The Legacy of Ted Stern

The College of Charleston campus mourned the loss of President Emeritus Ted Stern, who served as president of the College of Charleston from 1968-1978. When he arrived at the College of Charleston, there were 432 students enrolled and 28 faculty members. By the end of his presidency, the College enrollment had grown to over 5,300 students and 181 faculty members. During his administration, the future of the College was insured through the construction of new facilities (including the Robert Scott Small Library and the Stern Student Center), the enrollment of minority and international students, and recruitment of skilled and accredited faculty and staff. He was also responsible for transitioning the College from a private to state institution. The Ted Stern Cup, one of the three highest awards given to graduating students who have served the campus community, is named in his honor. In addition to his role as President of the College, Dr. Stern helped found the Coastal Community Foundation in 1974 and served as the Chairman of the Board of the Spoleto Festival from 1977 to 1985. President Stern celebrated his 100th birthday on December 25, 2012.

Coordinated by Student Life, an event recognizing this milestone and honoring his contributions to the College was held in the Stern Student Center on November 14. Students, faculty and staff members were able to congratulate President Stern and thank him for his leadership. A memorial service was held on the Cistern Yard on January 21 and his family received friends and guests in the ballroom of the Stern Student Center after the service.

Victor K. Wilson
Executive Vice President
for Student Affairs

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The Campus Recreation Department reports the success of several College of Charleston sports clubs!

* The Squash Club, a relative newcomer to the College Squash Association, won its first national division title in the 2013 Men’s National Team Championships. Played at Yale University, this tournament is easily the largest of the year. With eight divisions of play, the College competed in the Hawthorn Cup division which included very competitive teams representing Notre Dame, Minnesota, Siena, Ithaca, and the University of California-Berkeley. The final match pitted the College against Cal-Berkeley. Despite having to default the number 9 match, the Cougars only fielded eight players, they went on to win by a thin margin in a classic East Coast vs. West Coast battle. The team’s captain and #1 player, Torey Broderson, was quite pleased when reflecting upon their achievement after having formed the club a mere 4 years ago. A great finish to the year!

* The Tennis Club Team is the number one team in the south having just won the Southern Sectional Tournament. At the 2013 USTA Tennis on Campus Southern Sectional Tournament, 52 teams started play and 8 have earned their bids for the 2013 Tennis on Campus National Championships. In the Championship match, the College of Charleston won a nail-biter over LSU, clinching victory in the final mixed doubles match with an overall score of 24-23. The Champion College of Charleston Tennis Club Captain is Kyle Christian.

* The Ice Hockey Team finished their regular season in First Place within the Carolina Division of the Blue Ridge Hockey League. And the team went on to win their Division Championship in the playoffs. Joe Snecinski of Student Life, is the coach.

* The College of Charleston Sport Clubs are organizations formed by students motivated by a common interest in a particular sport or activity. Participants have a chance to develop their knowledge and skill to a greater degree through organized practices, games, and meetings. Each club differs in its emphasis toward competition, recreation, instruction, or some combination of the three. Membership in the clubs is open to all College of Charleston students regardless of skill level. A quick glance at a partial list of the Sport Clubs reveals that the range of interests is quite varied: aikido, badminton, belly dance, climbing, crew, cycling, golf, gymnastics, karate, lacrosse, rugby, running, soccer, swimming, ultimate frisbee, volleyball and water sports. Sport Clubs offer great opportunities for all.

Scholarship Established

Denny Ciganovic, the Director of Career Services, and Denny’s wife, Kay, have commemorated their son with the Matthew Scott Ciganovic Scholarship. It is awarded annually to a senior or M.A.T. teacher education candidate committed to helping special needs children. The scholarship is meant to ease students’ financial burden during their clinical practice semester.

Thirteen-year-old Matthew Scott Ciganovic didn’t make it through a relatively routine surgery to help him with complications from Duchenne muscular dystrophy. His teachers, classmates and friends honored Matthew with a celebration at his school where ladybugs that Matthew loved were released into the garden and sky. His teachers placed in the garden a concrete plaque with some of Matthew’s favorite toys pressed into it. Classmates went to see Star Wars: Episode II because Matthew loved Star Wars and two of Matthew’s friends have commemorative tattoos. That, says Matthew’s father, Denny Ciganovic, was overwhelmingly meaningful: “That they would do something like that for Matthew … it just goes to show that you never know what kind of mark you’re going to make on someone, what kind of impact you’re going to have.”

