Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students,

Just in time for Valentine’s Day – and as part of Heart Health Month – I’m pleased to announce that we now have heart defibrillators in most buildings and in two University Police patrol cars on campus.

Thanks to the generosity of The Rotary Club of Aiken, The Aiken Sunrise Rotary Club, and Aiken Regional Medical Centers, the following buildings are conveniently outfitted with automated external defibrillators (AEDs).

1. Penland – front entrance by horse fountain/admissions side
2. Business and Education – room 122B
3. Children’s Center* - middle hall by main office
4. Etherredge Center – electrical room 11/shop, stage area
5. Convocation Center – room 148
6. Humanities and Social Sciences – quad entrance, right side wall
7. Gregg-Graniteville Library – first floor, equipment room
8. Natatorium – front wall by office
9. Wellness Center – information counter
10. School of Nursing – front lobby, left wall
11. Pickens-Salley House - kitchen
12. Science Building – second floor, between rooms 211 and 213
13. Athletic Department – convocation center room 148G
14. University Police station and two patrol cars*

*These facilities have AEDs which accommodate children.

These important safety features, now located throughout the campus, check the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm. If necessary, AEDs can treat sudden cardiac arrest, which occurs when the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating.

We are very grateful to our community partners who made these AEDs possible, which will help keep our students, faculty, staff, and guests safe. Additional AEDs will be added by USC Aiken to buildings that currently are without one over the next several months.
The University Safety Office will provide AED and CPR training **Tuesday, March 14, at 10 a.m.**, to students, faculty, and staff. Space is limited. To register, e-mail lene@usca.edu.

Additionally, as part of USC Aiken’s Fit 4 Life program, the following programs are offered during Heart Health Month:

http://intranet.usca.edu/posts/february-is-heart-month/2017020112

Have a lovely and ♥ healthy Valentine’s Day!

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