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Hi, parents! (EDITOR’S NOTE: The various students who have picked up this paper are also welcome.)

If you’re holding this, you already know two core aspects of the USC experience:
1. Campus is pretty.
2. Parking more or less doesn’t exist.

So, if you feel an immediate, visceral connection to the 30,000 or so people who live in and around here, now you know why.

But there’s a lot more to USC than just scenic trees and parking fees. There’s a delicate and complicated ecosystem that has grown in the Columbia area as the university expands westward toward the river.

Students run local businesses, literary magazines, poetry recitals, tailgates, clubs, radio stations and, of course, a highly-esteemed student newspaper.

There are also the four consistent passions common to most USC students: traditions, sports, sports traditions and traditional sports. (We like sports around here.)

We at The Daily Gamecock have woven all of these elements into the concise, easy-to-read and — above all — informative piece of formulated tree-bark and ink you now hold in your hands, as you desperately try not to look at the large picture of me pretending to read a newspaper right above this text.

(Spoiler alert: I am, in fact, POSING FOR THIS PICTURE. More surprises are in store for those brave enough to read on.)

All dumb jokes aside, we’re glad to have you here. As USC President Harris Pastides will say later in these pages, Parents Weekend is your opportunity to — in some sense — see what USC is like through the eyes of your son or daughter.

We’re here to help you make the most of it.

All the best,
Ben Crawford
Editor-in-Chief
The Daily Gamecock
Dear Carolina Family (especially parents),

Happy Parents’ Weekend 2015! I am so excited to welcome thousands of Gamecock family members to our historic and beautiful campus. Parents, we are five weeks into the fall semester, and I’m sure that your student is excited to see you — for a long-awaited hug, valuable words of encouragement and a delicious dinner. (Thanks again to many of you for paying our tuition.)

While you are here, make sure to take in the complete Carolina experience. Start the Gamecock cheer at the football game, take a walk around our revered Horseshoe, eat dinner at a famous Columbia restaurant (there are many to choose from) and spend precious time with your loved ones. Make sure to introduce yourself to other members of the Carolina community — we pride ourselves on southern hospitality, and our students, faculty, staff, administration and alumni are all so excited to see you.

Again, welcome to the University of South Carolina. Go Gamecocks!

Jonathan Kaufman

Student Body President
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WEEKENDER
Very few know the university better than President Harris Pastides does. The Daily Gamecock asked him a few questions that we think you might be wondering, too.

The Daily Gamecock:
What do you think the purpose of Parents’ Weekend is? Why do we do this every year?

Harris Pastides: Well, parents have a lot of investment in where their sons or daughters go to college. In many ways, they’re living vicariously with their sons and daughters, and I think it's the one time of year that we welcome them and say, “Why don’t you have the same experience?” I think it breathes life into the concept of college. And it also, from my perspective, increases and enlarges the family of the university — to go beyond the attendee ... to also go to the parents and other family members who come.

TDG: If there’s ONE thing parents should be doing this weekend, what would that be?

HP: Spend a little time in the residence hall or in the apartment that their sons or daughters reside in, because the students themselves spend so much time there. I think it’s important to get at least a glimpse of what their home lives are like. Beyond that, walk the Horseshoe, the whole circle, once or twice. Breathe the air, y’know; sit on the grass possibly.

TDG: What sights should parents and students go see this weekend as a family?

HP: One older, traditional place: the South Caroliniana Library. Even though the books aren’t in there now, the second floor reading room of the South Caroliniana Library designed by Robert Mills, America’s premier early architect, is maybe one of the most phenomenal indoor spaces in the state of South Carolina. And then, I would suggest the new Darla Moore School of Business, even if their son or daughter is not a business major — it doesn’t matter. To see what working with a globally renowned, and I would argue provocative, architect like Rafael Vinoly can do for a university that is really favoring traditional designs, neo-classical designs. So, get a taste of the best we have in the older and the newer.

TDG: What resources does USC offer parents that other schools don’t?

HP: We offer them the opportunity to serve on a Parents (Advisory) Council if they wish — i.e. to help guide me and the university forward. Let me say that they have already had a great impact in helping us revamp our undergraduate advising system. They pointed out difficulties that their sons or daughters were having with academic advising, and we have a new system, so it’s a very substantive organization. Beyond that, I would say that communication that we have ongoing with all parents — and I’m not suggesting that other universities don’t try that or do a good job — but I think we do an outstanding job keeping in touch with families, mainly electronically.

And then, thirdly, the activities of this weekend are at considerable expense to the university. Even though there’s a fee to participate, it doesn’t nearly cover all of the expenses that the university goes through to give them a premier experience.

TDG: What is your favorite (and least favorite) part about USC?

HP: My favorite part is interacting informally with students, wherever that might be. It’s more about the job than about the university, but my favorite activity is to interact informally — not necessarily formally in big student government meetings, but informally with individuals and groups of students. And my least favorite thing would be, probably, the drive or the walk home after a losing athletic contest. Just feeling that maybe my university family is let down or feeling blue. And I’m like, “Well, I gotta put this behind me and wake up tomorrow morning with a positive attitude.”
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Traditions

USC is a place built on tradition. We are all pretty familiar, or becoming so, with many football traditions, such as Sandstorm and singing the alma mater at the end of games. But there are many other traditions that also contribute to the culture of Carolina.

The Clapping Circle

One of the smallest yet most iconic Carolina traditions, the clapping circle, is sure to delight anyone who experiences it. This recognizable circle of bricks is located on the sidewalk between Davis Field and Russell House. Every so often, you’ll see a student or a family member standing in the center, clapping and exclaiming or looking slightly confused at the unusual sound a clap makes from the middle. This is definitely a classic Gamecock experience. And don’t worry about looking silly — that’s half the fun.

Melton Memorial Observatory

Sometimes nothing can be better than a cool fall night spent gazing at the stars. But in an urban area, even a small one like Columbia, it can be hard to get a good view.

Luckily for us, on Monday nights from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. when skies are clear, Melton Observatory allows students to get a good look at the moon, stars, planets and whatever else happens to be floating around that night. The observatory is located at 1429 Greene St. (where Bull and Greene streets intersect at the top of the hill).

The observatory recently added a live video stream to their website that broadcasts during public viewing hours for students who can’t be there in person. (If you’re here Sunday night, be sure to check out the “supermoon” lunar eclipse set to occur a little after 10 p.m.)

Chicken Finger Wednesday

A more recent addition to Carolina’s traditions is the famous Chicken Finger Wednesday. Every Wednesday at lunchtime, the Grand Market Place in Russell House and the Honeycomb Cafe in the Honors Residence Hall serve the classic combination of chicken fingers and curly fries. It is the most anticipated meal of the week, and already busy dining halls are overflowing. If you have yet to experience this tradition, make sure to put it on your calendar. After all, who doesn’t want to return to one’s childhood, when the only food you’d eat was chicken fingers and fries?

Cockabooses

Located directly outside of the south side of Williams-Brice Stadium for the past 25 years, the Cockaboose Railroad has made its mark on the USC campus as the official sign of
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tailgating. What started out in 1990 as a way to use the old railroad tracks outside of the stadium soon flourished and took on a life of its own. The once empty tracks now consist of 22 luxurious, stationary cabooses lined on the railroad track fully equipped with running water, cable television, air conditioning and a living room. On the outside every car is identical, all appearing in garnet paint, with a Gamecock logo and a rooftop deck, but the inside of the cars are all different and up to the owners to decorate how they please. These well-known tailgating spots are coveted by many; in fact, one seller asked for $299,000 for his Cockaboose.

**Carolina Fight Song**

The Carolina Fight Song has changed many times over the years but has remained the same since 1967. The song is to the tune of “Step to the Rear” from Broadway play “How Now, Dow Jones.” The music was chosen as the USC Fight Song by former football coach and athletic director Paul Deitzel. Deitzel wrote the lyrics to the song himself and is known for creating the Gamecock logo we have today. The Carolina Fight Song is a symbol of alliance among students and shows pride and allegiance to, not only USC, but to the varying athletic programs.

— Compiled by Emily Barber and Camille Doloughy
Parents Weekend 2015
Schedule of Events

Friday, Sept. 25
FOR REGISTERED ATTENDEES ONLY.

Visit a Friday Class at Carolina!
These professors have opened their classes today for you to visit!
Make sure to arrive early, and please sit near the back.