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Career Center

Landing that Job!
The Fall 2012 Career, Internship and Graduate School Expo, held in the TD Arena, offered students and alumni at the College of Charleston the opportunity to meet and talk with representatives from over 65 organizations regarding career and internship opportunities, as well as graduate school admissions.

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Honors in Honduras Spring 2012 was a new and exciting collaboration between the Office of Civic Engagement and the Honors College. It is a combination honors course and alternative spring break.

The team traveled to the impoverished neighborhood of Flor del Campo in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. They were to implement the project plan developed during the spring in collaboration with the LAMB Institute, the community partner in Honduras.

The LAMB (Latin American Missionary and Bible) Institute provides schooling, day care, mentoring, gang prevention counseling, sexual abuse safe housing, missionary training and more.

Following are some attendees’ heartfelt comments from their blog.

Sunday was our first trip out to Casa Hogar, LAMB’s children’s home. There were 65 children, ranging from toddlers to teenagers, all from different backgrounds.

We listened intently as we were told many of the children’s stories - all of them sad, and some even horrifying. I couldn’t believe that these kids were treated so poorly when they’re all so sweet and innocent. I made sure to play with kids of all ages during my time at Casa Hogar, but honestly, the older children were the ones I enjoyed the most. We spent Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon with them, playing Twister, UNO, and even doing some puzzles (rompecabezas). They all seemed so happy that I just couldn’t believe there was so much sadness in their lives. Many of them enjoyed playing with our hair and taking pictures with my phone. The girls were especially interested in those of us who had blue eyes. They kept trying to look in my eye to see if I wore colored contacts.

It was a tearful goodbye as we drove away from Casa Hogar with the kids screaming “Hasta luego!” (See you later), and when Sergio asked when we’d be back, I started balling right away. Although we probably won’t be back any time soon, I plan on seeing them again. These children will forever be in my heart, and they don’t even know how much they’ve changed my life.

Another insightful blog comment:

My job is to help students experience the power of service, but I often find that it is impossible to guide students on that journey without taking a journey of my own.

We’re all in different stages of understanding, coming from different life experiences that influence how we process the moments here. Some are discovering for the first time what poverty can look like. Others are seeing the power of corruption and are being faced with the reality that government is not always for the people, even when it’s supposedly by the people. Still others are finding social issues that truly call to them. This journey will continue for weeks, months, and years to come. While they have learned a lot about themselves and the world here, these girls will likely discover that they will learn even more as they return to the US. For those of you reading who are not on the trip, please be kind, gentle, and above all, just listen.
Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

Five students from the College of Charleston marked Hunger and Homelessness Week by attempting to live on $4.40 per day. That’s the average amount allotted to people on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). According to the South Carolina Department of Social Services, 100,000 households are currently enrolled in SNAP. The students say it is difficult to balance price with nutrition. A Hunger and Homelessness Forum after their experience allowed the students to debrief and allowed the campus to connect.

Bingo and Beyond (BAB)

Run by students, Bingo and Beyond connects students with seniors from the Charleston Area Senior Citizens Center Inc. Each BAB session includes a different fun activity coupled with interesting student/senior conversations.

Community Partnerships

The Center for Civic Engagement works with over 75 local nonprofits to provide students with ongoing volunteer opportunities throughout the year. These range from one-time events to long-term service.

Volunteer Corps

This student-run organization provides students with the opportunity to serve as a group in multiple non-profit organizations each month.

The Bonner Leader Program is a four-year service-based program that pairs real-life work experiences in area nonprofit organizations with powerful leadership development training and education that helps students transition from volunteers to leaders in their community. Jazzi Goode, a former Bonner Leader, tells us how Bonner affected her. “I teach 2nd grade at Spann Elementary in Dorchester District 2... without the experiences of Bonner, WINGS (Jazzi’s Bonner placement), and Alternative Break, I would not be able to share such experiences with my students, nor be able to provide them with such a worldly view, and for that I am forever grateful and thankful to these programs. Not only have these programs affected my life forever, they have allowed me the opportunity to pay it forward and hopefully affect the lives of hundreds of elementary students.”

Dash For Trash

Set up as a litter-collecting scavenger hunt, this yearly event gives students the opportunity to help clean up downtown Charleston while learning more about community and environmental issues.

