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Pacer Nation –

Spring is here!

The gorgeous azaleas in the Quad are starting to bloom – and the pollen is in the air!

By the time you come back from spring break, the campus may pop with all the vibrant colors.

As you wrap up your final requirements this week, I just wanted to wish you all a safe, relaxing, and fun spring break.

Many of you will continue your daily duties; some will be on educational or leadership excursions, and some may totally unplug while sunning on a beach somewhere.

Whatever your plans, please be safe, buckle up, get plenty of rest before driving long distances and, if you choose to drink, please do so responsibly.

I look forward to seeing you all back on campus refreshed and ready to finish the semester strong! Commencement will be here before we know it.

During spring break, the university will continue routine operations. Additionally, we will test our new notification system and the associated app for your phone: **ALERTUS +**. By now, I hope you've seen the table tents throughout campus, explaining how to download **ALERTUS +**.

This system-wide test will include the loud speakers on campus, text messages, computer notifications, and email alerts.

So, while on break, if you've downloaded **ALERTUS +**, you will receive a message along the lines of:

TEST, TEST, TEST. This is a test of the USC Aiken's ALERTUS notification system. TEST, TEST, TEST.

This emergency notification app is an additional layer of security for our students, faculty, and staff, which enhances other longstanding security features on campus, such as: security cameras, emergency call boxes, card access system, text messaging, loud speakers, and a desktop notification system.

Important features of **Alertus +**:

- When a user touches the "Call Public Safety" option on the app, a call goes out to the University Police Department and directly to the radio of the officer on duty.

- App users also receive any mass notifications sent out to the University community. So even those users that have not registered a cell phone number through Self Service Carolina (SSC) or VIP will still receive the notifications.

Easy download procedures:

1. Access your phone's app store and search for the **Alertus +** app. It will be called **Alertus +** or just **Alertus +**, depending on the app store.
2. Download the app and enter USCA when prompted for a code.
3. Enter your USC Aiken email address when prompted for an email address.
4. Check your USC Aiken email Inbox for a verification email and click the verify link in the message. If the message does not arrive within minutes of entering your address, check your Junk Email folder as well.
5. Touch the Email Verified button on the app to complete the download.

If you need assistance in downloading the app or have questions, contact the [Help Desk](#).

Throughout the academic year, we will conduct other routine drills. When we do, we will share related information and the approximate timing with you.

Enjoy the break!

All the best,

Chancellor Sandra Jordan