursday, February 21st by 5pm.

You must have a faculty mentor, a project plan, and attend a workshop to apply.

For more info and Magellan Scholar application workshop dates & times: www.sc.edu/our/magellan.shtml.
Spring Diversity Dialogues
Get excited for a semester full of discussion, food, and diversity!
Here is a list of our upcoming Diversity Dialogues:

Circles: People Affected By HIV – 2/21
at 7:00pm in Honors B110

Civility – 3/07
at 7:00pm in the Capstone Carolina Room

Voices: Global Development of Women – 3/21
at 7:00pm in Honors B110

That's So Gay: Stereotypes Surrounding the LGBT Community – 3/28
at 7:00pm in South Quad Lounge

Little Princes: Uncovering the Lost Children of Nepal – 4/11
at 12:30pm in TBA

Diversity Retreat Applications Now Available!
Come join other students from Carolina and Columbia College as we embark on an experiential adventure learning more about ourselves, each other and our communities. The retreat culminates with the creation of an action plan to bring positive sustainable change to your community. This life-changing retreat is open to ANY student at USC with all meals, housing and transportation provided. The retreat will take place March 1–3. Applications are being accepted until February 15th. Applications can be found here: http://bit.ly/WppQdj.

Please contact Gavin Weiser with any questions at weiser@mailbox.sc.edu.

3rd annual M.O.S.A.I.C. Symposium
Please consider presenting at the 3rd annual M.O.S.A.I.C. Symposium (Meaningful Opportunities for Students to Achieve International Competencies) on March 23, 2013. This symposium is a one-day conference co-sponsored by the Study Abroad Office, Opportunity Scholar Program & the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs.

The symposium is open to all USC students, and students who are typically underrepresented in International Education are especially encouraged to participate. Typically underrepresented students include, but are not limited to, the following groups: African American students, Hispanic American students, as well as first-generation students (those whose parents have not obtained a college degree).

To submit a session proposal, click on the following link to complete the brief proposal form: http://studyabroad.sc.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=423&Itemid=1518.

Proposals should be submitted online by February 8th, 2013.

For more information on M.O.S.A.I.C., please visit www.studyabroad.sc.edu/mosaic.