

Post Time Notes

October 2005

USC Aiken Faculty and Staff News

Welcome to USC Aiken!

Robyn Watson,
Education

Lisa Gillespie,
Education

Rose Marshall,
Library

Jennifer Horn,
Advancement

Vince Cloud,
Maintenance

Corine Simmons
Financial Aid

Alan Andrews,
Continuing Education



Happy Birthday!

Deidre Martin, 10/04

Eunita Ochola, 10/05

Mohammad Hailat, 10/08

Chris DeWitt, 10/08

Ginger Steel, 10/08

Brenda Johnson, 10/10

Jerry Snyder, 10/11

Holly Guy, 10/12

Cynthia Gonzalez, 10/12

Gail Ratchford, 10/13

Marsha Shelburn, 10/13

Stanley Price, 10/14

William Fields, 10/17

Robyn Watson, 10/19

Helen Swearingen, 10/23

Rebecca Shrader, 10/23

Jeanie Griffin, 10/24

Harry Shealy, 10/24

Joe Stanford, 10/25

Chris Hoffman, 10/27

Al Trapp, 10/27

Margie Evans, 10/28

Joseph Blount,
10/30



Making the Difference

*A Note from Dr. Deidre Martin,
Vice Chancellor for University Advancement*

Margaret Mead once said: "I must admit that I personally measure success in terms of the contributions an individual makes to her or his fellow human beings." As a member of the USCA family, I am so proud when I see our faculty, staff and students giving back to their communities. When we reach out to individuals in need, we share a part of ourselves.

I know for me that community service was part of the tradition in my family. My parents impressed upon me at an early age that when we have blessings in our own lives we are obligated to share those resources and talents for the greater good. It has been my pleasure over the last

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10 years to work as the advisor for the USCA Circle K Club and to have my faith renewed in the next generation on a daily basis. When I see the dedication of these young people and of those in many of the other clubs on campus to helping others, I am inspired

One Circle K project in particular that touches me each year is the "Adopt-A-Child for the Holidays" done with the Hispanic Mission in Windsor. Over the last several years, many of you have participated in this project by purchasing gifts for children in need.



Members of the USCA Family worked with the Circle K Club to make the holidays brighter for Hispanic children living in Windsor.

The USCA family comes together with faculty, staff and students taking part in this project. It touches my heart that last year, we made the holidays a more happy time for more than 80 children through this project.

A big thank you to you as members of the USCA family for your continued efforts to reach out to our community - whether it is through supporting United Way, being involved in the missions of your local church, or working through a local agency like Habitat for Humanity. The USCA family does make a difference in this community!

*Campus Commitment
USCA Faculty & Staff Community
Service Highlights*

• **Dr. Suzanne Ozment**, executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, serves on the Boards of Directors of five community agencies: the United Way, Helpline, the Aiken Center for the Arts, the Center for African American History, Art and Culture, and the Rotary Club of Aiken Sunrise.

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Campus Commitment
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• As head of the English Department, **Dr. Tom Mack** hosts a departmental Idea Exchange with high school English teachers in Aiken County. Mack also advises Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society, in their efforts to assist the Aiken County Public Schools Adult Education Literacy Program by serving as tutors.

• **Dr. Chris DeWitt**, director of USCA's Exercise and Sports Science program, has donated 10.5 gallons of blood to Sheppard Community Blood Center and the American Red Cross.

• **Ruby Turner**, administrative specialist in the Office of Advisement Services, serves as secretary of a variety of organizations including Jefferson Mathews Women's Auxiliary Post #232 in North Augusta and Church Tribal Card Ministry in Augusta.

• **Tony Ateca**, assistant chancellor for facilities management, serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Boys Scout Troop 421 and as secretary for the Aiken County Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors.

• **Dr. Jim Farmer**, associate professor of history, serves on the executive boards of the Aiken County Historical Society, the Historic Aiken Foundation, and the Friends of the Aiken County Museum. He also volunteers with Habitat for Humanity.

• **Dr. Linda Wang**, associate professor of geography, volunteers for the Aiken County Habitat for Humanity's Women Build project, the South Carolina National History Day project and the United Way's Project Vision.

• **Christi Hubbard**, USCA Bookstore accounts payable manager, serves as a Volunteer Coordinator for the Aiken Bluegrass Festival, a charity event benefiting STAR Riding and Driving.

• **Dr. Keith Griffin**, advisor of the Pacer Communication Society, has worked with the student organization to co-facilitate the first Town Hall Meeting of the academic year. Griffin and other members of the Communications and English Departments are working with representatives from the Aiken County Public Schools on plans for a Language Arts Festival that will

be held on the campus in February

• **Sherri Jenik**, administrative assistant for the Chancellor's Office, was recently installed as a member of the Aiken Mid-Day Lion's Club.

