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# School of Education Student Communiqué



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## Get Involved! ...

**P**rofessional organizations, as well as our student organizations are excellent venues for professional development networking, along with opportunities for service to the profession. Additionally, these organizations provide professional journals and local, state, regional, and national conferences. Plus, they provide you with much needed evidence for meeting APS 10 in your portfolio! Get involved - Join today!

### USC UPSTATE SOE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

[Teachers Educating All Children](#)  
[Beta Xi Honor Society](#)  
[Kappa Delta Pi](#)

### NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Art Education Association ([NAEA](#))  
 National Council of Teachers of English ([NCTE](#))  
 International Reading Association ([IRA](#))  
 National Association of Special Education Teachers ([NASET](#))  
 Council for Exceptional Children ([CEC](#))  
 National Federation of the Blind ([NFB](#))  
 National Association for the Education of Young Children ([NAEYC](#))  
 National Council of Teachers of Mathematics ([NCTM](#))  
 National Science Teachers Association ([NSTA](#))  
 National Council for the Social Studies ([NCSS](#))  
 National Association of Sport and Physical Education ([NASPE](#))  
 American College of Sports Medicine ([ACSM](#))  
 American Association of Teachers of Spanish/Portuguese ([AATSP](#))

### SOUTH CAROLINA ORGANIZATIONS

SC Art Education Association ([SCAEA](#))  
 SC Council of Teachers of English ([SCCTE](#))  
 SC Council of International Reading Association ([SCIRA](#))  
 SC Council of Exceptional Children ([SC CEC](#))  
 National Federation of the Blind South Carolina ([NFBSC](#))  
 SC Association for the Education of Young Children ([SCAEYC](#))  
 SC Council of Teachers of Mathematics ([SCCTM](#))  
 SC Science Council ([SC<sup>2</sup>](#))  
 SC Council for the Social Studies ([SCCSS](#))  
 SC Geographic Alliance ([SCGA](#))  
 SC Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, & Dance ([SCAHPERD](#))  
 SC Foreign Language Teachers' Association ([SCFLTA](#))

## Add-On Certification...

Are you interested in “adding-on” certification in another area? There are several options available; however, we caution you to do your homework with the SCDE to be sure. All add-on certifications require additional coursework, passing scores on the corresponding **PRAXIS II exam(s)**, and submission of the [change form](#) to the SCDE.



- [Elementary Education with LD add-on](#)
- [Elementary Education with Early Childhood add-on](#)
- Learning Disability Program with Elementary add-on must complete the following coursework:
  - Complete SEDL 448: Science for the Elementary Teacher
  - Complete SEDL 447: Social Studies Elementary School Teacher
- Secondary Education in English, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, or Social Studies - complete SEDS 441 to add-on Middle Level (look for it this summer!)

If the options above do not apply to you, [click here](#) to view the S.C. Certification Manual for requirements on adding on all eligible areas (beginning on page 25).

## New Required Course: SEDF 200! ...



### SEDF200: Colloquium

#### **SEDF 200. Teacher Education Colloquium (0)**

Introduction to the teacher education program policies, assessment system procedures, and professional dispositions. Required before admission to the Art, Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Level, Physical Education, Secondary Education, and Special Education: Learning Disabilities Programs

*All students applying to the Professional Program after January 1, 2010 will be required to successfully complete SEDF200. **\*\*If you have successfully completed SEDF 210 at USC Upstate (our campuses only) or completed the Seminar before Spring 2010, you are NOT required to complete this course.\*\****

#### **Four Online Modules:**

- One - School of Education Student Handbook; Teacher Certification
- Two - ADEPT; E-Portfolio; Reflective Practice
- Three - Progressivism
- Four - EEDA; Safe School Act

Register on VIP as you would any other class and see your advisor if you have any questions.

