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Kamla Named Teacher of the Year

Dr. Jim Kamla, assistant professor of Physical Education Teacher Education, has been named the 2013 South Carolina Association for Physical Education and Sport Teacher of the Year, University Level.

The SCAPES Honors and Awards Committee selected Kamla for this honor because of his outstanding contributions to the field of physical education. He received the award and was recognized for his excellence in teaching at the 2013 SCAHPERD Convention held in November.



Dr. Jim Kamla, right, was named the 2013 Teacher of the Year, University Level, for his outstanding contributions to the field of physical education.

USC Upstate Student Receives SCCTM Pre-Service Scholarship



Tamara Hawkins has been selected to receive a South Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics Pre-Service Scholarship. A Middle Grades Education major with a concentration in math and science, she is scheduled to complete her Directed Teaching assignment in Spring 2014.

Tamara Hawkins

A very competitive scholarship, the SCCTM Pre-Service Scholarship Program provides financial assistance of \$1,500 to deserving pre-service teachers who express their intention to specialize in the teaching of mathematics.

PETE Majors Attend SCAHPERD Conference



USC Upstate PETE students Shauna Swanberg and Chelsey Swofford led a conference session incorporating activities with the Omnikin ball.

Physical Education Teacher Education students Shauna Swanberg and Chelsey Swofford presented a session with Dr. Jim Kamla at the 86th South Carolina Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Conference & Exposition held at Myrtle Beach in November.

The session was entitled *Do You Omnikin?* and provided attendees a chance to learn, play, and have fun with the Omnikin ball. Everyone had a great time!

BENCHMARKS

Directed Teaching News

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Spring 2014 Directed Teaching Orientation meeting will be in the Health Education Complex.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Share Fair scheduled for Fall 2013 Student Teachers in the Campus Life Center Ballroom.

PROGRAMS, PROSPECTS & PATHWAYS

Opportunities In The Teaching Man Program

The Teaching Man Program is designed to support and increase productivity of male students interested in majoring in teacher education. Involvement in this program helps participants maximize their personal, academic and professional growth and market potential through engagement in multiple experiences to include professional development, voluntary service, individual mentoring, and exposure to educational field experiences primarily in Title 1 schools.



and enhance their writing, interpersonal, leadership, and financial management skills in support of them becoming leader in their chosen profession.

Participants also serve as mentors to students in the challenging public schools. In addition, the Teaching Man Program provides academic coaching, workshops

and seminars, and personalized mentorship by male education leaders within our community.

Each participant in this program will be enrolled in EDEL U398: A Topics in Education course. Under Isaac McKissick's tutelage, members will explore current issues in education

If you are interested in becoming involved in the program, contact Dr. Holly Pae for an application. She can be reached at 864-503-5556 or hpae@uscupstate.edu.

PROGRAMS, PROSPECTS & PATHWAYS

Teaching Fellows Welcome Area Teacher Cadets to Campus



Upstate Teaching Fellows help guide Teacher Cadets through the group activity.

The Upstate Teaching Fellows welcomed more than 125 high school seniors and teacher cadets to the annual Teacher Cadet College Visit Day held in October at USC Upstate.

The Teaching Fellows led participants in a Beach Ball banter icebreaker activity and helped guide them through the group activity of creating a caricature of the perfect teacher.

In addition, South Carolina Teacher of the Year Darleen Sutton offered inspiring words to all attendees.

The day wrapped up with the Fellows teaching cadets how to participate in “I Have A Link,” a program that demonstrates how much we have in common which links us together.

Volunteer Opportunities With Meeting Street Academy

Meeting Street Academy (MSA) is a groundbreaking initiative dedicated to the creation of a new mandate for education in South Carolina and beyond.

MSA was founded upon the belief that all children deserve an excellent education regardless of their geographic or socio-economic circumstances, and that all children have the ability to excel in the classroom.

Where access to quality public education or affordable private alternatives is severely limited, MSA is providing children with transformational educational opportunities.

To learn more about Meeting Street Academy and to find volunteer opportunities, visit www.meetingstreetacademy.com.

HOW TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ONLINE

1. Go to www.meetingstreetacademy.com
2. Highlight the SUPPORT US tab
3. Go down to Volunteering
4. Click volunteering process
5. On bottom left click volunteer application
6. 1st page of application is the background check, click the link (no fee required)
7. 2nd page is the application that you need to fill out and then save it to your computer and email it to acannon@msa.us.com, print it off and bring it with you when you come for orientation or fax it to the school at (864)253-1802.



SUMTER CAMPUS NEWS

The 'R Factor' Workshop Focuses On Response

BY AMY CHUA

The "R Factor" professional development workshop is a component of the orientation process for all employees of Tuomey Hospital in Sumter, and it is taught by a powerfully dynamic group of women. Tina Simenson, Beth Fordham, and Janelle Smith were asked to conduct the workshop for all future teachers in the USC Upstate Sumter Teacher Education program.

This workshop is based on self-awareness; understanding who we are and what our individual tendencies, strengths, and weaknesses are.

The R in "R Factor" stands for "response." The workshop teaches a very important equation that is useful in all career fields and all facets of life (both professionally and personally). The equation is: "E + R = O" and represents Event + Response = Outcome.

Regardless of how large or small the events in our lives are, we can't control them, but how we choose to respond to those events produces the outcome we get!

For more inspiration, check out "The Death Crawl - Facing the Giants" on YouTube. It was one of the videos shared during the workshop. Then ask yourself, "Am I giving it my very best?"



The 'R Factor' professional development workshop helps participants recognize individual quality traits.



Lessons from the workshop are built around a self-awareness concept and designed to improve one's ability to respond to situations.

Students Perform Series of Skits for Children

“Children want the same things we want...to laugh, to be challenged, to be entertained, and delighted.”

– Dr. Seuss



Juniors in a children's literature class at the Greenville campus entertained children at a local day care center by performing a series of Readers Theater skits.

Taking this quote to heart, the juniors in Laura Kaufmann's children's literature class at the Greenville campus embarked on a journey.

Visiting the City Kids Day Care Center, Kaufmann's students performed a series of Readers Theater skits for the children.

Dividing into five small teams, each team presented their skit in front of two different classes. With minimal props and huge imaginations, each team entertained, delighted, and created laughter among the children during each performance.

The enjoyment the children received from these performances was only topped by the enjoyment the students received from giving the performances. For many of Kaufmann's students, this was a day that not only solidified their desire to become teachers, but also would have made Dr. Seuss proud!

CALENDAR

December 5

May 2014 Graduation Applications due to the Dean

December 6

LAST DAY OF CLASS

December 7

Spring 2014 Directed Teaching Orientation

December 9

Fall 2013 Share Fair

December 9-13

Final Exams

December 17

Graduation

December 19

Grades can be viewed on Self-Service Carolina

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