2011 Graduates and Their Accomplishments!

- **Kim Brasil** - Wins NASPE National Student Teacher of the Year! Teaches at Crucifixion Elem. & is the U.W. La Crosse Asst. Softball Coach!
- **Jasmine Horton** - Accepted into the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Program!
- **Brittni Cooper** - Beech Hill Elementary, Summerville, S.C.
- **Jennifer Smith** — Berea Middle School
- **Odora Davis** - Dorman High School, District Six
- **Brittney Golightly** - Boiling Springs Jr. High, District Two
- **Chad Butler** - Blue Ridge Middle School, Greenville
- **Stephanie Hood** - Fairforest Middle School, District Six
- **Terri Johnson** - Windsor Elementary, Richland Two
- **Katy Pearson** - Boiling Springs Elem., District Two
- **Jennifer Pearson** - Beech Springs/Berry Shoals, District Six
- **Lindsey Brannon** - Rainbow Lake Middle School, District Two
- **Latoya Seals** - Lead Math Teacher, Las Vegas Imagine 100 Academy of Excellence
- **Sabrina Everett** - Pleasant Hill MS, Lexington, SC
- **Casey (Cash) McCall** - Lyman Elementary
- **Jerrell Lewis** - Charleston, MS PE Teacher
- **Gina Wright** - E.P. Todd
- **Ricky Jones** - Piedmont Community Action
- **Rhonda Miller** - Piedmont Community Action
Faculty Celebrations!...

Please join us as we celebrate the following faculty members and their accomplishments!

- **Dr. Judy Beck** - 2010-2011 Bank of America Faculty Teacher of the Year!
- **Dr. Lori Tanner** - 2010 - 2011 SoE Teacher of the Year!
- **Scott Senger** - Registered Strength & Conditioning Coach - making USC Upstate the only SC institution with NSCA credentials!
- **Dr. Laura Hooks** - promoted to full Professor
- **Dr. Cece Toole** - promoted to Associate Professor
- **Dr. Pamela Wash** - appointed Director, Distance Education

Please join us as we celebrate the following faculty members and their accomplishments!

Welcome to our New SoE Faculty & Staff Members!...

Please join us in welcoming our new faculty & staff to the School of Education Family! Individual faculty bios are provided on pages 4-5.

- Dr. Gary Bradley - Middle Level and Secondary Program
- Ms. Cate Egan - Physical Education
- Dr. Roberta Gentry - Special Education
- Dr. Stacy Burr - Early Childhood, UCG
- Dr. Mary Leiter—Early Childhood/Elementary - Sumter Campus
- Ms. Phyllis Williams - Director, Teacher Cadet Program
- Mr. Isaac McKissick, Director, Teaching Man Program
- Ms. Lori Kopf - Administrative Specialist, Graduate Programs
- Ms. Carolyn Culbertson - SoE Assessment, Technology & Science Fair Coordinator

Physical Education Majors Tour the Windy City and Chicago Day School!

PRAXIS WORKSHOPS!

[Click here](#) for one Sept. 9 & 10 in Columbia

[Click here](#) for one Nov. 5 in Columbia
Greenville Campus Hosts the Learning Station!

The Learning Station interactive musical production visited USC Upstate Greenville on Tuesday, March 22, 2011. They are recognized for their lively, interactive concerts that celebrate childhood and unite families with popular tunes that invite their entire audience to actively participate; sing, dance, laugh, move and play along. Day Care and Children’s Centers from the area as well as our own USC Upstate Early Childhood Education majors had a fun filled morning.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Want to travel to GERMANY?

Meet with Drs. Wiegert and Hooks on Tuesday, September 20 at 12:00 noon in HEC 2004 to ask questions and learn more details on how to either complete a two-week clinical experience or even complete a portion of your Directed Teaching in Germany!

Sumter Math Teachers Learn Content, Methods...

Some teachers just can’t get enough math. For the second year in a row, a number of Sumter math teachers convened at the University of South Carolina Sumter to learn more about math content and methods last week. Sentwali Helton, a sixth- and seventh-grade teacher at Mayewood Middle School, listens as Megan Burton, a math instruction professor from University of South Carolina Columbia, talks about a method to teach fractions. Helton and 29 other educators participated in a summer math program for third- through sixth-grade teachers held last week at USC Sumter.

Our Fearless Dean - Chef Love...

Chef Love during the SoE Annual Faculty Retreat/Fish Fry held at Lake Bowen August 2011!
New Faculty Biographies - Meet Our Newest Members of the SoE...

Cate Egan, M.S.

