SoE News
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2012 Summer Camps

- Summer Math and Science Camp: June 4-8
- USC Upstate Youth Fitness Program: June 4-8
- M.E.L.S. Camp (Manners, Etiquette, and Life Skills): June 18-22

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SoE NEWSMAKERS

Congrats! Lisa Payne has been named the Armstrong Elementary (Greenville County Schools) 2012-13 Teacher of the Year. Lisa graduated from USC Upstate Greenville with a degree in Elementary Education in 2006.

School of Education faculty from the Greenville campus attended the Association of Teacher Educator’s Annual Conference from February 11-15, 2012 in San Antonio, Texas. In addition to attending numerous educational sessions and winning prizes in the Exhibit Hall (professional books and a Kindle), they were fortunate to attend a keynote address by Carol Tomlinson, the Differentiated Instruction guru!

Dr. Stacy Burr, Dr. Cece Toole, Carol Tomlinson, Laura Kaufmann, Dr. Judy Beck

On 10 February 2012, Dr. Jim Charles, School of Education Associate Dean, presented a paper titled “‘Again the Far Morning’: New Poems by N. Scott Momaday,” as part of the panel "Native American Images in Poetry and Song" at the 33rd Annual Conference of the Southwest/Texas American and Popular Culture Associations in Albuquerque, NM.
From Directed Teaching Field Coordinator, Mrs. Debbie Whittingham:

SPRING 2013 DIRECTED TEACHING INFORMATION

Candidates who wish to enroll in Directed Teaching for Spring 2013 must submit Part I and Part II of the Upstate, SoE application for Directed Teaching to the Field Experiences Coordinator by April 15, 2012. This application requires the approval of the candidate’s academic advisor who certifies that the candidate is eligible to enroll. In addition, the academic advisor is required to evaluate the candidate’s ADEPT portfolio. You must contact your advisor and schedule an appointment to complete the Part II requirement during the Spring 2012 advisement.

Directed Teaching is a semester-long course. Candidates must register for the course and pay tuition and fees as a full-time student. In addition, candidates in some programs must register for an additional three-hour seminar course as required in their major. Often, these co-requisite courses meet on campus before other classes at USC Upstate begin, or at a time designated by the professor. In addition, candidates will come back to campus a number of times during the semester for additional meetings of these courses. Normally, candidates cannot take any other courses during the semester of Directed Teaching without permission of their advisor, division chair and dean.

In most cases the Directed Teaching experience will consist of one placement for 70 or more days in a grade level and/or subject specific setting. Candidates in the learning disabilities program will have two placements of approximately seven weeks each – one in a middle or secondary school and one in an elementary school. Candidates in the physical education program will also have two placements each – one in an elementary school and one in a middle or secondary school. Candidates in middle grades will be in one school, but they will work with teachers in both content concentrations.

Placements for candidates are requested by the Field Experiences Coordinator who works with local school district personnel in accordance with established policies and procedures. Candidates will be placed in schools that have agreed to serve as partnership schools as well as in other appropriate school sites. Candidates may indicate their preferences for school districts and schools on their application, and the coordinator will attempt to honor those requests. Final decisions regarding placements, however, are based on a number of factors, including the use of partnership schools, the university’s ability to provide supervision and the availability of qualified cooperating teachers. Candidates are not permitted to contact classroom teachers or principals regarding their placements. When all of the placements have been made, the coordinator will notify candidates.

The Directed Teaching experience requires the candidate to be in the assigned school all day, every school day of the week. Typically, this is from 7:30 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. In addition, there are meetings, conferences and other duties after school. During the first week of each placement candidates will observe, learn the classroom/school routine, and begin to plan for the assumption of total teaching responsibilities. Candidates begin to take over and teach one or two subjects or periods at a time until they are teaching the cooperating teacher’s entire load. Candidates continue to carry the full teaching load and then relinquish control gradually to the cooperating teacher during the last week of placement. Because Directed Teaching is a full time endeavor, candidates are advised not to try to hold a job at the same time. If you must work, however, please plan to cut back on your hours, particularly while you are teaching full time.

