

# Lancers Edge

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## Leadership Change

In December 2023, Dr. Walter P. Collins III, Campus Dean of the University of South Carolina Lancaster, was named Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and Associate Provost for the University of South Carolina Palmetto



College. His appointment was announced by USC Palmetto College Chancellor Susan Elkins, who cited his “exemplary record of progressive leadership, teaching experience, and community engagement” and “his commitment to encouraging excellence in the classroom and support for scholarly achievement among our faculty.” A formal search committee will be organized to name a permanent campus dean to succeed Collins in 2024. Dr. Courtney Catledge, Director of the USC

Lancaster Bachelor of Science in Nursing Collaborative Program, has been appointed Interim Campus Dean. She holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) in



Community and Public Health, and Master of Public Health (MPH) in Public Health Administration, all from the University of South Carolina, and a B.S. in Nursing (BSN) from Clemson University. Dr. Catledge is very active in the community and resides in Lancaster with her husband, Chad, and four children.

## Newly Renovated Stevens Theatre

The USC Lancaster Players presented two productions during the Fall 2023 semester



—“The Outsiders” and “Silent Night”—in the newly renovated Stevens Theatre. Stevens Theatre has been updated with new seating, paint, carpet, stage curtains, dressing rooms, and audiovisual equipment. Stay up to date on the productions offered each semester by visiting [sc.edu/lancaster/players](http://sc.edu/lancaster/players).

## Crawford Rose Garden Updates

The beginning stages of planning for upgrades to the Crawford Rose Garden are underway based on a recommendation from the 2020 Campus Master plan update. The purpose of the project is to attract more students as well as faculty and staff to the space and to enhance campus beautification. The timeline will ideally have the project beginning in May after our 2024 Commencement ceremony. Stay tuned!



Conceptual rendering of the Crawford Rose Garden



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## Lancers in the Community

- In October 2023, the USCL Cares Back-to-School campaign, led by students in the Opportunity Scholars Program of USC Lancaster, delivered over 1,300 school supply items to Brooklyn Springs Elementary School, Clinton Elementary School, and Southside Early Childhood Center.



- The USCL Cares Annual Food Drive, led by students from the Opportunity Scholars Program and the USCL Rotaract Club, made deliveries to the United Way of Lancaster County and the USCL Student Food Pantry in November 2023. The items delivered to United Way will support the Lancaster Area Coalition for the Homeless (LACH).



- The USCL Cares Angel Tree Campaign provided 300 holiday gifts to children at Brooklyn Springs Elementary School, Clinton Elementary School, and Southside Early Childhood Center in December 2023.



- Each semester students in Professor Marybeth Berry's SPCH 140 class create a children's story for their final exam. Typically, students present their work to their classmates, but in an effort to engage with the local community, students in Fall 2023 had the opportunity to showcase their presentation skills to younger children. This allowed the students to present a speech with a new audience and interact with elementary-age students.



- The USCL Chemistry club visited Erwin Elementary School for their Fall 2023 Community Career Day. The club members did experiments with the students involving invisible ink and chemical reactions, and everyone had a great time!



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