Student Spotlight: Trav Chiles
Preston Times Q&A

Travis Chiles can be seen on the field at every football game with the Carolina band and color guard. He’s from Hartsville, a small town here in SC, but he is ready for big city life. Trav has a love for helping others and wants to share his love with as many people as possible.

Preston Times: Why did you pick USC?
Trav Chiles: The biggest deciding factor for me was how easily I thought I’d be able to meet new people. At the end of my senior year I was ready to move out of my small town and into a bigger environment in which others would constantly surround me. Going to a school of nearly 30,000 students sounded about right, and it has been very easy for me to become involved with the community and meet others just as I had hoped.

PT: What are your career goals?
TC: I’m still undecided about my career and major, but the general idea is that I’d like to spend the rest of my life interacting with people and bettering their lives. I’ve considered teaching, social work, and owning my own business, but I think I need more time to make a definite decision.

PT: Can you share a unique experience with us?
TC: Over this past summer I had the opportunity to travel to San Francisco, California, live there, and see what life in a big city after high school can be like. It was a huge leap for me, having never even been outside of South Carolina unless accompanied by chaperones on a school field trip. Now here I was boarding a plane by myself and flying hundreds of miles away from anything familiar. While there I attended San Francisco Pride, a huge charity event celebrating LGBT heritage and life, and was given a good amount of time to simply explore the city, connect with others, and reflect on the possibilities of my future. It all happened simply because a good friend of mine wanted to pluck me out of my small town and show me that there are better, more accepting places in the world and that the possibility of a great future waits for me.

PT: What are you involved in?
TC: Last semester I participated in the USC Color Guard and performed at all of the home games, Clemson, and the Outback Bowl, which was a really fun experience. I attend and choreograph at meetings for a club on campus named Project Dance, where a group of people meets to dance in a stress free, nonjudgmental environment. Inside of Preston my biggest involvement is with the Preston Ambassadors, who of course provide Preston with many of its fun events!

PT: What do you love most about Preston?
TC: What I’ve loved most about Preston has definitely been the friendly community atmosphere. It’s not difficult to walk a few feet down the hall and find someone to talk to or hang out with, which was perfect for someone wanting to meet a lot of new people in College. Preston made it very easy.

PT: What about Color Guard?
TC: It’s difficult to choose one thing! I love performing, competing, and the athleticism of it all. However, the one thing that really makes Color Guard worthwhile is the family gained from it. The winter guard I currently spin with is made up of 14 people. These 14 people have the same goals and the same mindset every single weekend, typically rehearsing up to 23 hours in a single weekend. These 14 people sweat, cry, and literally bleed together, and it gives us all a very unique bond.

Dear members of Preston College:
It is with deep regret and tremendous appreciation that I must announce that Ms. Martha Jenkins will be leaving the University on March 1 to assume a new administrative position with the Lexington County (SC) government. In the coming week, please join me in thanking Ms. Jenkins for her remarkable service and her leadership. And please join us for a drop-in reception in her honor on Friday, March 1 from 12 Noon until 2.

Dr. Bobby Donaldson

Garrison Gist is the newest member of the Gamecock Football Team.
“It means a lot to me, because of the hard work and commitment that was put in to it. I didn’t make it this far last year so it’s a great opportunity, and I’m just happy to be here.”

—Garrison
Congratulations Garrison!
**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 Baked Fries
Vegetable Fried Rice
Lo Mein Noodles
Stir Fry Veggie Medley
Spring Rolls
Stir Fry Tofu with Vegetables

**Hot Off the Grill!**
Grilled Italian
Chicken Breast
Grilled Cheese Quesadilla
Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Hibachi Steak

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**Happy Birthday!**

**Preston!**

**Tyler Waddle 3/3**
Haley Rabic 3/9
Brittany Porter 3/10

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**Sunday 2/24**
President's Leadership Dialogue 5:30pm
Sundaes on Sunday 10:08pm

**Monday 2/25**
USCPD: Property Registration 5pm
Women's Self-Defense 7pm
Y-IMPACT Interest Meeting 9pm

**Tuesday 2/26**
USCPD: Property Registration 5pm
Women's Self-Defense 7pm
Y-IMPACT Interest Meeting 9pm

**Wednesday 2/27**
Kr(NO)W More 7pm

**Thursday 2/28**
Career Center: Resumes and Cover Letters 7pm

**Friday 3/1**

**Saturday 3/2**

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R.H Theatre
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Ball
French
Students at P-Dining
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Preston Room
Barter
6pm

All Day
Civility
Diversity
Dialogue
7pm
Housing Contract Cancellation Policy
Cancellation of the Contract Prior to the Start of the 2013/2014 Academic Year

March 1, 2013:
If notice of cancellation is received by University Housing on or before this date, the contract is cancelled with no additional charge and the $100 advance payment is refunded.