Click here for the online information and application for Spring 2013 Directed Teaching
The District Six Internship Program Overview will be held on Monday, March 19th from 5:00-6:00 in HEC 2005. Those student interested in participating in this year-long program are urged to attend to gain details of the program. Those interested must be starting their LAST clinical in the FALL 2012 and STUDENT TEACHING in the SPRING 2013. Interviews will be held in April for selection into the program by a panel of District Six administrators.

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Teaching Fellows and other students assisted with the Piedmont Region III Science Fair throughout the week that it was on campus February 21st-25th. Volunteers helped with table set up, greeting and registration, and take down.

University Readiness Center before and after:

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GOUPSTATE.COM science fair video

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TEACH Greenville members are hooked on literacy!! On March 3, the Ready for Reading group hosted the Cat in the Hat event. This was a free, public event at McAlister Square Mall. Thirty different activity centers were set up - all inspired by children’s books. The activity centers were geared towards working with the birth-4 year age group, and also focused on teaching parents and caregivers how to give young children early language experiences. The TEACH organization helped with face-painting, puppeteering, games and other literacy activities. The opportunity to get involved in the community and promote literacy was met with enthusiasm by all.

UPCOMING SPRING SEMESTER MEETINGS
LOCATION: HEC 2039
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14- 6:30
THURSDAY, APRIL 12- 4:00

For more information, please contact: Amber Harris at 864-593-5074 or harris45@email.uscupstate.edu
Diversity Conference
03/15/2012

“Everyone Has a Story to Tell”

The USC Upstate School of Education Diversity Committee will sponsor the 20th annual diversity conference on March 15th. The purpose of the conference is to bring teacher candidates together on the topic of diversity in the classroom. Student Teachers from several South Carolina colleges and universities will attend the one day conference to be held at the Chapman Cultural Center in downtown Spartanburg. The teacher candidates will enjoy a keynote speaker, break-out sessions, and entertainment by local school children.

The keynote address will be made by Michael Fosberg, an actor, teacher and writer. See incognitotheplay.com for more information. Some of the topics for break-out sessions include: music and movement, family diversity, dialectic awareness, and multicultural activities for classrooms.

All Spring 2012 student teachers will be attending the USC Upstate Spring Diversity Conference on March 15th at the Chapman Cultural Center in Spartanburg beginning at 9:00 until 3:00.

Featured Speakers:

Michael Fosberg
Jennifer Collins
Patrick Suber
Dr. David Marlowe

A CERRA Workshop

will be held on April 9th beginning at 5:00pm and will conclude by 6:00pm. This will be held in HEC 2005. Bring your laptop. It is a workshop for those needing assistance in completing the online application. Attend if needed. Details will be provided to assist you in the development of the CERRA application!!

Palmetto State Teachers Association

Celebrating our SC teachers!

2012 Annual Convention

Saturday, March 17

8am to 4pm

Lexington Municipal Convention Center
111 Maiden Lane
Lexington, SC 29072

Please register in advance:
Register online at: www.palmettoteachers.org
Register by phone: 803.256.2065 or 800.849.7782
You don’t want to miss this event!
February was a pretty busy month for the Upward Bound program at USC Upstate. “The month of love was the perfect time to reflect on issues affecting education and to see how our program makes an impact on a local, state, and national level,” said Dr. Cassandra Mitchell, program director. “I believe it’s extremely important to teach students to pay it forward, even with simple actions. When you pay it forward, the positivity will circle back to you.”

We kicked off February with an act of kindness. In honor of National TRiO Day, participants donated items to the USC Upstate SNAC Food Pantry. TRiO Day is celebrated all over the nation by academic outreach programs that are sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education.