8:30-9:20 a.m.
• University 101, section C01, Capstone Keystone Room
• University 101, section S12, South Quad 168

9:40-10:30 a.m.
• Principles of Fashion Merchandising (RETL 268), Carolina Coliseum 3020D
• University 101, section C02, Capstone Keystone Room
• University 101, section 11, East Quad 206A
• Oceans and Society (MSCI 210), Booker T. Washington 201
• The Ocean Environment (MSCI 101), Patterson Hall 103
• University 101, section B01, University 101, section 198, Patterson Hall 104
• University 101, section H01, University 101, section 20, Capstone Keystone Room

10:50-11:40 a.m.
• Environmental Pollution and Health (ENHS/ENVR 521), McKissick Museum: Invitation to Explore
• Principles of Fashion Merchandising (RETL 268), Carolina Coliseum 3020D
• University 101, section C04, Capstone Keystone Room

Noon-12:50 p.m.
• University 101, section 20, Capstone Keystone Room
• University 101, section H01, Honors Residence Hall B110
• University 101, section 198, Patterson Hall 104
• University 101, section S11, Columbia Hall 107
• Earth Resources (GEOL 205), Close–Hipp 008

1:10-2 p.m.
• University 101, section 35, Sims Hall 118
• University 101, section 31, Patterson Hall 103
• University 101, section 250, Sims Hall 119
• Introduction to the Earth (GEOL 101), Jones 210

2:20-3:10 p.m.
• Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament) (RELG 301/HIST 492), Humanities Classroom Building 402

3:30-4:20 p.m.
• Cultural Geology (GEOL 110), Booker T. Washington 201

7-7:45 a.m.
Yogalates
Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, Room 127
A Yogalates session focuses on muscle strength, balance, body alignment, stabilization and flexibility using a hybrid of yoga and Pilates exercises. Equipment such as blocks, resistance bands, weights, fit balls and foam rollers also may be utilized to further enhance strength and balance. Your student must be a current Group X pass–holder, and parents will need to sign a waiver of liability and show your Parents Weekend nametag before participating. Sponsored by Campus Recreation

7-8 a.m.
BODYPUMP™
Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, Room 125
The Les Mills BODYPUMP™ is a barbell-based workout that strengthens your entire body. This class challenges all major muscle groups by using the best weight room exercises like squats, presses, lifts and curls. Great music, awesome instructors and your choice of weight inspire you to get the results you came for and fast! Your student must be a current Group X pass–holder, and parents will need to sign a waiver of liability and show your Parents Weekend nametag before participating. Sponsored by Campus Recreation

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Heard at Every Turn: Traditional Music in South Carolina
McKissick Museum, 2nd Floor, South Gallery
This exhibit features the many cultural groups that brought music traditions with them to South Carolina, how these traditions evolved since their introduction and what they sound like today. Exploring the role that music plays in South Carolina today, the exhibit examines the foundations of its various music traditions—from Gullah and old–time country to spirituals, gospel, Norteño music and bluegrass—tracking the individuals who passed these traditions on, the instruments they used and the new generations of musicians who are carrying music of the Palmetto State into the future. Sponsored by McKissick Museum, College of Arts and Sciences

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
icARE Center for Free Technological Support Drop-In
1244 Blossom Street
Drop in and watch employees at the icARE Center provide free hands–on assistance to students who have issues with their technical equipment. Technicians in the icARE Center can assist with virus removal, software installation, hardware installation and more. Current students should never pay for technology assistance without stopping by the icARE Center first. Sponsored by University Technology Services

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
McKissick Museum: Invitation to Explore
McKissick Museum, 1st Floor Gallery
Just as programs at the university require many people to ensure successful experiences for participants, museums have a number of individuals who work behind the scenes. Every exhibit at McKissick is the shared product of many people who largely do their work anonymously—but this exhibit is different. In addition to presenting the varied parts of the museum’s collection, these cases introduce the permanent staff, revealing a little bit about why they do what they do. The exhibit includes some of the staff’s favorite artifacts, some never before exhibited, from the museum’s collections of Southern stoneware, sweetgrass baskets, gems and minerals, university history artifacts, political memorabilia, fine art, Baruch silver, textiles, art glass and Folk Heritage Award items. Sponsored by McKissick Museum, College of Arts and Science

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Natural Curiosity: The University of South Carolina and the Evolution of Scientific Inquiry in the Natural World
McKissick Museum, 3rd Floor
Humans possess a fascination with the natural world around them. From the 32,000–year–old cave paintings of horses in France to the giraffe stickers today’s children paste into their activity books, we can see that humans are eager to see, touch, collect and understand nature. “Natural Curiosity” explores this curiosity about nature by asking questions about why we collect natural specimens and artifacts, how we display them and what they tell us about our relationship with and obligations to the natural world. Through an examination of approaches to building and maintaining the natural science collections at the University of South Carolina, this exhibit also offers a glimpse of the impressive array of specimens collected and displayed over the past 200 years for the purposes of education, research and entertainment. Sponsored by McKissick Museum, College of Arts and Sciences

9-10:15 a.m.
Guided Tour of the South Caroliniana Library and Horseshoe
South Carolina Library, Horseshoe
Take a guided tour of the South Caroliniana Library, the nation’s oldest freestanding college library. Built in 1840, the library holds special collections related to the history of South Carolina and USC. The tour will include some of the exciting historical highlights of student life on the Horseshoe over the past two centuries. Sponsored by the South Caroliniana Library

10 a.m.-4 p.m.
My Carolina Alumni Association Ring Week
Russell House, First Floor Desk (beside the Grand Marketplace)

10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Parents Weekend Check-In
Russell House Ballroom
All registered Parents Weekend participants should check in to pick up their materials, including the Guide to Parents Weekend, schedule of events, nametags, tickets and other goodies!

10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Parent Resource Fair
Russell House Ballroom
While you’re checking in for Parents Weekend, visit with representatives from the University Bookstore at the Russell House, CarolinaCard, Carolina Dining, Fire Safety, Parking Services, Law Enforcement and Safety, Student Health Services, Student Life and University Housing. Registered for the Parents Weekend 5K? Pick up your race packet! Sponsored by the Office of Parents Programs

Stop by to learn about the Official University of South Carolina Ring tradition. Sponsored by My Carolina Alumni Association

10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Student Athletic Ticketing Help Desk
Russell House, Golden Key Room (309)
Stop by and speak with staff from Student Athletic Ticketing to learn more about getting student tickets for athletic events. Sponsored by the Student Athletic Ticketing Office
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11 a.m.–Noon 
**Behind-the-Scenes Tour of McKissick Museum**
**McKissick Museum, 2nd floor**
Come explore the rarely seen treasures in the McKissick Museum’s massive collection. With more than 100,000 gem and mineral specimens, sweetgrass baskets, Edgelof pottery and even the first Cocky uniform, McKissick has something for everyone! Sponsored by McKissick Museum, College of Arts and Sciences

11 a.m.–1 p.m. 
**Pep Rally**
**Greene Street in Front of the Russell House**
Catch the Gamecock spirit as Carolina takes on the Central Florida Golden Knights! Join Mic Man, the cheerleaders, the pep band and other special guests for this exciting event. You are sure to get excited for Saturday’s game at this pep rally that will include giveaways! Sponsored by Student Government and Gamecock Athletics

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. 
**Southern Cookout at the Top**
**Top of Carolina, Capstone House**
Enjoy a traditional Southern cookout at the Top of Carolina, South Carolina’s only revolving restaurant, with a 360-degree view of the metropolitan Columbia area and the University of South Carolina campus. The cost is $12.95 per person (plus tax). Advance reservations are required. You can make a reservation at tinyurl.com/TopofCarolina. When you arrive at Capstone, take the elevator to the 18th floor. Sponsored by Carolina Dining

11:30 a.m. 
**College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management Bistro Lunch with the Dean**
**McCutchten House, Horseshoe**
Families of students who are in the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management (HRSM) are invited to a special lunch with the dean and other faculty at the McCutchten House! You must have registered in advance. The cost is $10 for family members and $5 for your HRSM student. Sponsored by the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management

1–1:45 p.m. 
**Emerging Issues Regarding Alcohol and Drug Trends on College Campuses**
**Russell House, Room 205**
This workshop will explore emerging trends and issues related to high-risk drinking, marijuana use and prescription drug abuse on college campuses. Current national, state and USC data will be presented. Additionally, this presentation will provide strategies for communicating with your student about difficult issues and supporting him or her in making responsible decisions as a Carolinian. Resources to help you encourage your student to engage in healthy, low-risk behaviors also will be provided. Sponsored by the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention and Education and the Office of Student Conduct

1–1:45 p.m. 
**Help! My Student is Stressed.**
**Russell House, Room 305**
Join Student Health Services’ Counseling & Psychiatry staff to learn how to identify signs of anxiety, depression and distress and the various resources on campus for dealing with these issues. Risk factors and skills training will be briefly covered, and parents also will have a chance to ask questions about mental health topics. Sponsored by Counseling and Psychiatric Services

1–1:45 p.m. 
**Meet with First Lady Patricia Moore–Pastides to Discuss Diet, Exercise and Wellness on Campus**
**Russell House, Room 303**
Join Patricia Moore–Pastides, the First Lady of the University of South Carolina, as she shares her passion for healthy cooking during this informative and interactive session. Ms. Moore–Pastides is the author of Greek Revival (University of South Carolina Press, hardcover, $27.95), which focuses on the time-tested Mediterranean diet and simple, delicious cooking. Her books present all new recipes focused on bringing the bounty of the garden to the table in easy and accessible ways. The First Lady will provide samples of one of her recipes and sign copies of her books after her presentation. Do not want to miss this exciting and exclusive opportunity! Sponsored by the University of South Carolina Office of Special Events

1–1:45 p.m. 
**Study Abroad: See the World!**
**Russell House, ODK Room (315)**
This informal session will provide information about the study-, intern-, volunteer- and research-abroad opportunities available to USC students as well as answer questions about credit, financial aid, scholarships and safety abroad. Also, families are encouraged to stop by the Study Abroad Office, located in the Close–Hipp Building, suite 453 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sponsored by the Study Abroad Office

1–4 p.m. 
**Meet the Career Coaches**
**Career Center, Thomas Cooper Library, Level 5**
Visit the Career Center and meet the career development coaches while enjoying coffee, cookies and conversation about career opportunities. Drop by to learn how the Career Center can positively impact your student’s experience at Carolina. Sponsored by the Career Center

2–2:45 p.m. 
**Assisting Your Student During Academic Challenges**
**Russell House, Room 303**
Do you want to help your student achieve academic excellence? We thought so! This session will assist parents in identifying signs of academic difficulty for students. Parents will walk away with knowledge of academic support programs at USC. Sponsored by the Student Success Center

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2–2:45 p.m. 
**Preparing Your Sophomore Student for Success**
**Russell House, Room 203**
Ever heard of the sophomore slump? Families who have students in their second academic year at USC should attend this session to learn about opportunities and pitfalls that students may face in their second year. Attendees will learn about campus resources that can help sophomore students and what questions they can ask to help their students navigate the sophomore year successfully. Sponsored by the Student Success Center
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2:2-4:5 p.m.
**Undergraduate Research: How to Get Involved and Why It’s Important**