Cougars Taking Action

Students participate in a Cougars Taking Action service component each year during Homecoming Week. This initiative gives students the opportunity to serve with organizations addressing issues related to the Homecoming theme.
Bonner Leaders Honor Steve and Maureen Kerrigan

Twenty students from the Bonner Leader Program at the College of Charleston spent a Saturday volunteering at the Charleston Animal Society to honor donors Steve and Maureen Kerrigan who recently committed $160,000 to the Bonner Leader Program. Their gift will fund domestic and international service immersion experiences for the students. As a way to say thank you, the Bonner Leaders planned a day of service focused on animal rights - an issue of importance to the couple. The students were eager to educate themselves about the Kerrigans’ passion and were excited to engage in relevant direct service. At the Charleston Animal Society, students worked alongside regular volunteers to clean and store animal carriers, and turn donated bed sheets into chew toys for the dogs. Other students greeted potential adopters at the door and had the chance to help families pick out a new pet.

After their morning of service, the group reflected both on their service with the Charleston Animal Society and on what the donors’ gift means to them. Junior Elizabeth Burdette commented, “Travel has been one of the most life-changing aspects of the Bonner Leader Program for me. I’m thankful the donors have committed so much to these opportunities and I am glad we could use our passion for service to honor the donors today.”

During the past three years, the Kerrigans’ generosity has enabled program participants to volunteer in Ghana, Peru, Morocco, Puerto Rico, and San Francisco over winter and spring breaks. In preparation for each trip, the students educate themselves on the culture and social issues of each community and they then develop a connection with the issue through direct service and cultural exchange. Upon their return, Bonner Leaders also host a series of education and awareness events on campus.

Students Spring into Service

Students and staff at the College of Charleston rolled up their sleeves to assist three non-profit organizations in the Charleston community. Spring into Service is a program organized by the Center of Civic Engagement to provide one-time service opportunities that inspire advocacy and intentional dialogue among students.

According to Maggie Szeman, the Assistant Director at the College’s Center for Civic Engagement, “Our Spring into Service series is intended to engage students in direct service and educational conversations pertaining to issues that are salient to our community. This year’s community partners were selected in the hope of engaging a diverse group of volunteers with a broad range of interests and skill sets.”

Spring into Service is planned by four student leaders who are responsible for recruiting student teams and planning orientation, education, and reflection components pertaining to each service event. Each service opportunity can accommodate approximately 10-15 student volunteers.

The students volunteered with the Charleston Miracle League, an organization that celebrates and supports adults with mental and physical challenges through a community sports baseball league. Students assisted players and served as cheering fans. Students also worked at the Green Heart Project at Mitchell Elementary School by installing chicken coops for baby chicks. Charleston’s Center for Women saw volunteers painting and working on other special projects.

Un-Common Ground

The Bonner Leader Program hosted “(UN)Common Ground” a panel discussion and Q&A with members of the College of Charleston and of the Charleston communities on the commonalities between Islam, Christianity and Judaism from a faith-based perspective. This is part of the Bonner Leaders’ Annual Engage and Empower series, designed to educate and empower the campus and community about a particular issue. The idea for (Un)Common Ground was born following the Bonner’s service trip to Morocco, where the students were immersed in Islamic culture.
* Elizabeth Dixon, M.A., LPC/S

Elizabeth is the first Student Affairs representative to the Staff Advisory Committee to the President. This is a significant honor and Elizabeth has great experience and insights from her extensive work with students here at the college, and her involvement with multiple organizations and staff around the college.

* Kate Dorsey, M.S., LPC, ATR

Kate presented two workshops to the greater Charleston community in 2012 titled, “Grief and Art Therapy.”

* Rachael McNamara, M.A.

Rachael, the Health Educator in the Counseling Department, is featured in the Portico, the employee newsletter of the College of Charleston.

Rachael organized and promoted an Alternative Health Fair for staff and students. All who came got a good education on the subject. Representatives and practitioners were present to provide information on a variety of topics. Fifteen area medically related health care organizations presented and over 100 students attended.

Alternative Health Fair Points
Did you know that chiropractic care can alleviate stress? “Massage therapy has been noted to relax the nervous system by slowing heart rate and blood pressure...” says Dr. Tiffany Field, University of Miami Medical School. According to WHO (World Health Organization) acupuncture is effective for treating 28 conditions, and may have an effective therapeutic value for many more. Meditation helps individuals focus their attention. Art therapists are trained as mental health professionals. Hypnosis is a state of concentration with the goal of relaxing both the body and mind.