On this special day every year, our program is asked to turn its attention to the needs of disadvantaged young people. “We at Upstate decided that we would give to the SNAC Food Pantry because it is such a good cause, serving and providing food for our college students,” stated Yolanda Simuel, the Upward Bound counselor who coordinated the canned food drive. “It falls right into place with our mission of celebrating, reflecting, and acting on the needs of students in higher education.”

On February 18th Upward Bound, along with Upstate’s financial aid department and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, held its annual financial aid workshop, College Goal South Carolina. Over 100 persons were in attendance and approximately 70 students received financial aid information and were assisted in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Tom Geddens, specialist from the SC Corporation of Student Loans, presented valuable information about scholarships, grants, and loans. Students were able to receive one-on-one instruction and guidance from financial aid officers from various colleges in the Upstate, and Blake Nolan of Dorman High School won the door prize, an iPad2.

In honor of Black History Month, Upward Bound participants engaged in several activities. On February 4th they had the distinct pleasure of having Spartanburg’s first African American mayor to speak to them about the past and present accomplishments of Spartanburg. “At a time when so much can derail our students, we have to present positive role models and show students that ordinary people can do extraordinary things right here in a small place like Spartanburg,” said former mayor James Talley.

To cap the month of celebration off, the students got an opportunity to attend two cultural awareness programs, one at the Chapman Cultural Center and one right here on Upstate’s campus, featuring our own, Ms. Georgia McCarroll, the alumni counselor of the Upward Bound Program. Both performances were wonderful; however, the cast of “A Raisin in the Sun” is to be commended. “Ms. Georgia was inspiring! She made us realize how important it is to live your dreams and to put your words in action,” said Quinton Ferguson, Upward Bound’s vice president. Ms. McCarroll is a graduate of USC Upstate and prides herself on inspiring the students of Upward Bound.

Yes, a lot has transpired in the first few months of the new year and participants have been given various opportunities to get involved, share with others, and show acts of kindness. “We all need to give back and make our voices heard about education so students will have a chance to maximize their potential,” concluded Dr. Mitchell.
Are you thinking about graduate school?
Would you like to talk to someone in a grad program you are considering?
Do you have questions, but don’t know who to ask?

Join Us for
Grad Talk w/ USC Upstate
Graduate Education Programs
Friday, March 16th, 2012
1:00pm—2:00pm
HEC 2035

Graduate Programs Offered at USC Upstate

Early Childhood Education
Elementary Education
Special Education: Visual Impairment

Certificates
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Grad Talk is an opportunity to speak with Graduate Schools: Admission Directors, Faculty, and/or Students first hand. Each session will be 60mins long (45mins presentation, 15mins Q&A) and have representatives from the programs of study. For information about future sessions please contact Opportunity Network 864-503-5966.
Graduate Programs

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USC Upstate’s Graduate Programs in Education are designed for teachers who wish to pursue graduate courses leading to a master’s degree, recertification, certification in an additional area, and courses for professional development. Our courses are scheduled to accommodate the busy schedules of working professionals. Come meet our faculty and find out more about Graduate Programs at USC Upstate.

Information will be provided regarding admission requirements, financial aid and program framework. USC Upstate Graduate faculty will provide details and be available to answer specific questions. We hope to see you there!

www.uscupstate.edu/graduate

Graduate Programs in Education
Open House

DATE & TIME:
Thursday, March 22, 2012
3:00 - 6:00 p.m. (Drop-In)

J.M. Smith Boardroom
Health Education Complex
USC Upstate
800 University Way
Spartanburg, SC 29303

TO REGISTER:
follow the links at:
www.uscupstate.edu/graduate

RSVP by March 16

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Upcoming Dates:

- March 19-30
  Advisement begins - sign up for appointment on advisor’s doors in advance!

- April 2-13
  Registration

- April 23
  Last day of classes

- April 24-30
  Final Exams

- May 1
  Commencement