**Russell House, Room 305**

Come hear about the benefits of students engaging in undergraduate research! The Office of Undergraduate Research will share information about the office and its services, and a panel of student researchers will share their experiences. Research is a great opportunity for students of all years and all majors. Attend this session to find out how your student can get involved. Sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Research

2:3-3:30 p.m.
**Open House for the School of the Earth, Ocean and Environment**

**Jones Physical Science Building, Room 108**

Families of students majoring in environmental science or studies, marine science and geology are invited to mingle with the faculty and staff of the department and tour the laboratory facilities. Sponsored by the School of the Earth, Ocean and Environment

2:5 p.m.
**Leadership and Service Center Open House**

**Russell House, Leadership and Service Center**

Visit the newly-opened Leadership and Service Center! This innovative space offers your students a place to get involved, learn leadership skills, give back to the community, connect with leaders and so much more. Take some time to meet the staff, explore the space and learn how students can utilize the services to craft their own college experience and leave their mark at Carolina. Sponsored by the Leadership and Service Center

2:30-3:30 p.m.
**Career Planning at the Moore School of Business**

**Darla Moore School of Business, Sonoco Pavilion**

Interested in your business student’s future career prospects after graduation? Want to guarantee that your student will be fully prepared to “leave the nest” in four short years? Come learn about the exciting new career preparation initiatives facilitated by the Moore School’s Office of Career Management. Learn the secrets to what your student should be doing, as early as his or her freshman year, to begin to plan his or her successful career in the business world. Find out how you can assist with increasing your student’s level of engagement in the professional development opportunities that happen daily at the Moore School. Sponsored by the Darla Moore School of Business

3-3:45 p.m.
**Air Force ROTC Educational Session**

**ROTC Center, 513 Pickens Street**

Curious what life is like for an Air Force ROTC cadet? Find out at this session! Activities include an Air Force ROTC overview briefing, stories from cadets who recently attended summer internships and field training, a group leadership problem, as well as a question and answer session. Parents of current/prospective cadets are encouraged to attend. Sponsored by Air Force ROTC

3-3:45 p.m.
**A Parent’s Guide to Student Housing**

**Russell House Theater**

You moved your student into his or her freshman residence hall, but what about the next few years? Off-Campus Student Services and University Housing will share ways to remain on campus, as well as resources to aid students transitioning into off-campus living. Important information will be provided for parents who wish to assist their students in locating housing for the upcoming year. Sponsored by University Housing and Off-Campus Student Services

3-3:45 p.m.
**Getting the Most Out of USC: How Student Involvement Complements the Classroom**

**Russell House, Leadership and Service Center**

Beyond the classroom experiences are key to a successful college experience. The Leadership and Service Center offers a multitude of ways for students to start their involvement journey. The LSC staff can help students get involved, connect with the university and understand what it means to be a Carolinian. Come learn more about how we help students think about their involvement and how it plays into their future goals while getting the most out of USC. Sponsored by the Leadership and Service Center

3-3:45 p.m.
**Serving our Diverse Students**

**Russell House, Room 203**

Parents and caregivers of college students often wonder how they can help their college student succeed. If your student also identifies as a minority or as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, you may have additional questions and concerns about this new home away from home. The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA) offers a comprehensive list of programs and support services that help students in their personal and academic development and also in their understanding of others and themselves. Come to this session to learn how we collectively support our diverse student populations and strengthen your connection to the university and your student! Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs

3-3:45 p.m.
**What’s the Big Deal About Sweet Tea?**

**Russell House, ODK Room (315)**

Welcome y’all! Are you curious about the “famously hot” environment your out-of-state student now calls home? Join us for all things Southern as we introduce you to the South, USC culture and traditions and a taste of Southern cuisine! You also will be able to connect with other out-of-state families and learn about how the Student Success Center supports your out-of-state student so he or she can succeed academically and socially at the University of South Carolina. So y’all come join us for fun, free food and plenty of Southern hospitality! Sponsored by the Student Success Center and Student Conduct and Academic Integrity

3-4 p.m.
**Mayberry or Mayhem? Public Memories of Guantanamo McKissick Museum, 2nd Floor**

Are you interested in hearing about students’ outside-the-classroom learning experiences? Carolina students, staff and faculty will talk about their spring break trip to the Guantanamo Joint Military Base (GTMO), Cuba. The discussion will explore how study-abroad opportunities can lead to transformative experiences. The goal of the panel is to encourage audience members to think about what public memory is, how it relates to GTMO and how public perceptions compare to the reality of living at Guantanamo Bay. Sponsored by McKissick Museum, College of Arts and Sciences

3-4 p.m.
**Opportunities Abound in Public Health: A Drop-In Public Health Research Center, 921 Assembly Street, Lower Lobby**

Parents and students are invited to a reception to meet faculty and staff in the Arnold School of Public Health. Learn more about the undergraduate degrees in public health and exercise science. Sponsored by the Arnold School of Public Health

3-5 p.m.
**Pre-Professional Advising Open House**

**Sumwalt College, Room 208**

The Office of Pre-Professional Advising staff will be available to meet with students and parents who are interested in attending pre-med, pre-law, pre-veterinary or pre-dental programs. Enjoy refreshments and learn more about the opportunities and resources that the office has to offer. Sponsored by the Office of Pre-Professional Advising

3-5 p.m.
**School of Journalism and Mass Communications Open House**

**School of Journalism and Mass Communications, 800 Sumter Street**

Come experience the brand new, state-of-the-art home of the USC School of Journalism and Mass Communications. Tours of the new facility and refreshments will be available. The school has nearly doubled its space, adding broadcast and photo studios, campaign rooms, expanded computer labs and a greenhouse television studio. Sponsored by the School of Journalism and Mass Communications

3:30-4:30 p.m.
**Capstone Scholars Program Reception**

**Capstone, Campus Room**

Capstone Scholars and their families are invited to join Capstone Scholars faculty and staff members for a drop-in reception. Enjoy hors d’oeuvres while meeting other Capstone Scholars families and learning more about the initiatives your students will participate in on campus! Sponsored by the Capstone Scholars Program

3:30-5 p.m.
**Jewish USC Drop-in Reception**

**Davis College, Room 216**

All parents and students with links to the Jewish community or an interest in learning more about the community are invited to join the Jewish Faculty and Staff Council for a drop-in reception. Learn about opportunities to connect socially with the campus Jewish community, meet Jewish leaders on campus and learn about Hillel and other Jewish organizations on campus. Share a moment and a nosh (bite) during this season of Jewish holidays. Sponsored by the Jewish Faculty and Staff Council

3:30-5 p.m.
**Top Scholars Reception**

**Harper College, Gressette Room**

Parents and family members of Carolina Scholars, McNair Scholars, Horseshoe Scholars and Hamilton Scholars are invited to drop by for light refreshments and to meet the staff of the Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs and the Honors College. Sponsored by the Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs and the Honors College

3:30-5:30 p.m.
**Commitment to Caring Ceremony and Reception**

**Williams-Brice Nursing Building, Auditorium (Room 231)**

The College of Nursing invites junior nursing students and their families to join us for this annual event. The Commitment to Caring Ceremony is a special event honoring junior students who have been accepted into the upper division of the nursing program. It is a meaningful ceremony symbolizing the significance of this step in their journey to becoming a caring and compassionate nurse. Families also will have the opportunity to tour the Simulation Lab, which puts students in realistic hospital scenarios and allows them to practice patient care skills before working in the real world. Sponsored by the College of Nursing

4-4:45 p.m.
**A Parent’s Guide to Student Housing**

**Russell House Theater**

You moved your student into his or her freshman residence hall, but what about the next few years? Off-Campus Student Services and University Housing will share ways to remain on campus, as well as resources to aid students transitioning into off-campus living. Important information will be provided for parents who wish to assist their students in locating housing for the upcoming year. Sponsored by University Housing and Off-Campus Student Services
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4-4:45 p.m.
College of Education Instruction and Teacher Education Drop-In
Warldaw College, Room 110
The College of Education’s Instruction and Teacher Education Department invites current students, family members and alumni to meet faculty representatives from the programs within the department. This will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with College of Education faculty members and ask questions related to the programs. Sponsored by the College of Education

4-4:45 p.m.
Smart Money Management at USC
Russell House, Room 203
College poses new financial responsibilities and sometimes challenges. Financial stress can affect your student’s academics, so help your student keep that stress in check through smart money management. Learn how to help your student avoid financial pitfalls and learn all about free financial literacy resources to support your student’s financial success at USC. Sponsored by the Student Success Center

4-5 p.m.
School of Library and Information Science Drop-In
Davis College
The School of Library and Information Science invites parents and guardians of students in the library and information science degree program to meet faculty, staff and current students at this drop-in reception. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the School of Library and Information Science

4-5:30 p.m.
25 Years in the Southeastern Conference
Moore School of Business, W.W. Hootie Johnson Performance Hall
This weekend, the University of South Carolina is celebrating 25 years in the Southeastern Conference (SEC)! Join us for a panel presentation featuring three SEC commissioners who have served since Carolina accepted an invitation to become the 12th member of the SEC on Sept. 25, 1990. The panel includes Greg Sankey (current SEC commissioner), Mike Slive (commissioner from July 2002 to May 2015) and Roy Kramer (commissioner from January 1990 to June 2002). In addition, USC President Harris Pastides, who is currently chairman of the NCAA Division 1 Board of Directors, will be on the panel. Please note that limited seating is available as this event is part of the Thomas H. Regan Executive Lecture Series for sport and entertainment management students. Sponsored by the USC Department of Sport and Entertainment Management, Gamecock Athletics and NASCAR

