

University of South Carolina Lancaster

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Founders Hall



On September 11, 2014 USC Lancaster hosted the ribbon cutting and open house for Founders Hall. Since opening in August the building has been awarded SILVER Level LEED status. The SILVER certification gives Founders Hall the highest rating among the four LEEDS-certified buildings in Lancaster County. The building includes 18 classrooms, 2 seminar rooms, 2 conference rooms, 1 lecture hall, an art department and 25 faculty offices.

Native American Studies Center

The Native American Studies Center continues to be a popular tourism venue, having hosted over 7,000 visitors since opening in 2012. The Center and members of the staff were recently recognized for their work.



Beckee Garris, visitor coordinator, received the 2014 Betty Skeen Hospitality Employee of the Year award at the 2014 Olde English District Tourism Commission annual luncheon.

In addition, Professor Brent Burgin received the 2014 Program Innovation Award from the South Carolina Archival Association. This award is given for “creating a viable archives where none existed; publishing materials that benefit archives or archivists;

establishing successful new programs such as access to collections on the web or working with community groups to promote archives.”

The Native American Studies Center hosts Lunch and Learn lectures the third Friday of each month from noon - 1:00 pm. The talks typically cover topics related to local and regional culture and history and are free and open to the public. Visit <http://usclanaster.sc.edu/NAS/lunchlearn/index.html> for more information.

Dean's Initiatives

Campus fundraising is a priority for Dr. Walter Collins. Since being appointed USC Lancaster Dean in April 2013, he has actively worked to engage both new and long-time supporters of the campus. He has visited many individuals who have shown interest in charitable giving to USC Lancaster. He has also begun to build relationships with potential industrial and corporate partners new to our region.

Dr. Collins has chosen to focus on several critical areas: campus beautification, faculty development, Founders Hall, Native American Studies Center, and endowed scholarships. These initiatives were selected because they are seen to have a direct impact on student recruitment and retention, and hence USC Lancaster's reputation as an affordable, accessible portal to quality higher education. Dr. Collins is also promoting the Foundation's need for unrestricted gifts to its general fund, which provides the Foundation's Board of Trustees with discretionary funds to take advantage of strategic opportunities when they arise. An important example is the recent acquisition of property on Highway 521, where a future campus entrance and iconic signage is envisioned. Funds are needed to develop this entrance, and this is another strategic goal that Dr. Collins is pursuing as part of the Campus Beautification objective. An aesthetically appealing campus is critical in attracting new students and their families to USCL.

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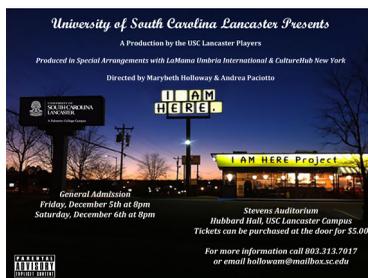
A member of the National Junior College Athletics Association, USCL fields intercollegiate teams in baseball and men's and women's soccer. The Lancers baseball team is dedicated both on and off the field, finishing the Fall 2014 semester with a team record 2.9 GPA. At the end of the spring 2014 season, the baseball team was named an NJCAA All-Academic Team. Baseball home games are played at the baseball field, a.k.a. "Doomsday Corner," on Roddey Drive.



The men's Lancers soccer team finished the 2014 season with a 5-15-1 record, scoring a regional win over USC Salkehatchie and four more over four year universities. Both the men's and women's soccer programs have been recruiting heavily this spring and have signed several new players for the Fall 2015 season. The women's soccer team finished the fall semester with a 2.8 GPA and will have several returning students for the Fall 2015 season.
www.usclathletics.com

Students

Under the direction of Professor Mary Beth Holloway nine theater students participated in a yearlong process of creating a performance piece about race relations. Beginning with telepresence workshops with renowned New York City playwright Catherine Filloux, students spent a year working and devising an original production with the creative guidance of international director Andrea Pacciotto. After being awarded a Creative and Performing Arts Grant, the drama team was invited to perform the piece at the famous La MaMa Spoleto Open Festival in August 2014 in Spoleto, Italy. While there, the students participated in a 10 day theatre performance residency. Professor Holloway and her students were also invited to perform the play at CultureHub, a part of the world renowned La MaMa Experimental Theatre Club, in New York City this past October. Finally, students presented this impressive piece at USCL in December.



Service

Members of the Lancer community are deeply involved in helping others through community service. Recent projects include:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing students filled 31 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes that were delivered to children around the world.
- Delta Links and Omega Scholars participants sponsored the USCL



Angel Tree as a service project. USCL students, faculty and staff donated over 30 gift packages for students at Clinton Elementary School.

- The USCL Rotaract members raised funds for books for kindergarten students in the Lancaster area. They purchased approximately 200 books and distributed them to a local kindergarten class.

Educational Foundation of USC Lancaster

The Educational Foundation of the University of South Carolina Lancaster (EFUSCL) was founded in 1963 to "receive and administer funds for education and charitable purposes."

In addition to owning the real estate of the campus, the EFUSCL receives and manages charitable donations to support USC Lancaster. Most gifts are designated for scholarships, but the Foundation also manages gift and grant funds that are designated for other purposes.

The members of the Board of Trustees are volunteers who give generously of their time, talents, and financial resources. The 2014-15 Board of Trustees members are:

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