Hello, I am excited to be here at USC Upstate and look forward to working with all of you. I am originally from Peachtree City, GA. I attended Appalachian State University and received my B.S. in Recreation Management Outdoor Experiential Education. I worked for the YMCA of Greenville for many years running childcare programming for youth and teens. I came here to USC Upstate to obtain my teaching certificate for physical education. After leaving USC Upstate, I went to the University of Wisconsin La Crosse. At UWL I obtained my Masters in Physical Education-Teaching. I had the opportunity to teach physical education classes at UWL, and I also taught at the Crucifixion School, a K-6 school in the area. I am very excited to be back at Upstate and teaching classes in physical and health education. I have a passion for adventure and outdoor pursuits, and much of my research revolves around implementing these programs into primary and secondary schools.

I love to be outdoors kayaking, and hiking. Football season is my favorite and you will find me cheering on my Mountaineers every Saturday from now until, fingers crossed, January. I also enjoy playing with my dog, spending time with family and friends, and enjoying the many outdoor adventures around the Upstate.

Dr. Roberta Gentry

Roberta Gentry recently received her PhD in Education – Special Education Leadership and Disability track from Virginia Commonwealth University where she also spent the last year teaching graduate level students. She also holds a Master of Teaching degree in Special and General Education from University of Virginia and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mary Baldwin College. Research interests include mentoring and induction programs, electronic mentoring, teacher preparation, and instruction for students with learning disabilities.

Dr. Gentry has ten years of experience as a classroom teacher, was a Lead Teacher Specialist for Special Education responsible for programming for over 1,200 students with disabilities in nine schools, and was a contracted school psychologist. She and her husband, Chuck Goetz, recently married and relocated to South Carolina from Virginia where her husband will attend nursing school. Both are excited about moving to a new area and exploring. They have three children and two grandchildren that are also eager to visit and explore the area.

Dr. Gary Bradley

I am so pleased to be a part of the USC Upstate School of Education. Teaching math and science at the middle and secondary level for the past 20 years has been very rewarding for me. Now I am looking forward to inspiring and equipping prospective teachers with a love and a passion for teaching. I hold a bachelor’s degree in Physics from Southern Adventist University, a master’s degree in Mathematics Education from Western Carolina University, and a Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from Andrews University. My research interests are in teacher professional development and in improving schools in socio-economically disadvantaged areas.

My wife Stella (a high school English teacher) and I have been married for 19 years. Our children, Allison and Zachary, are in elementary school. I enjoy boating, hiking, and travel. The photo is from our “Out West” national park tour this summer. We were at Mount Rushmore for the 4th of July celebration.
Phyllis Williams, M.Ed.

This fall, I have the privilege of serving as USC Upstate’s Teacher Cadet coordinator in addition to teaching an elementary science methods section and supervising student teachers. I am a proud alumna of USC Upstate having received both my Bachelor and Master of Elementary Education degrees here. I taught fifth and sixth grades in Spartanburg County for twenty-eight years before retiring, and now I enjoy being able to share with my Upstate students some of the experiences and strategies that helped make my elementary students successful learners. In my spare time, I like to read and work puzzles, but my favorite hobby is playing with my grandchildren.

Dr. Stacy Burr

Dr. Stacy Burr has joined the Greenville Campus as an Assistant Professor in Early Childhood Education. Dr. Burr earned her PhD from the University of South Carolina and holds a Masters from Upstate. She has three children, Casey, Jeremy and Sophie and lives in Greenville with her husband, Andrew. Her research interests include in-service teacher training effectiveness and inquiry based learning. This Upstate alum is excited to be back with the Upstate family!

Ms. Lori Kopf

- Administrative Specialist for Graduate Education
- USC Upstate Alumni 1991 – BA Political Science
- Spartanburg resident
- Husband – Craig – Clemson alumni 1989 – employed with SMC Corporation in sales
- I previously worked in Undergraduate Admissions at Converse and was a paralegal for over 10 years.
- Children: Caroline 6 yrs. Old – 1st grader at River Ridge Elementary. Sam 10 yrs old – 5th grader at Oakbrook Preparatory (cast member of “Our Town and “Sweeney Todd” with Shoestring Players and part of Rich Robinson’s TAAG group)
- Hobbies: member of worship team and children’s ministry at Milestones Church; reading; exercise
Physical Education and Exercise Sports Science Updates!

- CHE has approved the new Exercise and Sport Science degree, allowing us to officially debut our new website. [Click here]...

- For Exercise/Sport Science students, USC Upstate will host the Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist exam on campus for the first time on January 14th. [Click here] for details on how to register!