4-5:30 p.m.
Retail Management and Fashion Merchandising Reception, McCutchen House Patio
Meet with the Department of Retailing faculty while sipping iced tea and enjoying wonderful treats at the historic McCutchen House. Learn about the internships and career placement opportunities, student groups and courses that make Carolina students extremely competitive in the marketplace. Sponsored by the Department of Retailing in the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management

4:30-5:30 p.m.
Engineering and Computing College Conversation
Swarthog Engineering Center, 1C01 Amoco Hall
Families of engineering and computing majors are invited to join Dr. Jed Lyons, associate dean, to discuss the new challenges each semester brings. Most families and students meet Dr. Lyons during summer orientation, but likely much has changed in the lives of the students since then. In this session, staff will discuss the academic life of engineering and computing students from freshman to senior year. Families will learn about resources, strategies and opportunities for student engagement and success. Join the College of Engineering and Computing for an informal and informative conversation. Sponsored by the College of Engineering and Computing

5:30-7 p.m.
President’s Welcome Reception
President’s House, Horseshoe
Stop by the President’s House between 5:30 and 7 p.m. to meet Carolina’s “first family,” Dr. Harris Pastides and Ms. Patricia Moore-Pastides, as they officially welcome you to Parents Weekend 2015! Visit the beautiful President’s House and gardens while enjoying a few hors d’oeuvres at this drop-in reception. Make sure to wear your Parents Weekend nametag! Sponsored by the Office of Parents Programs

6 p.m.
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7 p.m.
Men’s Soccer vs. New Mexico
Eugene E. Stone Stadium
Show your support for the men’s soccer team as they battle the New Mexico Lobos! Show your Parents Weekend nametag and receive $1 admission. Carolina students are admitted free with their CarolinaCard.

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7 p.m.
Women’s Volleyball vs. Kentucky
Volleyball Competition Facility, 1051 Blossom Street
Watch as the Gamecock women’s volleyball team faces the Kentucky Wildcats! Show your Parents Weekend nametag and receive $1 admission. Carolina students are admitted free with their CarolinaCard.

8-11 p.m.
Carolina Beach Bash
Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, Pool House Entrance on Park Street
Experience a Southern beach party poolside while enjoying great food and music! Dine on delicious Southern foods like shrimp and grits, pecan-crusted chicken, brisket sliders, banana pudding, pecan pie and much more! Bring your dancing shoes for one of South Carolina’s most enjoyable traditions – beach music. Play a game of corn hole with your family. Take a photo with your family in the photo booth. Visit with our beloved mascot Cocky. Get ready for a fun Friday night Parents Weekend tradition! Make sure to wear your Parents Weekend nametag as it is required to enter the event (and bring your wristband, if applicable). Enter the party at the white tent near the Strom’s pool house gate located on Park Street. This event is subject to change based on weather conditions. Sponsored by the Office of Parents Programs

9 p.m.
Entourage
Russell House Theater
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Saturday, Sept. 25

FOR REGISTERED ATTENDEES ONLY.

7:30 a.m. (rain or shine)
Parents Weekend 5K
Solomon Blatt PE Center, Wheat Street
Run or walk the 5K course for fun with your family! Preregistered participants can pick up their packets on Friday at Parents Weekend check-in or from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Carolina Beach Bash. On-site registration begins on Saturday at 6:30 a.m. and ends at 7 a.m. Pre-registered participants who cross the finish line are guaranteed a Parents Weekend 5K t-shirt. Dress for a hot, humid South Carolina day! Sponsored by Campus Recreation and the Office of Parents Programs

8 a.m.
Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ) Tailgate
South Carolina State Fairgrounds
Join Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ) for a tailgate at the State Fairgrounds! Cru is a Christian collegiate ministry passionate about connecting students to God and helping them grow in their faith. Food will be provided at the tailgate, so come join in on the fun! For a specific location, visit www.carolinacru.org. Sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ

9:30-11:30 a.m.
Parents Weekend Tailgate Party
Old Football Practice Field, National Guard and Bluff Roads
Get excited for the football game against Central Florida at this traditional, Southern tailgate party! Visit with Cocky, Cocky’s parents and the cheerleaders, and listen to live music from The Reggie Sullivan Band and the Carolina Marching Band! Enjoy tailgate food like barbecue, hot dogs, chicken fingers and more! Plenty of food and drinks will be available. Please refer to the Football Fan Guide for game day and parking information, or take the shuttle to the game. (Walking directions from the shuttle drop-off point to the Tailgate Party are located in the Guide to Parents Weekend, which you will receive at check-in. Please keep in mind that the walk from the shuttle drop-off to the Tailgate Party is approximately 1.1 miles.) Make sure to bring your Parents Weekend nametag (and wristbands, if applicable) and football game tickets! All guests, including Carolina students, must have their Parents Weekend nametag to enter the Tailgate Party. Please note that individual tickets to this event are not available as this event is exclusive to the Parents Weekend package. This event is subject to change based on weather conditions. Sponsored by the Office of Parents Programs
Vinyasa yoga is an energizing class that cultivates heat, endurance, flexibility, strength and awareness. One dynamic pose flows to the next by synchronizing movement with breath. Stretches, poses and breathing exercises build energy, boost metabolism, stimulate circulation and restore overall vitality while improving posture, strengthening muscles and reducing stress and tension. You’ll always end this class with a deep relaxation period. Vinyasa Yoga has an extended time spent in savasana. Your student must be a current Group X pass-holder, and parents will need to sign a waiver of liability and show your Parents Weekend nametag before participating. Sponsored by Campus Recreation

10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections
Ernest F. Hollings Library, Thomas Cooper Library
Stop by the Ernest F. Hollings Library to view the Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections. The exhibit in the gallery is “Defining Botany: the Culture and Science of Plants.” There will be a gallery talk at noon by Dr. Mary Ellen Bellanca, Department of English, USC Sumter, on Jane Loudon (1807-1858), the author of many popular 19th century horticultural works. Sponsored by University Libraries

10 a.m.-2 p.m.
South Carolina Political Collections
Ernest F. Hollings Library, Thomas Cooper Library
Stop by the Ernest F. Hollings Library to take a look at the South Carolina Political Collections. The exhibit in the gallery is “Nuclear Carolina: Power and Waste in the Palmetto State.” Sponsored by University Libraries

10 a.m.-4 p.m.
My Carolina Alumni Association Ring Week
Russell House, First Floor Desk (beside the Grand Marketplace)
Stop by to learn about the Official University of South Carolina Ring tradition. Sponsored by My Carolina Alumni Association

11 a.m.-Noon
BODYPUMP™
Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, Room 125
The Les Mills BODYPUMP™ is a barbell-based workout that strengthens your entire body. This class challenges all major muscle groups by using the best weight room exercises like squats, presses, lifts and curls. Great music, awesome instructors and your choice of weight inspire you to get the results you came for and fast! Your student must be a current Group X pass-holder, and parents will need to sign a waiver of liability and show your Parents Weekend nametag before participating. Sponsored by Campus Recreation

11 a.m.-Noon
Tour of McKissick Museum's Exhibitions
McKissick Museum, 2nd Floor Lobby
Enjoy a curator-led tour of the museum's exhibitions, “Heard at Every Turn: Traditional Music in South Carolina,” “The Guantanamo Public Memory Project” and “Natural Curiosity: The University of South Carolina and the Evolution of Scientific Inquiry in the Natural World.” Sponsored by McKissick Museum, College of Arts and Sciences

11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Heard at Every Turn: Traditional Music in South Carolina
McKissick Museum, 2nd Floor, South Gallery
This exhibit features the many cultural groups that brought music traditions with them to South Carolina, how these traditions evolved since their introduction and what they sound like today.

11 a.m.-3 p.m.
McKissick Museum: Invitation to Explore McKissick Museum, 1st Floor Gallery
Just as programs at the university require many people to ensure successful experiences for participants, museums have a number of individuals who work behind the scenes. Every exhibit at McKissick is the shared product of many people who largely do their work anonymously—but this exhibit is different. In addition to presenting the varied parts of the museum's collection, these cases introduce the permanent staff, revealing a little bit about why they do what they do. The exhibit includes some of the staff's favorite artifacts, some never before exhibited, from the museum's collections of Southern stoneware, sweetgrass baskets, gems and minerals, university history artifacts, political memorabilia, fine art, Baruch silver, textiles, art glass and Folk Heritage Award winner items. Sponsored by McKissick Museum, College of Arts and Sciences

11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Natural Curiosity: The University of South Carolina and the Evolution of Scientific Inquiry in the Natural World
McKissick Museum, 3rd Floor
Humans possess a fascination with the natural world around them. From the 32,000-year-old cave paintings of horses in France to the giraffe stickers today's children paste into their activity books, we can see that humans are eager to see, touch, collect and understand nature. “Natural Curiosity” explores this curiosity about nature by asking questions about why we collect natural specimens and artifacts, how we display them and what they tell us about our relationship with and obligations to the natural world. Through an examination of approaches to building and maintaining the natural science collections at the University of South Carolina, this exhibit also offers a glimpse of the impressive array of specimens collected and displayed over the past 200 years for the purposes of education, research and entertainment. Sponsored by McKissick Museum, College of Arts and Sciences

noon
South Carolina vs. Central Florida
Williams-Brice Stadium
Enjoy the tradition of Carolina football as the Gamecocks take on the Central Florida Knights! Make sure to take your tickets for the game, and enter the stadium at the correct gate. Be in your seats at least 20 minutes before kickoff to experience the best entrance in college football!

6 p.m.
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Sunday, Sept. 26
FOR REGISTERED ATTENDEES ONLY.