* Dr. Brian Sullivan, Psy.D.

Dr. Sullivan continues his research on non-valid reporting of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, with a manuscript in preparation titled, “GPA evidence supports the symptom exaggeration hypothesis in college students undergoing ADHD evaluations.”

In addition, Dr. Sullivan has been recognized for his cutting-edge work on the detection of symptom exaggeration of ADHD,
- received the George Haborak Award for Professional Development at the First Annual Salute to Student Affairs.

* Frank Budd, Ph.D., ABPP

Dr. Budd is the Student Affairs representative to the Staff Advisory Committee to the President (2013 - 2015),
- sponsored the start-up and official recognition of the first College of Charleston Student Veterans Group,
- was interviewed for an article on binge drinking and was published in the Charleston Post and Courier, and
- was interviewed for the Parent Insider which is published online. The topic for the article concerned issues college students commonly face.

* Rhonda Kalil, M.D.

Dr. Kalil has been promoted to Medical Director of CASAS Department and oversees the CASAS Psychiatry Residency Training Program with MUSC.

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Health Education Hosts An
Alternative Health Fair
Thursday Nov. 15th
Stern Center Ballroom
And RM 408
No Physical Limitations in the James Island Connector Run

Over 1,000 people ran, walked, biked and even pushed their wheelchairs across the James Island Connector Bridge for the James Island Connector Run. The Charleston community came out to support the Gavalas-Kolanko Foundation and set a new attendance record.

The Gavalas-Kolanko Foundation is a scholarship program for students with physical disabilities at the College of Charleston and Charleston Southern University. Mr. Nick Gavalas and Dr. Ron Kolanko co-founded the organization over ten years ago to make education within reach for South Carolina undergraduates pursuing a college education despite physical limitations.

Students Receive Prestigious Awards

Bishop Robert Smith Award

This is the highest and most selective honor an undergraduate can achieve at the College of Charleston. These award winners are selected by a committee composed of the Provost, the Executive Vice President for Student Affairs and former award winners. The BRS was established by former President Theodore Stern to recognize seniors who demonstrate exceptional leadership and academic excellence.

The three award recipients receive a plaque, a monetary award and recognition during the graduation ceremony.

Katherine Shidler
Levi Vonk
Beverley Elizabeth Wood

Alexander Chambliss Connelley Award

This award winner is selected by the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs. The award is presented to the student of the senior class who has made the most unselfish contribution to the student body and the College of Charleston.

The recipient receives a plaque and monetary award.

Jessica Amber Cantrell

The Theodore S. Stern Cup Award

The Theodore S. Stern Cup Award was established in 1975 and presented anonymously on the occasion of his 25th wedding anniversary. When Dr. Stern retired, the cup was passed to honor a member of the Senior Class of the College of Charleston who has most faithfully served the interests and ideals of the College and who by character and influence has best exemplified the ideals and qualities of Theodore S. Stern, both in the College and the community.

The two Theodore S. Stern Cup Award recipients receive a Silver Cup and a monetary award.

Brenna McNamara
Thomas Werner
Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS) exists to help students be successful, provide advocacy, support services and culturally based programs that educate about diversity and multiculturalism. How do they do that? Some of the diverse events hosted by MSPS are depicted in the posters on this page.

The student organizations sponsored by MSPS are:
- Black Student Union (B.S.U.)
- Brothers On a New Direction (B.O.N.D.)
- Gay - Straight Alliance (GSA)
- National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)
- Student Union for Multicultural Affairs (SUMA)
- Women reaching Independence Through Support and Education (WeRISE)

Here is how MSPS stays connected:
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Friends of MSPS Listserv
- OrgSync
- http://msps.cofc.edu

To the left, below and right are posters from some of the MSPS events:
(Start top left, then down, the bottom middle, then up the right side)
- Uniting Through Song (upper left)
  A collaboration with MSPS, Cougar Activities Board (CAB), Friends of the School of Arts, the Department of Music and the Office of Institutional Diversity
- Shades of You
- MLK speaks to hip hop
- Safe Zone Ally 101 Training (bottom center)
- Salsa at the Stern (right)
- International Authors’ Series Book Club
- Native American History Month (upper right)

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Welcome New Staff Members

Greek Life’s Interim Director, Montrez (Trez) Greene, retains some Residence Life responsibilities while the search for a permanent director continues. Trez graduated from the College of Charleston in 2007 with a B.S. in Media Studies and holds a Graduate Certificate in Corporate and Organizational Communication. He is completing his M.Ed. in Student Affairs and College Counseling from The Citadel.