## Cate Egan, December 2009 Physical Education Graduate Accepted to Grad School!

Cate Egan, who graduated December 2009, was recently accepted into the graduate program at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. She will be working on a Masters in Physical Education Pedagogy which allows her to focus on both outdoor education as well as adapted physical education. Cate will officially begin June 2010. Additionally, Cate will work as a Graduate Assistant which pays a portion of the tuition as well as allows her to teach activity courses like



badminton, climbing, and swimming. She will also teach physical education for a local private school giving her the whole package: a Masters Degree, reduced tuition, and one-year of teaching experience!

Dr. Kamla, USC Upstate physical education assistant professor, went through this program and was pivotal in assisting Cate in this process.

**Congratulations Cate!**

## Fitness Recreation Majors and Physical Education Majors Make Plans to Attend Conferences!...

Students in the Fitness-Recreation Program plan to attend the annual meeting of the [Southeast chapter](#) of the American College of Sports Medicine in Greenville on February 13, 2010. The ACSM is the largest professional conference organization in the field of exercise science, with over 30,000 members worldwide. This regional conference is a showcase for student interests and research.



Twelve Physical Education majors will be attending the Southern District Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (SDAHPERD) Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC. The convention will run from **February 10 – 13**. Students will have the opportunity to attend conference sessions ranging from activity based sessions to research based sessions. Students look forward to building relationships, knowledge, professionalism, and just plain having fun.



## Upward Bound Students Volunteer!...

Upward Bound, housed in the SoE, is an organization targeting rising 9th and 10th graders and is designed to increase student participants' motivation, academic and social skills to levels necessary for success in education beyond high school. Additionally, the program seeks to promote leadership skills and an overall responsible lifestyle through its year-long series of group and individual activities. Upward Bound is funded totally by a Title IV grant awarded to USC Upstate by the U.S. Department of Education.



Empty Bowls was a fundraiser that Spartanburg Art Museum (SAM), The Arts Partnership, Hub-Bub, and Carolina Clay Artists sponsored to help feed hungry people of Spartanburg. Upward Bound students and staff volunteered by making ceramic soup bowls as well as serving soup at the event. These bowls filled with soup (of their chose donated by restaurants in the area) were purchased on October 10, 2009 at event at the Chapman Cultural Center. The money collected was donated to Second Presbyterian Church Soup Kitchen to feed the hungry. This fundraiser was open to the public and fortunately the event was a huge success.

## Real Men Teach!...



USC Upstate, in collaboration with Winston-Salem State University located in N.C., will begin work in the *Real Men Teach* initiative soon. Please look for information regarding this program forthcoming! [Click here](#) to read about this exciting recruitment program charged with increasing the number of African American males pursuing careers in education.

## Regional Science Fair Update...

The Region III Science Fair is coming in February 2010. This is the first year that the School of Education will be involved in the Regional Science Fair. Please mark your calendars for the event and if you are interested in volunteering and assisting with the fair please contact [Debbie Whittingham](#), HEC 3025. This event will take place **February 23<sup>rd</sup> – February 27<sup>th</sup> at the URC.**



## Scholastic Book Fair Coming February 22, 2010...

**T**EACH is once again sponsoring the Scholastic Book Fair. Don't miss this opportunity to purchase books for your future classroom or as gifts and help your SoE student organization raise money for special initiatives.



**Mark your calendars for the week of February 22 - 26!**

## 2009-2010 Excellence in Teaching & Advising Award...



### Now Accepting Nominations:

The Division of Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the Annual Bank of America Excellence in Teaching & Advising Award in conjunction with the Division of Student Affairs.



Nominations are being accepted from students. It's easy - simply e-mail Karen Thomas your nomination(s), and she will contact the individual(s) on your behalf!

Please note the deadline for this year's nominations is **Friday, February 19, 2010.**

Contact Karen Thomas at [kthomas@uscupstate.edu](mailto:kthomas@uscupstate.edu) with any questions.

## Praxis I and II ... (Also see Page 9 for a Workshop)

### **PRAXIS I:**

All education majors must pass all three sections of [Praxis I \(PPST\)](#) in order to apply and be accepted into the Professional Program. This is a State law and is required by all certifying institutions. Score reports for this exam take approximately 4-6 weeks to be received; therefore, it is vital that you take this exam well before you need 400+ level program courses. Additionally, if you scored a 24 or above on the ACT or a 1650 or above on the new SAT, you are exempted from taking this exam. See you advisor for more details.