10-11:30 a.m.
Capstone Scholars Networking Brunch
McCUTCHEON HOUSE
Capstone Scholars and their families are invited to an informal networking opportunity and brunch with the Career Center and Capstone Scholars Program staff. The event will provide a chance for Capstone Scholars and their parents to connect with fellow Gamecocks and learn how the USC Career Center and Capstone Scholars Program can help prepare students for careers through exploration, experiential learning and professional networking. Sponsored by the Capstone Scholars Program and the Career Center

10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Sunday Brunch
Top of Carolina, Capstone House
Enjoy brunch at the Top of Carolina, South Carolina’s only revolving restaurant, with a 360-degree view of the metropolitan Columbia area and the beautiful University of South Carolina campus. The cost is $23.95 per person (plus tax). Advance reservations are required. You can make a reservation at tinyurl.com/TopofCarolina. When you arrive at Capstone, take the elevator to the 18th floor. Sponsored by Carolina Dining

10:30 a.m.-Noon
Maxcy College Parents Brunch
Maxcy College
The International House at Maxcy College invites Maxcy residents and their families to this special brunch highlighting events and programs at the International House. Come enjoy a catered breakfast and meet some new Maxcy friends, both international and American. Advance reservations are required. Sponsored by the International House at Maxcy College

12:30-2 p.m.
Honors College Picnic
Horseshoe
All Honors College students and their families are invited to join the Honors College staff for a festive fall picnic on the historic Horseshoe. Bring blankets, chairs and your appetite! Rain location is the Russell House Ballroom. Sponsored by the Honors College

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6 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. Alabama
Eugene E. Stone Stadium
Watch as the Gamecock women's soccer team battles the Alabama Crimson Tide! Show your Parents Weekend nametag and receive $1 admission. Carolina students are admitted free with their CarolinaCard.
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THE HORSESHOE

Opening up to Sumter Street, both in design and spirit at the heart of campus, is the Horseshoe. It is made up of 11 buildings, 10 of which date back to the early 1800s; these buildings include Rutledge College, the first building on campus, and the President’s House. In the center of the Horseshoe stands the Maxcy Monument, named after the college’s first president Jonathan Maxcy. The monument was built by Robert Mills, the same architect that constructed the Washington National Monument. The Horseshoe is often peppered with students sprawled on blankets studying in the sun and houses various events such as concerts and ceremonies.

LONGSTREET THEATRE

The Longstreet Theatre is located at the corner of Sumter Street and Greene Street. Built in 1855 and remodeled in 1976, the building borrows its name from former college president Augustus B. Longstreet. The theatre, now four stories tall, is used for a variety of dance and theatre performances. Seating surrounds the circular shaped, hydraulic stage with an accompanying special effects sounds system. A list of upcoming performances can be found at www.artsandsciences.sc.edu/thea/mainstageseason.

THOMAS COOPER LIBRARY

The Thomas Cooper Library was opened in 1976 as an addition to the original undergraduate library. The library is a total of seven stories high, with four of the stories underground. With the additions, the library is now a total of 289,000 square feet, and all of the shelving lined up side by side would measure to be approximately 45 miles long. It is a common place for students to study at all times of the day and can hold up to 2,531 students. In front of the Thomas Cooper library stands the fountain, added during the reconstruction of the library during the 1970s. The tinkling, shimmering cascades of water provide a soothing backdrop for students who prefer to study outdoors or simply laze about on the benches.
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“The Horseshoe,” “Thomas Cooper Library,” “McBryde” — all are names familiar to those who live or have lived on campus. Chances are that students have already visited them. However, these locations all have interesting pasts and have been through many changes over the years.

The University of South Carolina has been around since 1801. With over 200 years of history, the campus has been through extensive renovations and changes in its lifetime. Buildings have been added, schools have moved around campus and the grounds have been through numerous modifications.

With Parents Weekend here, now is the perfect time for students and their families to learn more about the campus they call home. While students may walk all over campus on their way to classes, it can be challenging to make time to stop and visit some of the landmarks that dot the area.

CAPSTONE

Capstone was the first “honors” residence at USC; construction was completed in 1967. The rotating dining facility on top offers a great view of Columbia. The rotating platform and mechanisms came from the 1964 New York World's Fair.

LONGSTREET THEATRE

Longstreet Theatre, named for writer and teacher Augustus B. Longstreet, was built in 1855 as a chapel and auditorium. The building, plagued by structural problems from its inception, has since gone through many renovations. During the Civil War it was used as a Confederate hospital and, briefly, hosted a meeting of the South's Legislature. Following the war, the chapel was converted into a science facility in 1888, a gymnasium in 1893 and its current form as a theatre-in-the-round in 1976.
Originally built in 1955 to house fraternity members — for a long time McBryde was known as “Fraternity Row.” The buildings were named after John M. McBryde, a Carolina alumnus who served two stints as president of USC. Today, the building has been converted into all-male on-campus housing.

The library was named after Thomas Cooper, the second president of USC. An underground addition was added through extensive renovations which started in 1976. Though the library now has a fountain in the front, Davis Field originally stretched across the front and was used as a parade ground for federal troops after the Civil War.
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The Horseshoe

The Horseshoe served as the original campus for then-South Carolina College. It has weathered two fires, one in 1855 and another in 1865, definitively earning its place on the National Register of Historic Places. The Horseshoe was spared in the 1865 fire because several buildings were used as infirmaries for wounded soldiers; the 1855 fire was evaded due to the brick wall surrounding its entire perimeter. The wall facing Sumter Street has since been replaced with an iron fence and two gates, giving the area its familiar horseshoe shape.

The Maxcy Monument

The Maxcy Monument stands in the center of the Horseshoe, honoring then-South Carolina College’s President Jonathan Maxcy. The monument was designed by Robert Mills, the nation’s first federal architect — who designed both the Washington Monument and the South Caroliniana Library. Students commonly use the monument’s front steps as a place to sit and do homework between classes.

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The park features two playground areas, sparkling blue waterfalls, a man-made lake and a stunning view of Columbia. It is also one of the largest handicapped accessible parks in the country. There is a snack bar open during the summer, and various festivals and parades are proudly held there. It has even been the center of several political rallies over the years.

Driving down the well-known Assembly Street, Finlay Park is just a few blocks away. It is situated right across the street from the Governor’s Mansion. Among the concrete and industrial buildings, Finlay Park is a haven for Columbia natives and nature lovers alike.

Named after Kirkman Finlay, the former mayor of Columbia, this park is a symbol of the sheer amount of effort that went into renovating our city and giving it new life. Finlay economically aided the city by re-energizing the Vista and Main Street. There is a stone statue of Finlay sitting on a bench near one of the most stunning works of art in the area.

The Finlay Park Fountain is an unusual spiral fountain that sits in the middle of the outdoor oasis. The 27-foot fountain was completed in 1991, much to the delight of the city.

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Published this summer, #JustaChicken is a book for children of all ages, written by USC alumni Preston Thorne and Langston Moore. Through this book, the former football players hope to instill the Gamecock spirit — a spirit of positive self-esteem and belief in oneself no matter the odds — within all those who read it. We caught up with Thorne to ask him a few questions about the book and his history as a Gamecock.

**The Daily Gamecock:** Please introduce yourself and your coauthor.

**Preston Thorne:** I am Preston Thorne, 2004 graduate and co-captain of the 2004 Gamecocks. He is Langston Moore, alumnus of the HRSM (Hospitality, Retail and Sports Management) school and seven-year NFL veteran. I currently teach at Blythewood High School in Columbia, and Langston is the sideline reporter for the Gamecocks.

**TDG:** Where did the inspiration for this book come from?

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**TDG:** How did you choose an illustrator?

**PT:** Again the magic of technology! We found Kev Roche through Twitter. We saw his work with ESPN and made a recruiting pitch for him to work with us. We had to recruit like a five-star athlete ... Thankfully, he chose to work with us.

Thorne and Moore will be available for book signings at the Russell House from 3:30 to 5 p.m. this Friday, Sept. 25 and at the Gameday store from 9:30 to 11 a.m. this Saturday, Sept. 26. Come meet and support some amazing USC alumni.
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It can be hard to find good shopping in Columbia, especially if you're used to being on a college budget and don't get out much. Some great boutiques to check out are Vestique, Entourage and Bevello. There are some other stores scattered throughout Five Points, but these three are the best bang for your buck. They always have trendy things, so it's impossible to walk out empty handed.

Vestique gets new products in so frequently you can go every few days and find something new you love. This is amazing and dangerous for your wallet. The boutique is located in Five Points, making it even more tempting to just “have a look.” Don't worry, though: they always have affordable prices and a great sale section. Vestique has been carrying lots of tie-dye recently, and when winter comes around they have the best big sweaters.

Entourage is also very accessible because it's located in The Vista, and it's definitely the place for you if you're looking to add some garnet to your wardrobe. Entourage has more of a hippie feel and is similar to Urban Outfitters, but with better prices.

Bevello is located on Forest Drive. Though it doesn't have the prime location that Vestique and Entourage have, it always offers 10 percent off for students and faculty if you bring your USC ID. Bevello's principle is “the love you get is the air you breathe,” which essentially means the store is big on spreading love and wants you to “love your friends, love your life, love your clothes,” according to their website.

If you can find enough time to make it to the mall, Altar’d State has one-of-a-kind, cute fall essentials. Their prices aren't as reasonable, but they offer buy-three-get-one-free sales (one is going on right now).

Happy shopping!

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USC and the Columbia area has a lot more to offer than meets the eye when it comes to culture. Here are a few methods to make the most of your time here.

**On Campus**

From plays or operas at Longstreet Theatre (1300 Greene St.) and Drayton Hall Theatre (1214 College St.) to everything in between at the Koger Center for the Arts (1051 Greene St.) There are many options on campus to catch your fill for live performance. Both Longstreet and Drayton Hall theatres offer a wide variety of plays throughout the year, usually geared toward the season or upcoming holidays. The next play is “The Threepenny Opera” and will run from Oct. 2 to 10 in the Longstreet Theatre. Ticket prices range from $12 for students to $18 for the general public.