• **Dr. Deb Kladviko**, vice chancellor for student life and services, has served on the Board of Aiken County Habitat for Humanity for four years, and for the past two years, has served as Chair of the Family Outreach Committee, the committee that picks the families to receive homes. She has also been on the Board of Aiken County Help Line, the 24 hour crisis hotline, for nine years.

• **Dr. Maggi Morehouse**, assistant professor of history, is a member of the Steering Committee for the Center for African American History, Art and Culture (CAAHAC), a group of Aiken citizens interested in building an interactive, educational experience space at the old Immanuel Institute, a former school located on York Street and Richland Avenue, designated for the education of ex-slaves. Morehouse also serves in an advisory capacity for the Arizona-based Southwest Association of Buffalo Soldiers, as they seek to renovate a World War II Black Officers Club.

• **Jamie Raynor**, director of alumni relations, volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and for World Chang-ers, an organization in which she has assisted youth in building and repairing homes in Virginia, Puerto Rico and South Carolina. Raynor also volunteers with Christ Central's youth program and with the Southern Baptist Convention's disaster relief training program.

• **Peggy Morowski** instructor of nursing, is involved with the United Way's Project Vision, an entire day dedicated to help local individuals who are in need of home repairs and cannot afford them.

• **Stacie Williams**, director of Multicultural Affairs, serves as an advisor for the African American Student Alliance, a USCA student organization whose upcoming projects include a tutoring program at Aiken Elementary School and two holiday programs at Mattie C. Hall Nursing Center.

• **Dr. Stan Levine**, associate

professor of French and Latin, is an active member of the Alliance Française of the CSRA, a group which meets every month to attend a lecture or presentation in French and to speak French themselves.

• **Dr. Charmaine Wilson**, associate professor of communications, provides communication training for prospective volunteers at both the Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons and the Aiken County Help Line. Wilson also helped the Cumbee Center this summer as they organized and publicized the Cumbee Center Whiskey Road Race and was a participant in the two-mile run.

• **Andrew Hendrix**, director of admissions, serves as vice-president of Leadership Aiken County's executive board. Hendrix is also a judge for the Augusta Chronicle's "Best & Brightest" academic scholarship competition each spring.

• **Dr. Christine Wernet**, assistant professor of sociology, is a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity.

• **Jennifer Lake**, director of marketing and community relations, serves as a Chamber Ambassador for the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce, is a student in the Leadership Aiken County Program, and is a mentor at North Aiken Elementary School.

• **Iris Walliser**, instructor of nursing, serves as advisor for the Student Nurses Association, a student organization that recently collected funds through the American Red Cross to assist Hurricane Katrina victims.

• **Dr. Sue Lorch**, professor of English, works with Habitat for Humanity and is helping construct homes for needy families.

The City of Aiken character trait for the month of October is

Patience

Taking the time that is necessary to properly resolve a difficult situation

Campus Happenings

Aiken Regional Medical Centers Sponsors Nursing Faculty Position

Aiken Regional Medical Centers (ARMC) presented a substantial gift to the University in a recognition ceremony on Sept. 20 to fund a faculty position at the School of Nursing. The \$180,000 gift will provide the full-time, tenure-track faculty member's salary and benefits over a three year period of time.

Peggy Morowski was selected to fill the instructor position. Morowski is a registered nurse and holds a Master of Science degree in nursing from University of California-San Francisco. She is also a certified registered nurse practitioner. She is teaching for USC Aiken in the adult medical surgical nursing area.

"At Aiken Regional Medical Centers, we believe that the future of health-care revolves around patient and community relationships," said K.D. Justyn, of ARMC's Chief Executive Officer. "We are pleased to continue our strong relationship with USC Aiken. Having highly-qualified nurses to serve our patients is a critical aspect of our mission at ARMC."

"This gift clearly demonstrates the



from left to right: Dr. Julia Ball, Head of the USCA School of Nursing; Sue Beauguard, Chief Nursing Executive at ARMC; Dr. Tom Hallman, USCA Chancellor; K.D. Justyn, Chief Executive Office of ARMC; and Peggy Morowski, Instructor of Nursing at USCA

outstanding commitment that ARMC and Universal Health Services have to this community," said Dr. Thomas L. Hallman, USCA Chancellor. "We are in the business of addressing the critical shortage of nurses in our region and the nation, and, through this commitment, we will be able to increase our faculty at a time when limited resources make this considerably more difficult for us. We are very appreciative of the long-standing relationship we have with ARMC, and look forward to many more years of working together on behalf of our community."

Upcoming Events

International at Noon Series Presents...

