STUDENT SPOTLIGHT!

Anna Grace Gentle is a junior here at USC from Sullivan’s Island, South Carolina, and double majors in international business and accounting while also minoring in Chinese studies. She has always wanted to travel abroad like her brother and sister, and finally gained the opportunity last summer. She chose to study abroad in China and learn Chinese because “China is an engine of economic globalization in the world today and it would be beneficial to know,” Anna Grace said.

“My summer in China helped me become more globally aware. I got to firsthand experience first hand what it is like to be in an international location. I became accustomed to a new culture and I improved my skill at speaking a second language. I also developed my communication skills quite rapidly because that is what you needed to survive.”

Anna Grace stayed in an international dorm at Southwest University for Nationalities (Xinan Minzu Daxue) in the up-and-coming city of Chengdu in the Sichuan Province. While there, she took a class on Chinese economics as well as Tai-Chi.

Outside of class, she traveled all across China to witness some of its wonders. From the Great Wall and the Forbidden City to the Giant Buddha and Tiananmen Square, the entire trip was an adventure for her. She even took time to do a little mountain climbing on the Emei Shan Mountain, one of China’s four Buddhist sacred mountains.

“My time there was amazing and I wish I could’ve had more of it,” Grace said.

Anna Grace wrote about her experiences in China on her blog annainchina.tumblr.com.
“During Welcome Week, we mentioned some opportunities to get involved during your first semester. Here’s a friendly reminder!”

- Enroll in a Preston-specific class or one taught by an Associate for the Spring semester
- Study on the Horseshoe
- Attend Preston events
- Plan your own Preston event!
- Participate in a community service project
- Apply for a Magellan grant to fund your research
- Take part in the political process and vote in the November elections
- Join or create a committee in Preston
- Maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
**P Dining September 10th to 13th**

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**Happy Birthday**

1) Kelly Hadder (9-10)
2) Elijah Adkins (9-12)
3) Austin Wise (9-12)
4) Bradyn Holaus (9-13)
5) Nereo Legaspi (9-13)
6) Lydia James (9-14)

**Preston Reminders**

- Please solicit recipe submissions for a Preston cookbook. Photos are highly encouraged!
- Remind students to nominate a Preston resident for the Student Spotlight (http://preston.sc.edu/spotnom.php)
- Still looking for someone to take over the Preston Garden. Email morgans@mailbox.sc.edu
- Preston residents are encouraged to drop-in the RT Office to study or get additional academic support from one of our three RTs. Resident Tutor Office Hours at Sunday-Thursday from 8-9 PM Room 110. Residents can also email the RTs at prestontutor@gmail.com.

**Preston Hall Government!**

Nominations for Preston Government’s secretary, senator, and wing representatives will take place on Monday, 9/10. To nominate yourself: pick up a form outside Katie Albano’s room (218), fill it out, and drop it by Ryan Lloyd’s office (lobby). Once you have nominated yourself, you may start campaigning on Tuesday, 9/11. ALL RESIDENTS will vote in the elections on Blackboard that will open Saturday (9/15) and run through Monday (9/17). Campaigning ends on Monday, 9/17, at noon (posters should be taken down by this time).

Preston Government’s mandatory meetings are every Wednesday at 9:15pm.
Speed Dating with Associates!

Monday, September 10 at 6:30pm in PDining. Come get to know our AWESOME Associates!

Friday, Sept 14 at 10pm in the Russell House.

Get ready for the biggest dance party of the year! DJ Kick-Mix, one of California’s up-and-coming DJs will be performing to a packed house from 10PM-2AM in the Russell House Ballroom! Come to the show early to make a tie-dye bandana and pick up your own glow necklace!

Great student debate applications available in Campus Life Center or at cps.sc.edu

Movies are Thursday- Sunday at 6pm and 9pm in RH Theater:

- Chernobyl Diaries at 6pm
- Snow White @ 9pm

You are cordially invited to

Principal's Tea
A kick-off to the Fall semester with residents and Associates

Friday, September 14
4pm in the Principal’s Lodge
Research Opportunity in Comics!