March 2, 2013 through May 1, 2013:
If notice of cancellation is received by University Housing between these dates, the contract is cancelled, but no portion of the $100 advance room payment is refunded. In addition, students will be charged a $500 cancellation fee.

Jean Toal
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Enjoy an evening with Chief Justice Jean Toal as she shares her story on leadership and politics.

Sundaes on Sundays
Bring a bowl, spoon, and Carolina Card!
March 3 @ 10:08p
JCR

Safe Zone Ally Trainings
Interested in being a Safe Zone Ally? All Spring semester training have been scheduled for March 22nd, and April 19th at 1 PM in the Russell House.
Please register online at
http://www.sa.sc.edu/omsa/become-a-safe-zone-allyrequest-a-presentation/
Deogratias Niyizonkiza, internationally known for work in global health and human rights, is this year’s speaker for the President’s Leadership Dialogue. His story is told in Tracy Kidder’s best seller, Strength in What Remains. Deo was a medical student in Burundi during the Hutu-Tutsi Genocide. He was the only survivor in the hospital where he worked, and he managed to escape Burundi, arriving in America with $200. Through a series of extraordinary events Deo soon enrolled at Columbia University and then attended medical school in the U.S. He has established a health clinic in Burundi that has so far served over 55,000 people, regardless of their ethnicity or ability to pay. Deo’s story is a powerful account of immigration, reconciliation through education, and the compassion of everyday people. The campus and community are invited to attend.

The Carolina Leadership Initiative

In 2010, the Carolina Leadership Initiative launched an exciting new Leadership Scholars program designed to identify, mentor, and support emerging student leaders at USC. Students accepted into this program spend a year leading a project at the university or in the Columbia community, and they also attend monthly sessions with university faculty and staff.

The Carolina Leadership Initiative is now soliciting applications for its 2013-2014 Leadership Scholars Program. Applications for the 2013-2014 Leadership Scholars Program are due March 1, 2013.

Social Justice Month – Call for Programs!

This March, the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs is very excited to host University of South Carolina’s Social Justice Month. Throughout this month, a variety of events across campus will be hosted to support the learning and development of social justice in our community. The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs will be creating a calendar listing events taking place across campus. Please consider organizing and submitting a program for this wonderful event:

https://sawebdev.wnfo.com/forms/social-justice-month-programming/

If you have any questions, please contact Gavin Weiser at weiser@mailbox.sc.edu and we hope you join us this March for many wonderful events!
Skill Builders Leadership Workshops
The Office of Student Organizations and Leadership Programs are excited to announce the upcoming SkillBuilder Workshop:

**Personal Branding**

**Tuesday, February 26th at 5pm in Russell House 305**

Pizza will be provided.

Presented by: Corrine Hawes, Program Coordinator, Student Leadership in the Workplace

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**Project Condom**

**March 5th in the Russell House Ballroom**

Project Condom is a runway fashion show on March 5th at the Russell House Ballroom. All garments featured will be made entirely of condoms!

A panel, including special guest judge, Anthony Auld (Season 9 of Project Runway, 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!

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**Serve Carolina**

**Serve Carolina Workshop**

The Serve Carolina Workshop (Mar. 3rd) is a one-day training that provides an opportunity for students to engage in meaningful discussion and reflection of social issues most pertinent in the Columbia community and network with fellow peers on ways to address those issues. Lunch is provided. There is no cost associated with this workshop.

For more information, please contact saserve@mailbox.sc.edu or call (803) 777-7130.

Register here: https://sawebdev.wufoo.com/forms/2013-serve-carolina-workshop/

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**The Carolina Emerging Scholars Second Annual Literature & Culture Conference**

**May 18, 2013 at the University of South Carolina, Lancaster**

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, or 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.