- We have a new laboratory space we are calling the Human Performance Laboratory, and we have acquired $13,000 of new equipment that includes high-speed video cameras for sports motion capture. Also, the PE majors raised the money for $2,000 of new equipment activities in physical education classes.

Congratulations to Scott Senger!

Adjunct Scott Senger has earned the Registered Strength and Conditioning Coach credential, which, along with the PE program’s status as a Recognized Program by the National Strength and Conditioning Association, makes us the only site in South Carolina that can accept students from the NSCA’s assistantship program.

Teaching Man Program...

The Teaching Man Program at USC Upstate is designed to support and increase the productivity of male students interested in majoring in teacher education. It is through Teaching Man that USC Upstate male pre-service teachers will gain a heightened visibility and preparation as teacher leaders, and serve as ambassadors for teacher education.

Teaching Man Benefits:

- A mentoring component that enables you to become a strong teacher and leader
- A leadership curriculum that exposes you to current leadership trends and issues
- Opportunities to attend workshops focusing on leadership, personal finance and etiquette
- Assignment to serve as a mentor to a minority high school student

To learn more, contact Dr. Holly Pae or Mr. Isaac McKissick.
Freshman Advisement Update & Other Fun Topics!...

SOE Freshmen Advisement is off and running. If my calculations are correct, there should be approximately 75+ new SOE freshmen on campus this fall. Last year this time, my numbers were closer to 108. That’s approximately a 31% decrease in the numbers for the fall.

Senior Seminar presentations are another fun and interesting aspect of my job and as of last count, I have 13 requests from faculty. Of those 13, I’m excited to say that 5 are from the School of Education. Thank you to Professors Fleischmann, Whitmire, and Frost.

Lastly, you may not be aware, but I am teaching a Freshman U101 class this semester comprised of SOE majors. My goal for the class is to focus instruction around becoming an informed SOE student. Therefore, we are incorporating the SOE website into the class curriculum. For midterm, students will be given a multiple choice test based on the SOE student handbook. The information literacy component includes a presentation by Camille McCutcheon. Camille will cover database resources specifically for SOE majors. Students will use “Bullying” (cyber bullying, harassment, intimidation, physical, emotional etc.) as the subject of their research topic. Student research will be used to make final exam presentations regarding programming methods aimed at preventing bullying.

Again, we are off and running in the Rampey Center. For questions or comments, feel free to be in touch with Sherry McAdams at 864 503 5392 or smcadams@uscupstate.edu.

New Degree Program Coming Soon!...

The School of Education is currently developing a new program for a four year non-certification track degree - Child Development and Family Studies. Pending approval from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, the program will concentrate on the development and education of children between the ages of zero to six. Additionally, for students interested in special education certification for the same age group, the program will include classes that can be taken for credits towards this certification.

Student Teaching Things to Remember!

LAW Presentation on September 15th at 5:00-6:30 in HEC 2001!! Please know that all student teachers must attend this presentation!!

Think about your PRAXIS II and PLT!! New tests are coming out so make sure you check the listings for SOUTH CAROLINA requirements for certification when registering.

Make sure you know your implementation plan for taking on instructional responsibilities in your classroom. You should have a plan and be working towards full time teaching!!! Communicate with your USC Upstate Supervisor and Cooperating Teacher.

Remember to email your Reflections each week to your USC Upstate Supervisor. They should be submitted electronically by Saturday at lunch.
International Opportunity in Germany!

Dr. Laura Hooks and Dr. Elaine Wiegert received a grant from the Center for International Studies to explore opportunities in Germany for School of Education (SOE) students. The trip included visits to a variety of schools and centers serving children of all ages as well as meetings and adventures with those from the area. As a result, we are able to offer two different possibilities for SOE students to travel and experience the culture and schools of Germany. Although some knowledge of German would be helpful, it is not necessary or required to participate in either experience. Students are invited to participate in a two week study in Germany with time spent in German schools and the surrounding area. Placements in schools will depend upon your area of interest and degree of knowledge of the German language. This opportunity is open to rising sophomores through seniors and includes the possibility of credit which is also dependent upon your program of study.

Student teachers have an opportunity to complete a portion of their student teaching in a German school where English is an important component of the curriculum.

There will be an informational brown bag lunch meeting on September 20, 2011. We will meet in HEC 2004 at 12:00 noon. If you are interested in going but are not able to attend this meeting please contact either Dr. Elaine Wiegert at 503-5529 or Dr. Laura Hooks at 503-5547.

Teacher Cadets...

Tuesday, September 13, USC Upstate will host the annual Teacher Cadet Instructors’ Planning Meeting. USC Upstate partners with eight Spartanburg County high schools who participate in the Teacher Cadet Program. Instructors from those schools will have dinner and discuss plans for making this school year a success for our Teacher Cadets.