China: Power and Balance in the World Order

Dr. Scott Catino

Wednesday, Oct. 5

Noon-12:50 p.m. B&E Rm. 140

Glimpses of China Today

Dr. Sandy Hochel, Dr. Linda Wang and Dr. Trudy Henson

Thursday, Oct. 20

12:15-1:30 p.m. H&SS Rm. 116

The School of Exercise and Sports Science Sponsors

Free Fun for Kids!

Join Us for Fun Games Like T-ball, Soccer and Basketball. 10 a.m. to Noon

First Saturday of the Month Beginning Oct. 1 B&E Gym

Call Dr. Chris DeWitt 641-3711 for More Information.

The American Democracy Project Film Series Will Present the Following Films During October:
Thelma and Louise
Oct. 4

12 Angry Men
Oct. 18

All Films Are Held in Penland 106 at 6:30 p.m.
\$1 Students, \$2 Faculty & Staff, \$5 All Others

The Department of Biology and Geology Will Present These Seminars During October:

Oct. 7 Dan A. Dixon, PhD
Regulation of COX-2 Expression in Cancer and Inflammation

Oct. 21 Timothy Mousseau, PhD
Mutation, Antioxidants and Fitness: Lessons from the Wilds of Chernobyl

Oct. 28 Yanbin Dong, MD, PhD
TBA

Free!
20th Annual SEED
Science Education Enrichment Day

October 8, 2005
10am-3pm
USC Aiken



Sponsored by: Ruth Patrick Science Education Center, USC Aiken, and Aiken County Public Schools Information: 803-641-3313



Happy USC Aiken Anniversary!



Jacqueline Brown, 29 years
Vernon Adams 28 years
Thomas Hallman, 25 years
Randy Duckett, 23 years
Evelyn Knight, 23 years
Sandy DeWitt, 13 years
Larry Nelson, 11 years

Clarence Patterson, 9 years
Gina Buckley, 9 years
Elijah Price, III, 8 years
Stanley Price, 8 years
Kathryn Simmons, 7 years
Lynn Way, 6 years
Sandra Sanders, 5 years

Troy Mothkovich, 5 years
Andrew Hendrix, 4 years
Linda Ferrell, 4 years
Kathy Brantley, 3 years
Mattie Bennett, 3 years
Lody Lenrow, 1 year
Jenifer Ramseur, 1 year

Kudos!



Dr. Allen Dennis

Dr. Allen Dennis, professor of geology, will make a presentation regarding his research on Mississippian-Devonian Dextral Collision in the Central Appalachian at the

117th annual meeting of the Geological Society of America. The meeting will be held October 16-19 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Over 6000 geoscientists are expected to attend



Student volunteers prepare the donations for distribution to Hurricane Katrina victims.

Faculty, staff and students recently raised over \$4,000 for the American

Red Cross to support Hurricane Katrina victims. Special thanks to Unity, Student Nursing Association, CAAB, and the Office of Student Activities for their extra efforts and thanks to all of you for your generosity!

Dr. Maggi Morehouse was recently named director of USCA's revamped Honor's Program. Look for the full article on Morehouse and the program in next month's Post Time Notes.



Dr. Maggi Morehouse

Since the spring 2005 semester, members of the Student Nursing Association (SNA) have been collecting Beanie Babies for soldiers to use in building relationships with children in Iraq. The SNA has also taken part in a variety of other ongoing projects such as collecting aluminum cans for the Burn Center at Doctor's Hospital and participating in



SNA Members display the Beanie Babies collected for U.S. soldiers.

Adopt-a-Highway on the Robert Bell Parkway.



Faculty and staff enjoy the festivities at USCA's annual Family Fund Luncheon.

USCA faculty and staff celebrated the success of the University's annual Family Fund campaign at a luncheon on Sept. 13. One highlight of the event included the awarding of door prizes to selected participants. Due to the overwhelming generosity of University employees, participation rates reached 83 percent, surpassing this

year's goal of 80 percent. A big thank you to everyone involved!



Instructor Alexia Helsley

The History Press of Charleston published Instructor **Alexia Helsley's** book, *Beaufort, South Carolina: a History* in June.

The Aiken Mid-Day Lions Club is sponsoring a drive to collect previously worn prescription eyewear, including reading glasses and sunglasses. Please send your donations to **Sherri Jenik** in the Chancellor's Office located in the Pickens-Salley House by Wednesday, October 5. For future donations, you may continue to drop these items off with Sherri Jenik throughout the year.



The women's basketball team will host its second annual Outback Steakhouse Fundraiser. The event is Sunday, Oct. 9 with seating from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 per adult for a steak or chicken dinner, salad and drink. Contact any player or Coach **Mike Brandt** at mikeb@usca.edu for tickets!

Fun Fact

Did you know...?

A post time is the time set immediately before the official start of a race after which point no further betting is allowed.