Praxis I practice test software is available through our TEACH student organization. Please contact [Dr. Herzberg](#) for more details or one of our administrative assistants in the SoE.

### **PRAXIS II:**

In order to be certified upon graduation, all education majors must successfully pass all content exams for their major as well as the PLT exam for their grade level. [Click here](#) for more details on these exams.

## New Freshmen Advisor for the School of Education!...



Please join the SoE in welcoming Sherry McAdams, Director of the Career Center at USC Upstate to our SoE Family. While Ms. McAdams is not new to USC Upstate, she is new to the role of advising education majors with 30 credit hours or less. Ms. McAdams will be located in a temporary office in the SoE during priority advisement each semester.

*Welcome Ms. McAdams to our SoE Family!*

## Dean's List Certificates...

Dr. Love, Dean of the School of Education, will have Dean's List certificates available for pickup the second week of February for those students achieving the Dean's List Fall 2009. Also, the large display located in the entrance of the SoE will be updated at that time as well.



**Congratulations to all SoE Fall 2009 Dean's List Recipients!**

## ATTENTION ALL STUDENT TEACHERS Education Recruitment Day! ...



**O**n **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the USC Upstate Career Center and the School of Education will again partner to offer an Education Forum and Recruitment Event for May 2010 graduates. During the Forum, a panel of Teacher Recruiters will speak with the student teachers regarding hiring practices and expectations of first year teachers. The forum will be held in University Readiness Center (URC) Great Room and begins at 9:00am and continues until 10:20am. After a short break, at 11:00am the student teachers will walk across the aisle to the Recruitment event where they will be met by recruiters from NC, SC & GA who eagerly await the opportunity to speak with them regarding open positions within their schools. This portion of the event ends at 12:15pm. For more information contact Sherry McAdams at 503.5393 or [smcadams@uscupstate.edu](mailto:smcadams@uscupstate.edu).

## Diversity Conference - Mark Your Calendar!...

**U**SC Upstate, in collaboration with Converse College, Claflin University, Benedict College, South Carolina State, and Limestone College, will once again host the Diversity Conference! The event will be held on **March 4 in the CLC** and will feature guest speaker, [Paul Gorski](#), Founder of [EdChange](#). Paul is currently an assistant professor at George Mason University in Georgia.



Student Teachers from each of these institutions will be in attendance for this event!

## Attention Secondary Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry Majors!...

**T**he SoE and the College of Arts and Sciences collaborated to create worksheets providing pre-requisite course details and traditional course offering times for these three areas. If this is your major, please use these documents to guide your schedule!



- [Biology](#)
- [Chemistry](#)
- [Mathematics](#)

## Help the Students in Haiti by Donating School Supplies and Shoes!...

**E**ducational supplies, as well as shoes, are desperately needed in earthquake ravaged Haiti. Laura Kaufmann, an instructor in the Greenville Education program, has a personal contact at a school in Haiti who has requested these supplies. Please follow the below guidelines for all donations:

**USC Upstate in Spartanburg and Greenville:** pencils, paper, crayons, markers, etc. There are drop off areas in each respective SoE Office location.



**USC Upstate in Sumter:** shoes only. Please turn in your shoe donations to Gail Corning in Swartz.



Questions may be directed to Carolyn Culbertson, [ucgsoe@uscupstate.edu](mailto:ucgsoe@uscupstate.edu).