The Koger Center is the arts hub of Columbia, hosting university, local and international groups such as the Columbia City Ballet, South Carolina Philharmonic, USC Symphony Orchestra and many more. Ticket prices can range from $5 to $50 depending on the event, and if it is a university-sponsored event, students may be able to attend free of charge with the use of their CarolinaCards. A quick walk by the Koger Center’s scrolling events calendar is an easy way to keep up-to-date on new shows and events.

**Off Campus**

If you have more time, venture off campus to see some of Columbia’s many venues. For an inexpensive night out with family or friends, a quick bite in the Vista and a movie at the Nickelodeon (1607 Main St.) is the way to go. The Nick offers unique and independent films as well as time for conversations before and after a movie is shown. Tickets generally run between $8 and $10 depending on the time of the showing.

The museum lovers in your family may have difficulty choosing from Columbia’s great options. On campus, the McKissick Museum (816 Bull St.) offers rotating exhibitions that showcase southern community and culture.

For those with a burgeoning artistic side, there’s the Columbia Museum of Art (1515 Main St.), with exceptional collections and exhibitions throughout the year. They also offer hands-on learning sessions or speaker events, several of which are free. The admission is $5 for students and $12 for adults Tuesday through Saturday and free on Sundays.

Historic Columbia Foundation (1601 Richland St.) has a wide variety of options from seasonal events to tours of historic homes such as the Woodrow Wilson Family Home or the Robert Mills House and Gardens. On the third Sunday of every month, a historical property is featured and can be toured for $1.

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For a casual and quick fix, check out Cool Beans Coffee Company or Tio’s Mexican Cafe, both located near the Horseshoe. Cool Beans offers a variety of breakfast sandwiches, coffees and lunch specials for dining in or taking out, and you’ll want the bowls of queso at Tio’s to keep on coming. Groucho’s Deli, located in Five Points, also features gourmet sandwiches and specialty sauces.

If you’re looking for an international flair to your food, try TakoSushi on Assembly Street. As hinted at by its name, tacos and other Mexican dishes as well as sushi and other Japanese dishes can be found on the menu, making it quite the crowd-pleaser. Menkoi Ramen House, located in the Vista, also serves a much-upgraded version of what we all know as every college student’s go-to food: ramen. If European food is more your style, Il Giorgione at 2406 Devine St. offers a variety of authentic pizzas and pastas, like the Rigatoni al Dorato (rigatoni in a slightly spicy Bolognese sauce) and, if you’re over by the Columbiana Centre, The British Bulldog Pub features uniquely British cuisine and even mustard mashed potatoes for adventurous eaters.

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Columbia also features a variety of American restaurants. You won’t find a more traditionally southern menu than at Lizard's Thicket with its fried chicken, fried okra and banana pudding. For those who enjoy a good burger, Burger Tavern 77’s name, believe it or not, comes from its selection of 77 toppings. So in case you were ever disappointed that you couldn’t put creole remoulade or pineapple salsa on your burger at McDonald’s or Five Guys Burgers and Fries, look no further than Burger Tavern 77 at 2631 Devine St.

For a fancier American meal, seafood restaurants are often the way to go in the city. Pearlz Oyster Bar in the Vista serves a large variety of fresh shellfish dishes, such as Baked Oysters Rockefeller and shrimp and grits, as well as tacos, steaks and sandwiches. Nearby, Blue Marlin is another spot to hit for seafood inspired by dishes from the Lowcountry. But not all of Columbia’s more formal restaurants are devoted to seafood. Yesterdays Restaurant & Tavern, often recognized as the restaurant with the bathtub on the roof, and Liberty Tap Room have diverse menus and friendly atmospheres.

Finish off the weekend the right way with a Sunday brunch. Cafe Strudel and @116 Espresso & Wine Bar are a quick drive away from the city. If one is too crowded, the other is just a short walk down the road. Eggs Up Grill is another favorite, located past Five Points, which features a variety of omelets, as well as other traditional breakfast plates.
How to beat UCF in three easy steps

Will Helms @WHELM521

South Carolina gets a fortunate draw this week as the Gamecocks will host 0-3 Central Florida. Though the Knights have been one of the top mid-majors in college football in the past few years, they have struggled mightily this season, ranking last in Division I in total offense.

The Gamecock defense currently ranks 108th out of 127 FBS teams, surrendering 471.7 yards per game and 7.3 yards per play in three games this season.

In many ways, the matchup NOT to watch is the Knight offense against the Gamecock defense. The Gamecocks should experiment with different schemes and coverages on the defensive side of the ball this week as they get the chance against an inferior opponent.

Keys To the Game

1. Defensive Aggression

   Georgia quarterback Greyson Lambert set the NCAA record for completion percentage against the Gamecocks last week in Athens. The Gamecock cornerbacks consistently played 10-12 yards off of the line of scrimmage and Lambert, like most other opposing quarterbacks, made the Gamecocks pay.

   If South Carolina is to have any chance of slowing opposing passing games, the corners will have to line up within five yards of the line of scrimmage and actually attempt to disrupt opposing receivers’ routes. If not, opposing offensive coordinators will continue to gash the South Carolina defense with short, quick passes.

   The Gamecock pass rush has been better this year, but has no hope of getting to the quarterback if receivers are open immediately and passers are able to get rid of the ball quickly. Against UCF’s 108th-ranked passing game, the Gamecocks have an opportunity to work on these shortcomings. If not, they may squeeze by this weekend, but will be lit up by other teams on the schedule.

2. Establish an Offensive Rhythm, and Keep It

   The Gamecock offense has been atrocious in the first half this year. Against Georgia, true freshman Lorenzo Nunez provided the spark that kickstarted the offense’s first touchdown drive.

   This week, Nunez will start. The Gamecocks have to take advantage of the speedster’s athleticism and get Nunez in the open field. Head coach Steve Spurrier needs to have a solid game plan and stick to it throughout the game.

   The Gamecocks have gone into each game this season with a different game plan, and the offense has looked like it, never seeming to look completely in sync. Saturday provides an opportunity for the Gamecocks to create an identity. Whether Spurrier chooses to run a zone-read or option scheme or instead chooses a spread system, the offense this week should look similar to what the Gamecocks plan on running week in and week out.

3. Confidence Boosters

   This doesn’t mean the offense should stick to easy, high-percentage throws, but rather that the Gamecocks should play as if they are setting the pace for the rest of the season. Spurrier should do anything he can do on both sides of the ball to help the players’ confidence.

   The Gamecocks should essentially start from scratch this week. Based on the amount of personnel changes this week, it seems that they have. South Carolina has to ignore its 1-2 record and play as if it is 0-0. The Gamecocks have the opportunity to establish a bit of momentum this week heading into a winnable road game against Missouri.

   If the Gamecocks are simply content to beat UCF this week it won’t do much for their confidence. They need to play well this week to start the rest of the season off right.

   Players to Watch

   Redshirt freshman receiver Matrick Belton caught his first pass as a Gamecock last week on Nunez’s first career throw. Often times when a backup becomes the starter, he will look to the guys he is more comfortable with rather than the team’s top target.

   Nunez was 4-4 when targeting Belton last week and 0-1 when targeting other receivers. At 6-foot-4, Belton has the size to provide a mismatch for the Knights’ secondary.

   On defense, redshirt junior T.J. Holloman is starting at MIKE linebacker. Junior Skai Moore, one of the lone bright spots for the Gamecocks this year, will move to the WILL position. Moore always puts himself in a position to make plays, and will be all over the field regardless of which linebacking spot he lines up at. Co-defensive coordinator Jon Hoke hopes Holloman will be able to make some plays as well.

   Playing in the middle, Holloman has the chance to stand out this week. He should be in a position to make plays against both the run and pass and will look to secure a starting spot with solid play this weekend.
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Behind Enemy Lines: 5 questions with Knight News sports editor Tyler Graddy

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The Daily Gamecock recently got in contact with Tyler Graddy, sports editor of the University of Central Florida’s student newspaper Knight News, for an interview about Knights football.

The Daily Gamecock: The Knights are 0-3 with two bad losses, and they lost both their leading rusher and receiver on Tuesday. What personnel are the Knights making to improve their last-ranked offense?

Tyler Graddy: Expect to see a bevy of different Knights in action, none of them yet household names to even UCF fans. It is not just the lead producers at running back and wide receiver that will be missing, but starting quarterback Justin Holman likely won’t play after sustaining an injury to his throwing hand against Stanford two weeks ago.

Bo Schneider has been named the [starter] in his absence after splitting time with Tyler Harris against Furman, but you can be sure that former QB and current wide receiver Nick Patti will be taking snaps in UCF’s version of the wildcat package — the Wild Knight. He led the team in rushing last week with 58 yards and a touchdown, though he didn’t complete either of his two pass attempts. Freshmen Taj McGowan and C.J. Jones will pick up the pace at running back if week one starter Dontravious Wilson is still unable to play.

TDG: Historically, UCF has given South Carolina fits when these teams matchup. What specifically has head coach George O’Leary done that causes Steve Spurrier to struggle?

TG: The template for George O’Leary coached teams has never strayed far from the original blueprint. His mantra is that you have to run the ball well and stop the run to win championship games, striving for total control of the line of scrimmage.

That being said, it was the quarterback play of both teams in 2013 that made for such a close contest. UCF was able to capitalize in a big way when quarterback Connor Shaw left the game, holding the Gamecocks to 261 yards through the air, an interception and zero touchdowns.

For the Knights it was the midst of their Fiesta Bowl run, counting on the never-say-die spirit of Blake Bortles and the receiving corps that gave UCF the nickname ‘Wide Receiver U.’