ANY major interested in comic books and graphic novels are welcome to apply as a research assistant on a project titled, “Caricature and Race in American Comic Books, 1938-Present,” a project that examines the history of racial caricatures in comics. The research assistant’s duties will involve going through an electronic collection of downloaded public domain comic books from the 1930s-1950s and documenting instances of racial caricatures in those comics. The research assistant should have access to his or her own computer. Preference given to students with experience with Excel or Access and MLA citation format; but not required. The student would also collaborate on a Magellan Scholar grant application. Project could be used for a senior thesis, Honors Fellowship, Magellan (Apprentice, Guarantee, mini-grant OR Scholar) and possibly an independent study (with approval from student’s advisor). NOTE: This is for Columbia campus students, any major. Please email (ajkunka@uscsumter.edu) to express interest or ask questions!

Diversity Dialogue!
On Thursday, September 13th EMPOWER in co-sponsorship with Community Service Programs will be hosting a Diversity Dialogue entitled Navigating the Future in Light of the Past: Attitudes Post 9/11. Throughout this discussion, students will be conversing with a diverse panel of participants about the mindset of our country since the 9/11 attacks. Participants can expect the discussion to cover 9/11’s impact on security, government, freedom, religion, and other various topics.

Thursday, September 13th at 7:00pm
Capstone Residence Hall Carolina Room (on the 17th floor)
Lizzie Dement dementm@mailbox.sc.edu

9/11 Week of Service
The September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance is the culmination of efforts originally launched in 2002 by the 9/11 nonprofit, My Good Deed, with support by the 9/11 community and leading national service organizations. This effort first established the inspiring tradition of engaging in charitable service on 9/11 as an annual and forward-looking tribute to the 9/11 victims, survivors, and those who rose up in service in response to the attacks.

This year, Community Service Programs has coordinated a week of opportunities for students to serve in various capacities in honor of those lost, those who survived, and those who served in response to the attacks. Opportunities include (but aren’t limited to) preparing and serving lunch at Transitions Center, planting flowers at Burton Center, discussing changes in attitudes since the 9/11 attacks, and honoring USC veteran students.

To find out how you can join the tradition with your fellow Gamecocks, please visit http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/911-week-of-service/.

Magellan Scholar
Office of Undergraduate Research
The Discover Seminar
It’s time to discover your connection to undergraduate research. Discover is an 8-week, not-for-credit seminar aimed at connecting and developing relationships with faculty; understanding current issues related to research ethics; learning about opportunities for funding and showcasing research; and creating a plan for research during your college experience.

September 12 - November 7 on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 PM in the Russell House Room 302

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Career Center/JOB FAIRS!

Career Fest Fall 2012
For students interested in non-technical internships, co-ops and full-time positions.
Wednesday, September 19, 2012 from 12-4 PM
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
http://www.sc.edu/career/Fairs/CF/student.htm

S.E.T. (Science, Engineering & Technology) Fair
For students interested in technical internships, co-ops and full-time positions.
Wednesday, September 19, 2012 from 12-4 PM
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
<http://www.sc.edu/career/Fairs/SET/student.htm>

PREPARE Before Attending the Career Fair
Attend the September Success Series filled with events designed to help you prepare for the job fairs
· http://www.sc.edu/career/Events/SeptemberSuccess/

Stop by the Career Center to prepare your resume
· (On-call hours in one of two locations. Monday – Friday from 1 - 4 p.m., BA Building 6th floor or Swearingen CEC Career Center

Review the employer listings on JobMate and in the Daily Gamecock the week before the fair

Dress appropriately for the fair (no jeans, caps, flip flops, etc.)
Research employers of interest in JobMate

Visit the Job Searching, Interviewing & Networking page for tips and resources
· http://www.sc.edu/career/Webresources/searchinterview.html

Develop a one-minute professional introduction to describe how your skills and experiences can benefit the employer. This is a valuable opportunity to network with employers!

View the Career Fair Orientation webinar to gain a better understanding of what to expect at the Career Fair.
https://sc.optimalresume.com/modules/webcast/player.php?id=1182

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