## Santiago, Chile - Make Plans to Go On This Once in a Lifetime Trip!...



**F**or the second year, teacher candidates who have at least sophomore standing and a 2.75 GPA are eligible to study in Santiago, Chile, May 16-30, 2010. The cost of the trip, approximately \$2850, includes airfare, lodging, tours and excursions and most meals. Teacher candidates are housed with local pre-approved families in the area. The cultural and educational experience is through Finis Terrae University, a private university in a fashionable residential area of Santiago. Course credit can be given. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Rebecca Faulkner. **A \$100 deposit is required by February 15, 2010.** Limited scholarship money is available; **however, students receiving financial aid qualify for additional monies even if your spring 2010 monies are depleted.**

## Gifu City, Japan - Calling All Early Childhood Majors for This Once in a Lifetime Trip!...

**E**arly childhood majors have a wonderful opportunity to spend one month this summer in Gifu City, Japan. This experience is open to juniors and seniors in good academic standing who wish to experience another culture. Participants will live with host families with all of their meals provided. The experience will also include 3-4 excursions. Participants will teach in a K4-5 private school providing English language and culture instruction for the children. Each participant will receive a salary of \$200. Airfare and program costs of USD \$1380 are at the participants' own expense. Long-term future employment in the school is a strong possibility. If interested, please contact either [Dr. Laura Hooks](#), or [Dr. Rebecca Faulkner](#).



## Want to Teach in Las Vegas? Recruiters Coming to Columbia, S.C....

**O**n **Monday, February 15, 2010**, Clark County School District (located in Las Vegas) will be in Columbia, South Carolina recruiting for their district! They promise competitive salaries and a family style community.



To schedule an interview, please call 702-799-5427 or visit their website for more details. [Clark County School District](#)



## Overbrook Child Development Center Warmly Welcomes USC Upstate Early Childhood Education Students...

The USC Upstate Greenville School of Education is excited by its new partnership with Overbrook Child Development Center. The Center has eagerly opened its doors to the early childhood education junior block students. The Overbrook facility, which began serving the needs of children in 1972, has recently been beautifully renovated. They provide pre-k and special four year olds, as well as education programs. Over-source for the community childhood education stu-



education programs for parenting and adult education programs. Overbrook is a wonderful resource and now for the early students at USC Upstate.

The teacher candidates with their designated class spend two full weeks with mester. The cooperating providing an opportunity management techniques, and student interaction. This is a chance for the teacher candidates to experience all that goes on in a 4K program. The early childhood education majors have the chance to observe and get to know the students while also, getting a sense of the class schedule. Additionally, they will have three different opportunities to lead a lesson with the children. This clinical experience is an outstanding opportunity for the students at USC Upstate Greenville to experience firsthand all that is involved in educating young children.

from USC Upstate work two times a week and will that class during the semester. The cooperating teachers at Overbrook are to observe teaching styles,

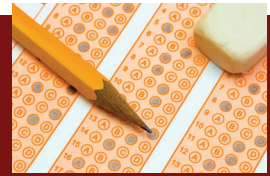
*By: Kate Huntebrinker, Early Childhood Education major, USC Upstate Greenville*

## Summer Camp Employment Opportunities...



The [Clemson University's Youth Learning Institute](#) is looking for summer camp workers for their 4-H Camp, Adventure Camp, and Camp Sewee. For more details, visit their website and/or contact Chelsey Repokis at 864-878-1041 or at [ccalzac@clermson.edu](mailto:ccalzac@clermson.edu).

# Preparing for the Praxis?



*Get advice from an expert!*

## **PRAXIS WORKSHOPS**

Sponsored by Palmetto State Teachers Association

**Saturday, March 6, 2010**

**Lexington Town Hall**

**111 Maiden Street**

**PRAXIS I: 10:00 – 1:00**

**PRAXIS III/PLT: 2:00 – 5:00**

### **Prices:**

**Members: Praxis I (\$10), Praxis II/PLT (\$10)**

**Non-members: Praxis I (\$10), Praxis (\$25)**

For Registration information:

[www.palmettoteachers.org](http://www.palmettoteachers.org)

**Palmetto State Teachers Association  
ANNUAL CONVENTION - March 27, 2010**

**We are EXCITED about our 2010 convention! We are having the candidates for Governor and State Superintendent of Education present their ideas to you.**

**Vendors, door prizes, light breakfast and Shealy's Barbeque for lunch! Luncheon speaker, PSTA member Bryan Coburn, South Carolina State Teacher of the Year!**

**Pre-service teachers = \$15**

For Registration information:

[www.palmettoteachers.org](http://www.palmettoteachers.org)