The Career Center’s Student Service Program Coordinator II is Courtney Bradley. Courtney attended Claflin University in Orangeburg, SC and obtained a degree in Sociology/Criminal Justice. After attending college she spent ten years with the SC Employment Security Commission and two years with the Art Institute of Charleston in Career Development and Employment Law.

The Center for Civic Engagement’s Assistant Director, is Maggie Szeman. Maggie is a graduate of Winthrop University.

The Center for Civic Engagement also announces Laura Mewbourn, as Assistant Director, Bonner Leader Program. Laura joined the Bonner Leader program in Fall 2011. Prior to coming to the College of Charleston, she was a student services coordinator at MUSC and an academic advisor in the Honors College at the University of South Carolina.

Upward Bound’s Academic Coordinator is Ashley Robinson. Ashley comes to us from the Educational Talent Search TRiO program at the University of South Carolina -Columbia, where she served as program counselor. She is originally from Spartanburg and brings a wealth of fresh ideas and program development skills. She holds a bachelor’s degree in Political Science from USC -Columbia as well.

The Career Center announces Shawntell Pace as the Job Location & Development Coordinator. Shawntell is from Birmingham, Alabama with roots from Guam. She received her bachelor’s degree in Radio, Television, and Film from Auburn University. She will be receiving her master’s degree in Higher Education with an emphasis in Student Affairs in May from Auburn as well. She has a passion for students with a heart for all things media and production.

Student Affairs’ new Office Manager is Lara Pena. Lara earned her B.A. degree in art history at Reed College. Lara is excited to be working with a dedicated group of talented people committed to student development.
Hip-Hop Thursday Collaboration

Over three hundred students gathered in the Stern Gardens for the Hip-Hop Thursday: Block Party, where they enjoyed a fish fry, a DJ, giveaways, and a stroll off competition. This monumentally successful program was made possible through the collaboration efforts of Student Life, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, the Office of Institutional Diversity, the Cougar Activities Board, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and the Black Student Union.

Student Life Staff Members Collaborate at Conference

Mandi Bryson, Nicki Jenkins and Susan Payment presented an educational session entitled, “Igniting a Successful (Candidate) Search” at the ACUI Region 5 Conference at the University of Northern Kentucky. The session provided conference delegates with insight on how to manage the search process and offered perspectives from a seasoned professional, a young professional responsible for organizing their first search and from a young professional that just experienced the search process as a candidate. The session was also offered as a “flash session” at the ACUI Annual Conference in St. Louis.

Family Weekend 2012

Once again, Family Weekend was a success! Parents and families enjoyed scenic tours of campus, delicious Lowcountry cuisine, memorable laughs with comedian, Jay Mohr, and most importantly - quality time with their students.

3oh!3 Concert

Student Life sponsored a national touring concert at the TD Arena. The band 3oh!3 performed their big hits such as “Don’t Trust Me” and “My First Kiss” as well as new tracks from their new album Omen. The duo put on a great show, and their stage was complete with two moving, larger than life wolves. Old You, a local favorite, was the opening band.

Congratulations to Mandi Bryson on receiving the Outstanding New Professional Award at the ACUI Region 5 conference at the University of Northern Kentucky for her work with our campus and ACUI. In addition to a plaque, Mandi received a $500 scholarship that she can use to attend an upcoming ACUI conference or workshop.

Be True to Yourself

Esera Tuaolo, NFL veteran and LGBT role model, (pictured above with the Student Life Staff) came to campus to share his story with students in recognition of National Coming Out Day. He spent time with student leaders from across campus, answering questions and sharing the story of his life. Esera played college football at Oregon State University and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was drafted in 1991 and played in the NFL for eight seasons. In 2002, he publicly announced he was gay while shooting a program for HBO’s Real Sports. The Office of Student Life collaborated with New Student Programs, Residence Life & Housing, Women’s and Gender Studies and Cougar Activities Board for this event.

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The NAMES Foundation AIDS Quilt Display
For the fourth straight year, the Office of Student Life is sponsoring panels from the NAMES Foundation AIDS Quilt in conjunction with World AIDS Day. The panels are being displayed in the Addlestone Library Rotunda. Interesting facts and The Quilt history are provided in the Rotunda as well as an opportunity for the College faculty, staff and students to leave messages in a signature book.