TDG: With star wide receiver Jordan Akins out for the season and All-AAC running back Will Stanback dismissed from the program, who, if anyone, will step up for the Knights?

TG: Remember that headed into this season the returning players at wide receiver accounted for only 6 percent of the yardage accumulated by the 2014 receiving corps and that Will Stanback had fallen out of the coaches good graces before the first game, with Dontravious penciled in as the bona-fide starter.

The plan all along was for the young guns to step up, and with the recent rash of injuries it has only thrust them into the limelight a little faster. Wide receiver Tre’Quan Smith exploded onto the scene against FIU with nine receptions for 104 yards but hasn’t been able to stand out amidst shaky quarterback play since Holman’s injury, and Tristan Payton has flashed signs of huge talent in brief stints on the field. While they both have the potential for game-breaking plays, it may be junior Blake Tirilosi who has the most chemistry with the backup quarterbacks, evidenced by his team leading five receptions against Furman.

At running back Taj McGowan has impressed as well, but it may be C.J. Jones who has the most explosive qualities at the position if Dontravious is still unable to play. Jones carried the rock seven times with a 7.3 YPC in his first real action in front of the UCF faithful, though O’Leary has said he works best as a change-of-pace back.

TDG: The Knights’ defense has been overshadowed by a bad offense. Does the defense have what it takes to stop a Gamecock offense that will likely look different with dual-threat Lorenzo Nunez at the helm?

TG: I wish I could tell you yes, but with the entire secondary still learning on the fly it will be the biggest challenge they have faced all year. UCF lost both starting corners and safeties this offseason, and it has been baptism by fire for their replacements. The Stanford game may have been the best indicator of how well they can handle a top tier offense, and in that game Cardinal quarterback Kevin Hogan lit them up for a career high 341 yards, three touchdowns and zero interceptions, highly uncharacteristic for the run-heavy David Shaw offense.

The front seven has been able to stand tall at times this year, even managing to hold Furman [back] to under two yards per carry. However, George O’Leary has harped after every loss that tackling needs to be improved, and safety Drico Johnson leads the team in tackles. Never a god sign when opponents are consistently penetrating into the second level.

TDG: Can the Knights hang with the Gamecocks? Give us a score prediction.

TG: I think that the way the Furman game was lost will light a fire under this underperforming team, and players have already said that this week’s practice was exponentially better in terms of intensity and effort. There is just too much inexperience and holes on the roster for the Knights to pull this one out though; South Carolina wins 33-13.

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South Carolina will not be looking for an easy victory when it hosts the University of Central Florida for their fifth meeting in history on Saturday.

UCF may not make many appearances on the South Carolina schedule, but head coach Steve Spurrier and some remaining players remember the most recent game against this team, with the Gamecocks digging themselves out of a 10-point deficit in the first half and barely scratching out a win 28-25. The Gamecocks will have to bulk up from their last game in order to get their first win at home against the Knights.

In that game, Shaw was taken out in the first quarter after UCF linebacker Terrance Plummer took him to the ground, injuring his shoulder. The game was left in the hands of running back Mike Davis. Davis rushed 26 times for 167 yards with three touchdowns to give the Gamecocks victory. UCF was handed its only loss of the season by the Gamecocks in that game.

The biggest winning margin between the two teams was in 1997 with a Gamecocks win, 03-14. The other two games were in 1997 and 2005 with the scores of 33-31 and 24-15, respectively.

The game in 2005 was the opening game of the season and debut game with Spurrier as the head coach, in which South Carolina went 7-5 overall. Although neither team has won a national championship, UCF has won four conference titles in the American Athletic Conference compared to South Carolina’s lone SEC East championship title. This is the second non-conference game this year for the Gamecocks after their win against UNC 17-13 in the season opener. Losing the following two games in conference play may give South Carolina enough fire to burn out the Knights for the fifth time in a row come Saturday.

Losing against Furman last week dropped the Knights 0-3 overall this season. This may be their turning point on Saturday if the Gamecocks cannot hold them off.

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Supporting the vision of a Healthy Carolina community
When I last wrote an article for this publication, Joe Morrison was the head coach and Todd Ellis was throwing spirals to Sterling Sharpe and Ryan Bethea.

Now, 28 years later, I have been asked to write once again regarding my thoughts on this week’s game against UCF and my prediction for the remainder of the season.

While I wish I could be more positive, I must also be objective. This week’s opponent couldn’t come at a better time for the Gamecocks. I fully expect the Garnet and Black to take care of business this week. It was announced earlier in the week that true freshman Lorenzo Nunez would be the new starter at QB. This should provide a spark to an offense that has sputtered most of the year. Nunez’s athletic ability will allow the Head Ball Coach (Steve Spurrier) to open up the playbook and be more aggressive in his play calling. This should lead to more scoring.

The defense, which has struggled to stop the run in its first three games, will not have to contend with UCF’s leading rusher William Stanback, who was dismissed from the team this week, nor the Knights’ leading receiver, Jordan Akins, who tore his ACL in practice.

The Gamecocks win this game 28-17. After the UCF game, things get more difficult for the Gamecocks as they move into the meat of their SEC schedule. The next five games are all conference games, three of which are on the road against Missouri, Texas A&M and Tennessee. Sandwiched in between are both LSU and Vanderbilt. Winning on the road proves to be too much. The Gamecocks drop all three. They split at home, losing to LSU and defeating Vanderbilt.

Closing out the season are three home games against Florida, The Citadel and bitter rival Clemson. The boys get it done in a nail-biter with Florida and get a win over The Citadel. The much anticipated Clemson matchup gets ugly, and the Tigers roll to end the Gamecock season at 5-7.

I must confess that putting my thoughts to paper is much more difficult today than it was years ago. What hasn’t changed is my love for the University of South Carolina. Win or lose, I will always be a Gamecock.

Everyone has their own opinions — especially when it comes to college football — which is why asking our parents would be a great aspect for everyone to see just what non-students are thinking.

Although my dad, Don, was never a writer, he has some high opinions about the football team, having been a starting quarterback and MVP in high school. When it is football season, he is watching it— no matter who is throwing the pigskin on TV.

Predicting for the upcoming weekend game against UCF, he gave South Carolina the benefit of the doubt despite their loss to Georgia. For the final score of 31-21 he believes the starting quarterback freshman Lorenzo Nunez will throw two touchdowns for 200 yards. This is the first collegiate start for Nunez and could be a different feel for the Gamecocks that they need in their offense.

My dad has high hopes in the defense, predicting they will have two interceptions from the Knights quarterback freshman Bo Schneider. Schneider started in the last game against Furman for the first true freshman start at UCF since 2010. South Carolina has garnered interceptions this season so far, especially from junior Skai Moore, who averages 4.7 this season.

Even though he predicted this game as a win for South Carolina, the rest of the season could be seen as a different story.

He predicts the team will go 7-5 overall and that this could be Head Ball Coach Steve Spurrier’s last year as a coach. He also believes the team could have a better passing attack as the season progresses especially if South Carolina manages to win in the LSU game on Oct. 10. Winning that game could set the tone for the entire season.

Redshirt freshman Michael Scarnechia also has a really good chance of getting some playing time this season as quarterback. Some of the players in the limelight, like junior Pharoh Cooper, could be said to not playing up to par as some people thought they might this season.

As for the linebacker, Moore, he has the possibility to be an All-SEC player for the Gamecocks.
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The event was part of a broader campaign strategy by the Paul campaign to establish a foothold among college-age students, culminating in the founding of 350 chapters of SFR on college campuses in all 50 states.

The first-term Libertarian spoke on myriad issues including the state of the Republican Party, foreign affairs, the criminal justice system and the economy.

Paul’s signature issue, and the one on which he hopes to connect with college-aged voters the most, remains personal privacy. He referenced the issue throughout his address and said that the ability of the government to access data from personal devices is especially relevant to the current generation of college students.

“Quite simply, the government does not need to be collecting all of our phone records,” Paul said. “It’s not that hard to get a warrant.”

The comments on privacy drew applause from the audience. Indeed, Paul’s positions and work on these issues are what drew Alex Fraley, a fourth-year exercise science student, to the event in support of the candidate.

“I like his ideas about liberty and protecting the Constitution,” Fraley said.

The portions of Paul’s address on the criminal justice system also drew a positive response from much of the audience. Paul spoke extensively on sentencing for non-violent offenses as well as the disparity of racial backgrounds amongst those imprisoned in the U.S., noting that he has become more aware of the role of race.

“I’ve learned that the people in jail [for drugs] are primarily black and brown,” Paul said. “3 out of 4 people in jail for non-violent crime are black or brown … It’s inadvertent, but it’s real.”

Paul also called out prominent politicians from both parties for what he referred to as “hypocrisy” with regard to the war on drugs.

“Look at the last several presidents: Clinton … George W. Bush, [Obama]. Do they really want to put people in jail for something they did?” he said.
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The senator’s deviation from the position of other candidates in the Republican field is part of what the campaign hopes will attract a younger constituency.

“I’ve been unafraid to stand up to leadership on either side of the aisle,” Paul told reporters before the event.

Fourth-year exercise science student Sara Boerin agreed with the senator’s analysis.

“He’s a different type of Republican, and he’s different than any of the other candidates so far,” Boerin said.

With regards to education, Paul affirmed his support for a voucher program that would allow students to choose the public school that they attend.

“I’d give every kid in America the choice to go where they want,” Paul said. “Anybody can have [a voucher], and anybody can go where they like.”

However, the Senator did not address the issue of college debt in his speech. He did, however, speak on the issues of the economy and national debt, taking aim at both Republicans and Democrats.

“There are different answers than you’ve been hearing from either side,” Paul said. “There are people who say, let’s try something simple in Washington, let’s only spend what comes in ... You’re going to learn that there’s an unholy alliance ... and the ultimate compromise that will happen by the end of the year is that all spending will go up.”

