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Congratulations Newly Admitted Students!

University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia is looking forward to your matriculation into our incoming class. This newsletter includes curated news and events to keep you in the loop with our community.

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Latest News

- **New SOM campus expected 2027!**
- **Dean Distinguished Awards**
- **2022 Homecoming - Saturday in South Carolina!**
- **USC returns to original brand**





School of Medicine Highlights!

Student Interest Groups

As a SOM student you will be encouraged to join and participate in organizations as part of your career exploration process. Our school has chapters of many national organizations and interest groups that allow you to learn more about each of your specialty choices. Below are some meetings held during fall semester by SOM students.

.....☐ **Sistercare**

What Survivors of IPV want Physicians to Know

Allies of Sistercare hosted Sistercare’s Director of Community Clinical and Educational Services, Dr. Catherine Ross, and two survivors of interpersonal violence (IPV). The survivors shared their personal stories as well as what they wish healthcare professionals would have done for them during that time.

OB/GYN and Oncology ☐.....

The OB/GYN and Oncology interest groups hosted a virtual meeting with Dr. Merritt, a local gynecological oncologist. Dr. Merritt spoke about the field of gynecological oncology and answered student questions.

.....☐ **Neurology**

Dr. Rahim Moftakhar, the Chief of Neurosurgery at Prisma Richland joined the Neurology group to answer questions and hold discussion about the branch of medicine. Snacks and drinks were provided for all attendants in the M11 classroom.

Student and Community Involvement

- **SNMA** (Student National Medical Association) is sponsoring a family through the Midlands' Families Helping Families! This has been a wonderful, fulfilling opportunity to give back to the community as well as learn more about our patient population.
- **USCSOM's Student Services** held their Annual Coat Drive for Homeless Patients. This winter, SOM students had the opportunity to positively impact the lives of patients with severe mental illness. These patients are chronically homeless and at-risk for psychiatric crisis and hospitalization. They are in great need of outer wear in the coming cold months and donations are being collected on the SOM campus.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



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DEI Efforts within the SOM includes supporting African American female students through mentorship and community building. This semester the "Divine Nine" met once a month to discuss diversity and inclusivity with featured visits from African American Female physicians and a trip to see Black Panther 2.

Take a look above at one of the frameworks they discussed.

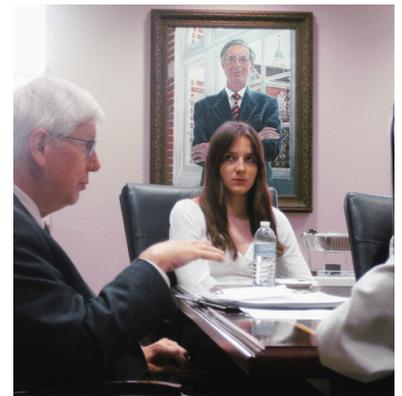
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Fall semester has been filled with football, fun and community awareness. **Fall Festival** (to the right) featured a free bouncy house, pizza and games for SOM students. Students, Faculty and Staff raised money for Breast Cancer Research by pie-ing SOM faculty!

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Pre-Health BARSC-MD Students met with Dean Hall for dinner to learn more about the upcoming plans for the new SOM campus planned to be completed in 2027!



Students also enjoyed Halloween with the Medical Student Association as they held their annual Halloween party for students.



New from Student Health Services Counseling & Psychiatry



Offering free therapy sessions and additional mental health support for UofSC students

24/7 Support Line



Access to counselors 24/7
no matter where you are
including off campus



Wellness Hub



Visit for articles, videos
and resources on mental
health & wellness

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“ Student Health Services announced the expansion of its mental health resources that are available to all University of South Carolina students. Thrive@Carolina will provide students with: A 24/7/365 mental health support line, face-to-face counseling sessions, One-on-one personal assistance, and a new "Wellness Hub" filled with digital mental health resources.

Soar Student Series



Are you curious about research opportunities? The Student Opportunities for Academic Achievement Through Research (SOAR) program is a full-time research experience provided by basic science and clinical faculty.

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This Fall, on Wednesdays, we've seen students present on: I. Patient Reported Outcome Measurements Following Elective Foot and Ankle Surgery, II. Chagas Disease Seroprevalence Among Latinx Residents in South Carolina, and III. Neuroanatomical Learning & Cognitive Integration Through the Use of Three-Dimensional (3D) Activities and Models - with free lunch provided for all attendants!



2022 School of Medicine Columbia Award Recipients



Distinguished Young Alumni,
Dr. David Giovannini, MD, FAACP

The USC SOM alumni network spans across decades, careers and even the globe. This network will provide you with a myriad of opportunities to connect with fellow graduates, current students, and the greater Columbia medical community.



Award for Advancement of
Women in Science and
Medicine,
Dr. Patricia Witherspoon, MD

This Fall, twenty-two individuals were recognized for their contributions to the healthcare field and their service to the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia at the 2022 Alumni and Dean's Distinguished Service Awards Ceremony and Dinner.

Learn more about the numerous dedicated alum and friends who are striving to strengthen their fields.

White Coat Sponsorship Fund



In three days, the SOM alumni's annual White Coat Sponsorship program was fully funded to provide white coats to the MD Class of 2026.



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Main Campus Highlights!

USC New Brand



The University will return to its original 1801 USC brand Jan 2023

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**Recent Data Released:
USC researchers,
graduates work to fill
health care needs in
rural areas**

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Fall to Winter sports at USC

As Football season closes, the Gamecocks enter the College Football Playoff rankings for just the second time in program history following wins over then-No. 5 Tennessee and then-No. 8 Clemson in weeks 12 and 13 respectively.



