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SoE Students Enjoy Study Abroad Experience

Opportunities Available for 2014

Jennifer Coppola, Tori Grant, Brittney Tudor, Courtney Sanders and Jessica MacIntosh, students from the School of Education, traveled to Stendal, Germany, this past spring as part of a study abroad trip. You can read their trip blog at blogs.uscupstate.edu and see pictures to learn more about their experience.



The USC Upstate students were invited to the Institut für Elementare Musikerziehung to participate with the four- and five-year-olds in their music class.

Other study abroad opportunities are scheduled for 2014 and include another trip to Germany, as well as Chile and Japan. For more information about these trips, contact Dr. Kela Goodman at kgoodman@uscupstate.edu.

SoE Graduate Receives Prestigious Teaching Award

Becky Hockenberry, Resource Teacher at Campobello-Gramling Elementary School in Spartanburg County and a 2006 graduate of the University of South Carolina Upstate School of Education graduate of the Learning Disability Program has been awarded the Priscilla and Ellis D. Slater Excellence in Teaching Award.

The Priscilla and Ellis D. Slater Excellence in Teaching Awards program strengthens the public school system within the Landrum and Polk County communities by encouraging the professional growth and development of local classroom teachers.

The Slater Awards encourage classroom teachers to participate in opportunities to develop their skills and utilize innovative teaching techniques in the classroom by funding travel experiences which relate to the subjects they teach, attendance at or institutions, work on advanced degrees, and other projects.



Congratulations to SoE faculty members **Cate Eagan** and **Dr. Ben Snyder**. Both were recognized at the USC Upstate Baseball Faculty Appreciation Celebration in April.

BENCHMARKS

Don't Miss the Upcoming Priority Advisement Session!

Academic advisement officially begins Monday, October 21, and continues through Friday, November 1.

An appointment is required and can be made by signing up at your advisor's office. Advisors designate time during these two weeks specifically for advisement purposes. Please be sure to sign up early and spread the word to your classmates.

Your advisor will be able to best assist you if you come prepared with the following information:

- A tentative idea of your Spring/Summer 2014 schedules (use your program of study sheet to guide your selections).
- An advisement form which can be found in the front lobby of the SoE office.

Priority Registration begins November 4. Remember, you will not be able to register if you have not met with your advisor.

Admission to the Professional Education Program

All students must be fully admitted to the School of Education Professional Program prior to taking any 400+ level professional program courses. In order to be considered, applicants must submit the following:

- Completed application - including references and all required signatures.
- Copy of passing Praxis I scores or exemptible scores on the SAT or ACT.
- Current SLED Check documentation.
- Current "No Records Found" documentation from the National Sex Offenders Registry.
- Current documentation for your TB Test (must be within 12 months). Health Services can provide this to students for \$10 (effective fall 2013).

The deadline for Spring 2014 admission applications is November 15.

DIRECTED TEACHING APPLICATIONS

If you are planning to student teach in Fall 2014, the first step of your application will be due by December 2. To obtain the application or for more details, go to the School of Education web page at www.uscupstate.edu/academics/education/

PROGRAMS, PROSPECTS & PATHWAYS

USTA at USC Upstate

The United States Tennis Association came to campus October 4 and provided a free three-hour workshop for physical education and exercise science students. The workshop included programing for youths, tennis skills, and youth fitness.

In addition, we are excited to announce that USTA is donating 30 racquets, 48 special practice balls, and a pop-up net to the USC Upstate PETE Program!

Earn Clinical/Observation Hours by Helping with Program



SoE students are invited to help with the Charles Lea Educational Experience Program and receive clinical/observation hours for their service.

This program is offered each semester for Upstate community members with disabilities who would like to take classes at USC Upstate.

Classes are held on **Wednesdays from 6:30-8:15 p.m.** for 10 weeks in the **Health Education Complex (HEC)**. Specific dates for this semester are: **Oct. 23, 30 • Nov. 6, 13, 20 • Dec. 4**

If you are interested in participating in this service opportunity and earning clinical/observation hours, you can sign up for the dates you can serve. Sign-up sheets are posted on Dr. Lori Tanner's office door, HEC 3013.

For more information, contact Dr. Tanner at ltanner@uscupstate.edu or 864-503-5636.