For more info visit http://usclancaster.sc.edu/cesc/
Call for Entries: University Libraries Student Book Collecting Contest

Submission Deadline: April 1, 2013

Entries are invited from students currently enrolled at the University of South Carolina for the University Libraries Student Book Collecting Award, carrying a first prize of $250. The award is sponsored by the Thomas Cooper Society, which initiated it in 1993 to encourage beginning book collectors. A list of previous winners and the topics of their collections is available at: http://www.sc.edu/library/spcoll/bookcoll/winners.html.

Entries should be submitted by midnight on Monday, April 1, 2013, to Jeffrey Makala, Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, Hollings Special Collections Library, Columbia SC 29208. (803) 777-0296 or makalaj@mailbox.sc.edu.

Register now to attend the 3rd annual M.O.S.A.I.C. Symposium, a one-day conference with the goal of promoting diversity in international learning.

Students who attend the M.O.S.A.I.C. Symposium will have the opportunity to be a part of engaging discussions about developing and expanding global competencies both here and abroad. They will learn how international competencies can help prepare you for the workplace and give you an advantage over the competition.

Visit www.studyabroad.sc.edu/mosaic for more information and to register.

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Hardison at hardisor@mailbox.sc.edu.

Spring Diversity Dialogues

Get excited for a semester full of discussion, food, and diversity! Here is a list of the upcoming Diversity Dialogues through the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs.

**Civility** – March 7 at 7:00 PM in the Capstone Carolina Room

**Voices** – Global Development of Women – March 21 at 7:00 PM in Honors B110

**That's So Gay** – Stereotypes Surrounding the LGBT Community – March 28 at 7:00 PM in South Quad Lounge

**Little Princes** – Uncovering the Lost Children of Nepal – April 11 at 12:30 PM in Russell House 315

Preregister: https://sawebdev.wufu.com/forms/diversity-dialogue-registration/

For more information about the Diversity Dialogues, please contact: Lizzie Dement dementlm@mailbox.sc.edu

Alternative Spring Breaks!

There are spots still available on the Community Service Programs trips to Palm Beach, FL (poverty), Hubert, NC (animal rescue), Tuscaloosa, AL and Atlantic Co, NJ (disaster relief). If you are interested in any of these trips, please email saserve@mailbox.sc.edu as soon as possible. At this point, placement is on a first come first serve basis. The deposit is $75 and the total cost of all of these trips is $150.

More information is available on their website: http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/alternative-break-trips/
Bon appétit and vive la France!
Tuesday, March 5 at 6 PM
Join engineering students from ENPC (Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées) just outside of Paris, France for an evening of French cuisine at P-Dining on Tuesday, March 5 at 6pm. A traditional French menu and cheese tasting will be available.

MULTICULTURAL STUDENT AFFAIRS

Recruiting Volunteers for Tunnel of Awareness!
Date: Sunday, March 24th – Wednesday, March 27th
Location: Patterson 103/104

This March, the Residence Hall Association, University Housing, and the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs are hosting the 3rd Annual Tunnel of Awareness. Tunnel of Awareness is a program that displays different topics of social justice in an interactive museum style. For this event, we need volunteers from all over campus to help strengthen the event. All volunteers for this event are eligible to receive service hours. Please check out the following links to learn more about the event and register as a volunteer.

General Volunteers and Tour Guides (Students, Faculty, and Staff):
https://sawebdev.wufoo.com/forms/tunnel-of-awareness-volunteers/

Reflection Facilitators (Faculty, Staff, and Graduate Students):

Please contact Supaphen Niroula (NIROULA@mailbox.sc.edu) or Lizzie Dement (dementm@mailbox.sc.edu) for more information or questions.

If you have any questions about the newsletter, please contact Courtney Tipton at tiptoncc@mailbox.sc.edu
An Evening with

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Tunnel of Awareness

Turn on the Light: move through different exhibits that focus on specific social awareness topics, including suicide awareness, HIV/AIDS, gender and more.

MONDAY
March 25

WEDNESDAY
March 27

12 p.m. - 9 p.m. (March 25 - 26)
12 p.m. - 4 p.m. (March 27)

Patterson Hall, first floor
Check-in outside of classrooms

Sign-Up for a tour time at www.housing.sc.edu or stop by for first-come, first-served availability.

Sponsored by: Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, Residence Hall Association and University Housing

Tunnel of Awareness - University of South Carolina

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