The push to connect with the college crowd was also seen in the candidate’s foreign policy section. Paul noted that the majority of those who serve in combat for the US military are around college age and that this phenomenon makes politicians especially accountable to that demographic with regard to the handling of the military.

“When I look at war, and when I look at whether or not we should be at war, I think of you. It’s people your age,” Paul said. “It’s the responsibility of people of my age who are going to send people your age to war to think twice about it.”

Despite the Paul campaign’s recent push to capture the 18-24 vote in order to make strides in a crowded Republican field, Paul remains in eighth place both nationally and in South Carolina, according to the most recent Real Clear Politics poll. Additionally, voters in this demographic have historically low voter turnout, especially in primaries.

When asked whether this would be problematic for his campaign, Paul was quick to note that he believes the collegiate vote is difficult to measure and more powerful than many think.

“It’s hard to get [college students] to answer their phones for polls, so some of our polling data may be that we attract ... a younger audience that doesn’t show up on the rolls, but there is strength there and there is strength in numbers,” Paul said. “We’re turning out more kids on campus than any other campaign and ... we’re going to work hard to get them registered and then we’re going to go pick them up.”
This week, the Carolina Band pays tribute to the legendary British rock band The Who. It’s been 50 years since they debuted on the charts in England and the Carolina Band performs three of their best-known hits:

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From sound bites to shiny golden hair, Donald Trump has been plastered across our screens for the past few months.

On the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 23, he appeared at the Koger Center for the Arts alongside Sen. Tim Scott to answer questions from South Carolina residents. The town hall had a casual atmosphere, with Scott and Trump seated in armchairs on stage. The questions covered a variety of topics, from foreign policy to Trump's own past.

Trump devoted a substantial amount of time to immigration and foreign policy. He stressed that his attitude toward immigrants is often misread. “I want them to come into this country, but I want them to be legal,” Trump said. “And I want them to be smart people.”

Trump elaborated that the problem with immigration is that young, educated people are not allowed to stay in the United States, whereas illegal immigrants are not regulated strictly enough.

Other questions concerned the Iranian nuclear weapons deal and its possible effect on Israel.

“We will protect Israel,” Trump said. “[The Iranian nuclear deal] is going to lead to nuclear proliferation. It’s a one-way street ... this is the most incompetent agreement that anyone has ever seen.”

Trump particularly criticized ambiguous language in the deal that implies the United States has a responsibility to defend Iran if it were attacked. Other deals with Japan and Germany contain similar requirements, according to Trump. He said that the United States cannot continue to protect other countries with a debt of approximately $19 trillion.

Trump said he does not like to discuss specific tactics he would employ when it comes to foreign conflicts.

“You want to be unpredictable,” he said, “You don’t want the enemy to hear what you’re doing.”

In specific response to a question, Trump said that his top three priorities other than immigration are reducing the debt, undoing Obamacare and building the military.

“I could have a military so strong no one would mess with us, but you have to know when to use it,” he said.

Many questions addressed domestic issues, particularly economic issues.

Trump expects that the key to making America great again is creating jobs.

“The American dream is dead,” he said. “We’re going to make it bigger and better and stronger than ever before.”

Trump also commented briefly on increasing energy prices and Common Core in education.

“We can really be the energy capital of the world ... energy should be coming down a lot further, and I think it will,” he said.

He promoted local education that connects teachers to parents. Despite the fact that the United States spends more per student than any other country, he said, the education system is still ranked below less developed countries.

“We’re behind third-world countries on education, so you know it’s not working,” he said.

Trump has acquired a reputation for having poor relationships with minorities, but he believes that this image is untrue and will not affect his campaign.

“My relationship with African-American people and businesses has been fantastic,” he said. “I’ve had a great relationship with the Hispanics ... I’ve employed thousands of Hispanics over the years and now. One of the things both groups like is I’m going to create jobs.”

Trump also believes that he can bridge the divide that is growing in the American people.

“I have a temperament that brings people together, and that means countries too,” he said.

In his last few comments, Trump showed a softer side, expressing his fondness for his family.

“Family is so important,” he said. “If a person’s happy, that’s more important than having billions of dollars in the bank.”

Scott had a great deal of praise for Trump, his long-time supporter.

“He speaks from the heart,” Scott said. “Sometimes it’s a tad abrasive, but it seems to resonate with a lot of folks ... whether you agree or disagree, the one thing you walk away with is that you know that he’s authentic.”
The University of South Carolina equestrian team will kick off the 2015-2016 season at South Dakota State University on Friday, looking to back up their recent NCEA national championship.

The team claimed the honor after defeating the University of Georgia 10-6 during the finals in Waco, Texas. The points were close, but the Gamecocks pulled away in the last three events. This was the third time USC won the championship, repeating the glory they found in 2005 and 2007.

Though the idea of winning another championship is there, head coach Boo Major wants to see how the team does in Friday’s competition before leaping to any conclusions about their prospects this year.

“We had a great year last year,” Major said. “We had seasoned competitors. [Right now] it’s one of those things where we have to see where we are. [I got word that] eight of our girls are competing for the first time this weekend. We’ll build from this meet.”

With an overall record of 12-5, there’s no doubt that the team is coming off a dominant year. Keeping the winning rhythm is the new goal, and there are many girls capable of making that happen. This year’s roster consists of 11 freshmen, 12 sophomores, nine juniors and eight seniors. Major has been impressed by her riders, especially freshmen Madison Thiel (horsemanship), Bridgett White (reining) and Lizzie van der Walde.

Of van der Walde, Major said, “She is tough and ready to go.”

That’s the mentality the head coach wants to instill in her team this weekend.

Major is entering her 19th season as head coach. Ruth Sorrel, Hillary Dobbs and Maggie Barton will be the associate head coach / Western coach, assistant coach / hunt seat coach and barn manager, respectively.

This week’s opponent had an overall record of 6-9 last season, 3-2 at home. However, SDSU has a new guiding force behind its team; Ellie Wilkins — who was the assistant coach last season — moved up to head coach after Megan Rossiter left in June. Wilkins’ previous position focused on her aiding hunt seat riders. She will be backed by assistant coach Sam Etsell, barn manager Rachel Boone and graduate assistant Lindsey McNeill.

The young coaching staff is working with an experienced team, with only four freshman among the 33-girl roster. However, Major doesn’t necessarily think she has a leg up on Wilkins.

“Experience helps a lot, and it helps to have some mileage … [SDSU] will be very competitive, and Wilkins is certainly very talented. They’ll give us all they got, and we just have to get the job done. Experience helps in the competition arena, and our core group [of Sorrel, Dobbs and Barton] brings a lot of that, but I don’t think it will be a disadvantage to [SDSU].”

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Looking back on 18-year-old me, recently graduated from high school, full of hope, full of dreams of what would come in my life, I remember a young man who was free to create, innovate and engage in the wonderful social and educational experience which the University of South Carolina offered.

Going in, I knew exactly what I thought college would be and what I wanted college to be: a place of personal development and improvement. I knew exactly what I needed college to be: a place where I was going to find my purpose in this world. A place where I could meet lifelong friends and get involved. A place where I could matter. Among
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So it comes as no surprise that when I was dropped off on move in day I felt the electricity in the air. I felt the promise of mattering and making a difference in this world.

There was a metaphorical door and on one side was everything as I saw it and knew it — the world as an 18-year-old understood it. There was my family, my past and a future that was laid out right in front of me.

But on the other side, soon after the departure of my family and the beginning of my collegiate career, was everything I couldn’t see, everything I didn’t know: unsolved problems, unexpressed emotions, unrealized possibilities so innumerable that imagining them is inconceivable.

So I went out searching for it, knowing this was where I was going to fit in — the university that had accepted me. However, the more I went searching the less I found. Greek life, intramural sports, student organization fairs — there were tons of things that I would have liked to do, but something stopped me from joining them. Thomas Cooper, Strom and Russell House were all places that I could go, but I felt no meaningful connection to them and there were no true relationships with other students to be found.

Five Points was only a success if you could remember it the next day. There were all of these places, all of these promises, all of these opportunities and, yet, I couldn’t fulfill any of them. I couldn’t believe it. I felt alone. I felt that I didn’t belong.

But looking around at other students I knew I was the only one who felt this way. I could see it on my peers’ faces. They got it. They understood. They fit in. They were happy.

I thought, “How could this be? How could everyone else have figured it out except for me? This is my school. My opportunity. My life.”

I saw students pass me on campus and take out their phones, obviously looking at a message from their friends. I saw students eating alone at Russell House on their computers, clearly working on creating the next Facebook or Google. I saw groups students studying together at the library with future lifelong friends.

Meanwhile, I would be at the library studying with a group that I was assigned to for one of my classes. I was eating alone at Russell House pretending to be doing something important on my computer so that people wouldn’t think I was alone. I would pull out my phone while walking past someone on campus, knowing that it hadn’t vibrated, knowing I had no new messages, no new notifications.

It was simply to pretend I had someone to talk to. To offer up the facade that I belonged.

But I soon realized that it wasn’t just me. I was simply the only one who would acknowledge it.

Everyone is struggling to feel like they belong and that they matter. We all want meaningful relationships. We hunger for meaningful communication. We yearn for the opportunity to be part of something bigger than ourselves.

So if we return to our door, then we realize that the other side of it, the side I thought I was stepping into on move in day three years ago, is not an alternate reality, but something even harder to fathom: that which has not yet been created.

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18 Work on jerky
19 WWII aircraft carrier plane
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28 1963 Newman film
29 Ousted Iranian fi lm
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32 Can’t stand
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34 Quizzical sounds
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7 Corsage flowers
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10 Those folks
11 Suffragette Julia Ward...
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13 Where she blows
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