The concept for the AIDS Memorial Quilt was derived from the design of placards that were taped to the San Francisco Federal Building at the conclusion of a candlelight march held in November 1985 to honor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone. The placards contained the names of friends and loved ones who had died of AIDS and the configuration resembled a patchwork quilt. In less than two years, more than 1900 panels had been created and The Quilt was displayed for the first time on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. on October 11, 1987. When The Quilt was displayed on the Ellipse in front of the White House the following year, it contained more than 8,200 panels. By 1996, the number of individual panels displayed on the National Mall had increased to more than 37,000.

Nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in 1989, The Quilt is now considered to be the largest community art project in the world. It has been the subject of numerous articles, books and films, including the Academy Award-winning documentary, “Common Threads: Stories From the Quilt.”

Stern Center Advisory Board Launched
The Stern Center Advisory Board was launched Fall, 2012. The board consists of eight students from a variety of organizations and offices, one faculty member, one staff member and two members of the Office of Student Life, who serve in an ex-officio capacity. The board serves as an integral component in the management of the Stern Student Center and the opinions and advice of representatives of the campus community are solicited through this body. The Board will consider matters related to the programs, operations, use of facilities and any other items brought to the attention of the Office of Student Life. The group meets four times a year and is currently working on possible projects including use of lobby spaces and incorporating student artwork into the building.

Stern Center Game Room Kicking It Up a Notch!
There is more activity in the Stern Center second floor Game Room. The past semester saw an increase of student use by 20% from the previous fall semester, as well as, use by different groups for events open to all students, including the Gaming Tournament and Panhellenic Drop-In. New gaming equipment with updated games has also been a hit with the students. The semester kicked-off with an Open House, including a mashed potato sculpting contest (photo below) and a house of cards building contest, with a billiards tournament later in the semester. More Game Room events continue through Spring, 2013.

Back to School Jam Collaboration
The Office of Student Life along with support from Residence Life and Multicultural Student Programs and Services hosted the Back to School Jam in the Stern Gardens. There were over 75 student organizations represented and more than 250 students in attendance. The students were able to enjoy food and music while meeting the different organization members. This gave our new students a chance to find a club or organization that they would like to be part of as they begin their time here and allowed the returning students a chance to reconnect.
This was the exciting theme of our 12th Annual Parent Conference held on November 17th, presented in conjunction with our Upward Bound Parent Advisory Board.

The Conference began with a panel discussion and continued with very interesting individual workshop sessions. The workshop sessions are described briefly below.

Sometimes, Image is Everything:
How do I help my child (and myself) make first impressions lead to second opportunities and develop ways to cultivate a well-respected personal image?

Your Network is Your Net Worth:
As a parent, how do I build a network to provide my child with the resources needed for current and future success to enhance his/her overall value, both nationally and internationally?

Global Awareness:
In what ways does the world affect my child’s future plans and why is it important for my child to know and understand the world around him/her?

Language as a Social and Economic Tool:
How can we articulate our thoughts more effectively so that what we say, and how we say it, can strengthen connections as well as open doors to opportunity; how can I help my child develop the ability to go anywhere and fit in?

This Parent Conference was a tremendous success. Reactions to the day’s activities ranged from “I appreciate that everything I’ve talked to my children about was presented today” to “All the workshops encouraged us to go to college and to have a better and more positive attitude.”

In Other Upward Bound & Pre-College News

Students Selected to National Society of High School Scholars

We proudly announce that two of our students, sisters Adrienne and Alicia Daniel, were both recently selected to the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). Adrienne is a junior and Alicia is a senior, both at West Ashley High School. We congratulate them (and their family).
The 2013 Excellence in Collegiate Education and Leadership (ExCEL) Awards honored more than 30 students, staff, faculty and community members for their commitment to creating a campus environment that promotes diversity and excellence. The winners were chosen from more than 80 nominations.