The annual College Visit Day for Teacher Cadets in Spartanburg County will be held Tuesday, October 4. On College Visit Day, Cadets will hear from several SoE faculty about opportunities available to them at Upstate, such as athletics and the Teaching Fellows program. They will also meet representatives from admissions and the CERRA organization that sponsors Teacher Cadets. Students will take a tour of the campus, have lunch in the cafeteria, and go on a scavenger hunt with some of our Teaching Fellows. High school students who are enrolled in the Teacher Cadet Program have the opportunity to dual enroll at Upstate. Those students who are dual enrolled will have their student IDs made while on campus.
To celebrate over 1,385-service learning hours accumulated by the Upstate@ Sumter Student Education Organization, our annual Service Learning Celebration for 2011 will be held October 12 at Noon in the Arts and Letters building. Dr. Marsha Dowell, Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, will be our keynote speaker! We will also be recognizing and presenting an award to Barbara Rookstool, a recent USC Upstate graduate now teaching first grade in our local Sumter school district. Barbara wrote a grant to the Geographical Alliance which gave Lemira Elementary school interactive maps and a trip to Riverbanks Zoo for all of the first grade graders. We are excited to also recognize other service learning activities that have taken place this past year and all our students who were involved.

Leaders being made in Sumter!

SEO has committed to producing leaders. The semester has already started off excellent with seven committees in place. Each committee is lead by two of our top students who have been recommended for the position; one an Early Childhood Education major and the other an Elementary Education major. Our first SEO meeting will happen Wednesday August 31 where students in the club are able to join a committee. Committees range from Service Learning, Mentoring, and Grant Writing to Edubabble and Memories (our newspaper and photography teams). Dr. Mary Leiter is our newest faculty member and will be helping teach leadership skills to each of these! We are so excited to see the goals that each team will write, and what activities they will bring forth for the club!

Girls on the Run!

Our USC Upstate students on the Sumter campus have been asked by USC Sumter to bring a Girls on the Run (GOTR) to our local community! Check out an awesome article below that they have written to reach out to girls who they will spend 3 hours a week with for 12 weeks to prepare them for a 5k marathon!

Do you know a third, fourth, or fifth grade girl looking for an interactive program that teaches lifelong principles? From emotional well being to physical fitness, GOTR brings to you five trained coaches from your local Sumter community (who are also USC Upstate Education majors) who will provide each girl with an interactive experience designed to teach these principles. Through this program, young girls are given access to hands on activities that will enhance their self-esteem. They are also able to interact with other girls their age and motivate each other in obtaining physical success by training for a 5k marathon. Educating and empowering girls at an early age is important in keeping our rising generation on the right path to success.

We are so excited for what Girls on the Run has in store for our community! These five girls will be student teaching next semester. Our hope is that next semester, these girls will then start up a Girls on the Run in their Elementary school. What an awesome way to go from 1 GOTR team to 5 GOTR teams in Sumter, SC!

Check out a list of the leadership committees that members of SEO can join!

- Scholastic Book Orders
- Service Learning
- Grant Writing
- Mentoring
- Fundraising
- EduBabble
- Photography

We also have a Girls on the Run program Beta Xi Honor Society that students are selected to be apart of!

Sumter Dates...

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Bringing in the New!

Many students come to their first “block” class not knowing what to expect. Some times, they sign up for classes not realizing they need to pass Praxis 1 by a certain date. All of these concerns are what elevated the need for a mentoring team! Our first mentoring program started back in 2009 with Latoya Seals. Now, it is not only a mentoring program but a part of the leadership team. We uphold the mentoring tradition by visiting pre-block classes and encouraging all new education majors to attend our SEO meetings! We also offer them mentoring services as well as workshops for Praxis I help. ! We then hold a meet-n-greet where students are able to meet the SEO board as well as ask any questions they may have! This awesome program makes the transition from general education courses to their specific major classes so much smoother!
At the close of the 2010-2011 academic year, fifteen of seventeen seniors adorned in their caps and gowns marched down the aisle to receive plaques noting their completion at the Annual Upward Bound Awards Ceremony which was held on July 29, 2011, in the University Readiness Center at the University of South Carolina Upstate. The awards ceremony which featured Mr. Tyrone Flowers, a St. Louis, Missouri attorney and a 2010 National TRiO Achiever, was the capstone event that wrapped up a very fruitful year for the program.