Tickets to Home games are free for all USC students! The Medical Student Association (MSA) hosts a table at each tailgate open to all SOM students.



Fall to Winter sports at USC



Basketball Season has begun! Gamecock women's basketball have defeated No. 15 UCLA making their 17th straight win against top-25 teams.

Homecoming 2022

"Every Day is Saturday in South Carolina"

The purpose of this year's theme was to shine a light on traditions surrounding the university, such as football, school spirit, Soda City Market and Service Saturdays.

FRIDAY, 10/21	THURSDAY, 10/27
8PM COCKSTOCK FEAT. T-PAIN COLONIAL LIFE ARENA	6-9PM STROLL-OFF COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER
MONDAY, 10/24	9PM-12AM UOFScream BLATT PE CENTER
12-3PM BANNER PAINTING RUSSELL HOUSE BALLROOM	FRIDAY, 10/28
5-8PM KICKOFF CARNIVAL DAVIS FIELD	5:30-9:30PM PAINT THE TOWN GARNET AND BLACK BLOCK PARTY FIVE POINTS DISTRICT
TUESDAY, 10/25	SATURDAY, 10/29
6:30PM CO-ED POWDERPUFF FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT CAMPUS REC STWFC FIELD 3	TBD HOMECOMING TAILGATE WITH SAPE GREENE STREET
WEDNESDAY, 10/26	TBD UOFS vs. MISSOURI HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM
11AM-2PM HIP-HOP WEDNESDAY GREENE STREET	
6-8PM SPURS & STRUTS COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER	

Monday through Friday, multiple activities were available ranging from concerts to food stands and ending the week with the first football game of the season.

CockStock also featured a free concert for students headlined by T-Pain!



What's Happening in Columbia!

2022 South Carolina State Fair



In your free time, exploring Columbia as a SOM student will be something to enjoy. The University of South Carolina is woven into the fabric of Columbia. There are various outdoor recreations, local eateries and events. This Fall, the state fair was filled with fried foods, rides and livestock. USC students can purchase a discounted ticket for the local event. The city also hosted over 2000 residents for a free pride festival with local food, drag bingo, and a headliner performance from Natasha Bedingfield!

Plan a weekend in Columbia to visit Soda City's Saturday market or take a paddle tour through South Carolina's only national park with Palmetto Outdoor. Check for things to do [here](#).

2022 Pride Festival



Happy Holidays!

USC School of Medicine Columbia wishes you a happy winter season and a happy holiday! Below are some fun activities if you have time during the upcoming break to visit Columbia.

Stargazing at the Melton Observatory

Melton Observatory is located on the campus of the University of South Carolina at 1429 Greene St., Columbia. Monday evenings between 9:00 pm and 11:00 pm the Observatory is open to students and the public. No appointments or reservations are required, and all age groups are welcome.

Holiday Market at Curiosity Coffee Bar

A festive night with a free wine tasting, local crafters, vendors, food, music by violinist Martina Williams, and more! Vendors vary each week. 12/21 from 5 to 8pm find goodies and gifts for the holidays.

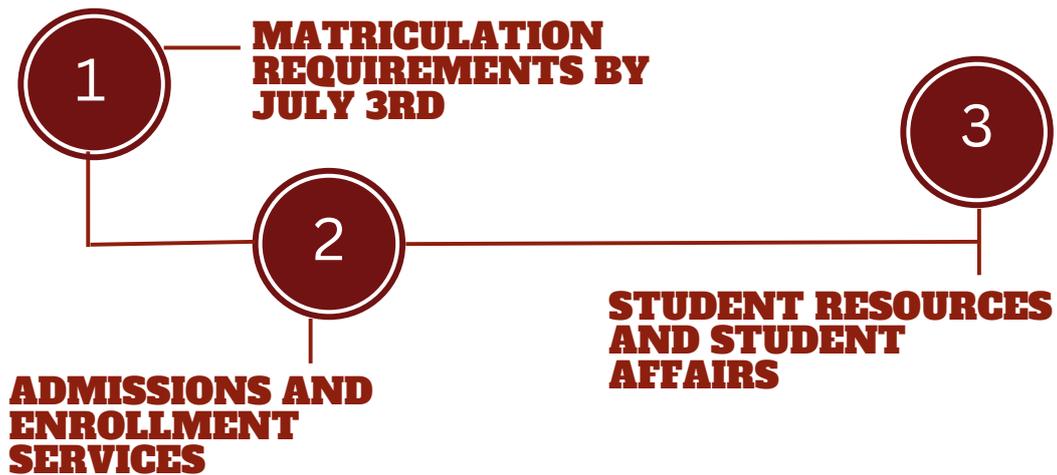
Riverbanks Zoo Lights

Lights Before Christmas at Riverbanks Zoo and Garden takes place (rain or shine) each evening from 5 to 9 p.m, Columbia's longest running holiday tradition. Explore the Zoo illuminated by nearly one million twinkling lights and more than 350 handcrafted images.



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Coming soon, we will provide guidance for navigating the newly admitted student page where required tasks will be posted for the following offices prior to new student orientation on July 25th:



In the meantime, plan ahead to join us in person for Open House! This fall, we hosted students for a presentation, lunch, a student led panel, and a tour of the SOM campus.

Spring Open House dates to be announced early in the semester for February 2023 and April 2023



Any questions should be directed to admissions@uscmed.sc.edu or by calling (803) 216-3625