The winners are:

**Student of the Year**
- School of the Arts – Grace Musser
- School of Business – Charles Kelchner
- School of Education, Health, and Human Performance – Courtney Pittman
- School of Humanities and Social Sciences – Emily Rogers
- School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs – Jocelyn Moratzka
- School of Sciences and Mathematics – Christopher Asuzu
- Graduate School – Jose Aviles
- Female Student Athlete of the Year – LaTisha Harris
- Male Student Athlete of the Year – Andrew Lawrence
- The Community Impact Award – Colleen Sullivan
- Septima P. Clark – Jordon Holland
- Lucille S. Whipper – LaQunya Baker
- Eugene C. Hunt (Rising Senior Minority Student) – Angela Dapremont
- Eugene C. Hunt (Rising Junior Minority Student) – Daryl O’Bryant

**Faculty of the Year**
- School of the Arts – Yiorgos Vassilandonakis
- School of Education, Health, and Human Performance – Jon Hale
- School of Humanities and Social Sciences – Vince Benigni
- School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs – Marianne Verlinden
- School of Sciences and Mathematics – Deborah Bidwell
- Graduate School – Genevieve Howe Hay

**Other Award Categories**
- Outstanding Staff Member of the Year – Earline White
- The Unsung Champion Award – Clayton Nagy
- The Good Neighbor Award – William Roumillat
- The Eddie Ganaway Distinguished Alumni Award – Mitchell Leverette
- Safe Zone Advocacy Award – Robin Garcia
- Diversity Service of the Year Award – Angela Cozart
- Diversity Service of the Year Award – Denny Ciganovic
- Diversity Service of the Year Award – Paul Bradley, Jr.
- Demetria N. Clemons Distinguished Mentor Award – Anne McNeal

**The Presidential Legacy Awards**
- The President Leo I. Higdon Outstanding Leadership Award – Devon Turner
- The President Alex Sanders Outstanding Public Service Award – Michelle Smith
- The President Theodore Stern Visionary Award – John Ashbury Zeigler, Jr.
- The President Harry Lightsey Humanitarian Award – Christine Jackson
Community Update
The Greek Community is growing. There are currently seven of the Divine Nine organizations with active members on our campus. This last semester, we have officially welcomed back Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., In IFC, our Phi Kappa Tau colony was chartered as the Zeta Delta Chapter. Additionally, Beta Theta Pi Fraternity began its colonization process in September and initiated its first 43 Founding Fathers. In Panhellenic, Sigma Delta Tau is beginning a chapter revitalization in Spring 2013 semester. (Delta Sigma Theta pictured below)

Pep Supper
This year’s Pep Supper was a huge success! Not only did the Greek Life Organizations come together on Election Day to collect over 40,378 total pounds of food for the Lowcountry Food Bank, but they were also able to show their patriotic spirit. The partnership with YouGiveGoods.com the online donation site, proved to be a success as organizations exceeded their total from last year!

Director Search Update
The new Interim Director of Greek Life, Montrez (Trez) Greene was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., right here at the College of Charleston. (See Welcome New Staff Members on page 9.)

Community Re-cap
National Hazing Prevention week was recognized on campus this past September with tables in Cougar Mall co-sponsored by Counseling and Substance Abuse Services and Public Safety. The community also welcomed independent consultant and anti-hazing specialist, Keith Ellis, to promote thought provoking conversations and increase the dialogue around hazing. In addition, he met with each council’s executive board and president to discuss community specific issues, as well as meeting with individual chapters and the entire IFC community.

Congratulations to the newly initiated members of the Order of Omega. Both Order of Omega and Rho Lambda will take new members again in the spring.

We have had the creation of the Greek Peer Educators program, and the Social & Personal Responsibility Program has been launched. Nine Greek Peer Educators will make the rounds of chapter meetings to present the Social & Personal Responsibility workshop, which provides information about alcohol and drug abuse prevention and encourages healthy lifestyles among all members of the Greek community.

Victim Services Sponsored Classes
These are two of the very important educational sessions presented by Victim Services.

Bystander Intervention
Do you want to help prevent another person from becoming a victim? Do you know what Bystander intervention is? Victim Services sponsored a Bystander Intervention class for students and staff to learn more about Bystander Intervention and about SCOPE, which stands for Safe Campus Outreach, Prevention & Education. SCOPE is a peer education team that strives to reduce crimes affecting college students.

Spin the Bottle
There is a distressing link between alcohol and sexual assault. Nowhere is this link more cause for concern than on American’s college campuses. The Spin the Bottle event is a video regarding the direct link between alcohol and sexual assault. Discussion follows the showing. The Spin the Bottle video offers an indispensable critique of the role that contemporary popular culture plays in glamorizing excessive drinking and high risk behaviors.