Spartanburg Campus TEACH Program Off To A Busy Start

It's a new year for Teachers Educating All Children (TEACH)! Our first meeting was held on September 10.

We have a lot of exciting, new things in store for the program, and we would love to hear your ideas for speakers and activities. Remember TEACH is open to all majors, so invite your friends to join us!

If you have questions or would like additional information, please e-mail Rebecca Mills at millsre@email.uscupstate.edu or Hannah Ker at ker@email.uscupstate.edu.

SUMTER CAMPUS NEWS

The Teaching Experience of a Lifetime

BY MARY RACHEL HUDSON

If you could teach anywhere, where would it be? Over the summer, I had the opportunity to teach at an English language camp in Hong Kong, China. What an experience!

I, along with more than 80 other North American college students, traveled to Hong Kong with an organization that sends long-term English teachers to Asia. For three weeks, I taught conversational English for three hours daily to a class of 17 middle-school students. After lunch, several of us camp teachers worked collaboratively to present interactive lessons on American culture and holidays, such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Teaching in Asia was a “hands-on” learning experience for me. Since this is my first semester as an Upstate student, I have little formal training in teaching. Although the organization provided all teachers with a week of intensive training prior to sending us into the classroom, the amount of instruction that can be given in one week is limited. Thus, I discovered many important things about teaching first-hand.

Two of the most important lessons I learned were be prepared and be flexible. The importance of thorough lesson planning cannot be overemphasized. A successful teacher is one who knows what he/she will be teaching.

Additionally, teachers should be flexible. Sometimes unexpected situations arise in the classroom. Flexibility (which for me meant occasionally deviating from the lesson plan) is the key to handling these situations in a way that stimulates learning.

Overall, I found teaching very rewarding, and I look forward to broadening my experience through the Upstate program. If you ever have the chance to teach overseas, I recommend you seize this gateway to the experience of a lifetime.



Greenville Campus TEACH Program Has Full Complement of Programs Planned

Big things are happening in Greenville with the Teachers Educating All Children (TEACH) program this fall!



Greenville TEACH officers and members enjoy this year's Premiere Fair held at the Greenville campus.

We've already met lots of new folks at the Premier Fair in August and cannot wait to welcome all of the new members who are planning to join.

TEACH is a service organization that focuses on helping children, and having tons of fun while we work. Our full membership meetings are held on the second Mondays from 11:15 a.m.-noon. Professional development workshops are held for all members on the third Mondays from 11:15 a.m.-noon.

TEACH Greenville will again be packing backpacks full of food and delivering them to children in need once a week throughout the semester. We pack on the fourth Monday of the month during the regular TEACH meeting time.

In October, TEACH will host a "Creepy Cake and Cookie" bake sale, as well as the Fall Festival for all Upstate Greenville students. We have an ambitious agenda, so please come and participate in these events. It will definitely be a good time to eat, play and have a blast!

Additional programming events planned throughout the year include hosting a Thanksgiving Food Drive for underprivileged families; readying our Angel Tree and Salvation Army stockings for adoption with the onset of the Christmas season. Anyone can adopt a child and provide them with a little Christmas cheer!

You can keep up with all of these great events by visiting our website: thegreenvillegrapvine.weebly.com, or like us on Facebook at TEACH Greenville. For more information, you can contact any of our officers.

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GRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS

Open House Scheduled for Graduate Programs in Education

Greenville Campus

Thursday, November 7

4-6 p.m. (Drop-In)

Education Suite

Register by November 15 to soegradprog@uscupstate.edu

For more information or to register, contact Lori Kopf, USC Upstate Graduate Programs at (864) 503-5573 or lkopf@uscupstate.edu.

CALENDAR

October 17-18

Fall Break

October 21-November 1

Priority Advisement

October 30

Last day to withdraw from Undergraduate courses without academic penalty

November 4-15

Priority Registration

November 7

Graduate Education Programs Open House at Greenville Campus

November 15

Professional Education Program applications due for Spring 2014 admission

November 25

Open Registration

November 27-December 1

Thanksgiving Break

December 2

First step of Directed Teaching application due

December 5

Graduation Applications for May 2014 graduates due to the Dean's office

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