With the completion of the regular academic year in May, the summer component started with Upward Bound students from six area school districts participating in a month-long, residential camp on the Upstate campus. Six of the graduating seniors kicked the camp off by enrolling in summer school, taking official, college credit courses to start off their freshman year. All of the students, who are called Bridge students, resided on campus in the Villas. “This was a great opportunity and a jump start for our students to get a first-hand glimpse of campus life and to get acclimated to the college environment,” stated Dr. Mitchell, the program director. These students not only attend classes but they are also afforded the opportunity to attend workshops that teach them how to make an easy transition from high school to college. Workshops dealt with topics like “The Freshman Fifteen” dealing with physical fitness, “Young Biz” – a look at financial literacy, and “Meet the Professor” where Dr. Charles Love, Dean of the School of Education, spoke to the students about professor expectations, the challenges of college life, and the necessary goals that students must consider in order to be successful.

The other Upward Bound campers moved in the second week of July, participating in orientation and a host of activities. The first day started with a scavenger hunt which served as a college tour and provided a great introduction to the campus. “It was the perfect way to teach the students about our campus without them knowing they were being taught,” said Yolanda Simuel, head counselor of the program. Clues led the students to various department areas were spokespersons offered information about the services they offer. “We had great participation from our campus leaders and this made the students feel important and welcomed, so they really paid attention and learned a lot about Upstate,” stated Latasha Bowser, administrative specialist for Upward Bound. The areas that participated included: Admissions, Financial Aid, Student Life, Opportunity Network, Wellness Center, Upstate Police, Career Services, Bookstore, and the Library.

In line with the serious academic component of the program, campers attended classes during the day, receiving instruction in English, math, Spanish, French, and study skills. The afternoons afforded sessions with community leaders and professionals who spoke to the students about career planning, public speaking/presentation skills, entrepreneurialship, and civic engagement. “I am so very pleased,” stated Linda Williams, parent of two UB students, “My children got some very valuable information that will last them a life-time.” Students really raved about the rap sessions which gave them a platform to speak candidly with professionals about concerns centering on gender and generational issues.

The camp was packed with academically-oriented events and socially-engaging activities such as a trip to Spartan 16 for movie night and a trip to Roebuck Skating Rink for a skate party; the last activity was a three-day educational trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The students toured Frances Marion University, Coastal Carolina, and Coker College. “The guided tours were interesting and the tour guides were very thorough in providing the type of information that our students need,” said Georgia McCarroll, alumni counselor for the program. “For some of these students it’s the first time they’ve stepped on a college campus [besides Upstate].” Students not only got a glimpse of college life, but they also had the opportunity to enjoy a day at the beach and to visit Wonder Works Museum while on the trip.

Upward Bound is one of seven federally-funded TRiO programs sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. Currently TRiO serves over 800,000 students from middle school through post-graduate study across America. There are approximately 775 Upward Bound programs throughout the United States.
Visual Impairment Majors Dissect an Eye!...

USC Greenville Campus TEACH
Best Non-Greek Student Organization 2011!

TEACH
USC Upstate Greenville

Initial meeting
August 31, 2011
Rm. 209 UCG
All are invited!

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TEACH serves and acts on behalf of the needs, rights, and well-being of all children and youth in the USC Upstate community and their families, with special emphasis on developmental and educational services and resources. It fosters the growth and development of the membership in their work with and on behalf of all students.

Any USC Upstate student is welcome to be a part of TEACH student organization. There is no cost to join!

TEACH Welcomes
Mick Zais, State Superintendent of Education

Date: Tuesday, September 27th
Time: 4:00 — 5:30
Location: TBA

USC Greenville Campus TEACH

Best Non-Greek Student Organization 2011!

The group is gearing up for its fall activities:

- Fall Fest @ Greenville campus - TEACH members supervise games for children and provide prizes/goodies.
- Backpack Buddies - Partnership with Harvest Hope Food Bank. Each week TEACH members fill backpacks with enough food for 25 students at a local school and their families for the weekend.

If you have any questions please contact either co-president:

Shawndra Tucker - TuckerSh@gmail.com
Kathleen Emelianoff - EmelianoffK@gmail.com
Upcoming Dates...

- **Oct. 20-21**
  Fall Break

- **October 24**
  begins advisement - sign up BEFORE fall break on advisor’s doors!

- **October 27**
  last day to drop w/o a WF

- **November 15**
  last day to apply to Professional Program for Spring 2012

- **November 23 - 27**
  Thanksgiving Break

- **December 1**
  graduation applications due for May graduation!

- **December 2**
  last day of classes

SoE Leadership...

- **Dean**
  Dr. Charles Love

- **Associate Dean**
  Dr. Jim Charles

- **Graduate Programs Director**
  Dr. Tina Herzberg

- **USC Greenville Campus Director**
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