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# A Blazin' Year

2013-14 Year in Review

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## COMEDY CENTRAL

USC Sumter Alumnus Frank Williams III, also known as “Shuler King,” rocked the house at the annual Campus Day event held this past spring. Record numbers of high school seniors and current students attended to discover what USC Sumter has to offer.

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## READY. SET. COLOR!

On May 3, 2014, more than 900 people gathered at USC Sumter for Sumter's first Color 5K. Sponsored by Sumter 360, the USC Sumter Fire Ants Softball program and local businesses, runners received a gift bag including a t-shirt, goodies from sponsors and a bag of colored corn starch to throw at whomever they pleased. Once the race concluded, there was an enormous "color party" near the finish line to ensure no one went home clean. Plans are already being made for a second annual **COLOR 5K IN 2015** so be on the lookout for more colored fun!











## USC SUMTER WELCOMES OUR NEW REGIONAL CAMPUS DEAN

From South Carolina to Maine and back again,  
Dean Michael E. Sonntag is happy to call Sumter his new home

Dr. Michael E. Sonntag grew up in Sheridan, Texas, a small farming community west of Houston. He was a first-generation college student and received his B.A. in psychology from Baylor University in 1989 where he met his wife, Jennifer. After graduating from Baylor, Dr. Sonntag and his wife moved to Arkansas where he attended graduate school at the University of Arkansas. He obtained an M.A. in Clinical Psychology and went on to receive a Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology in 1997.

Dr. Sonntag's first academic position took him to Lander University in Greenwood, South Carolina, where he taught in the Department of Psychology, served as Director of Assessment and Planning and served as Chair of the Department of Psychology. In 2007, Dr. Sonntag accepted the position of Vice

President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) at the University of Maine at Presque Isle (UMPI), and in 2010-2011 he served concurrently as Acting Executive Director at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics (MSSM) and Vice President at UMPI.

Dr. Sonntag served as the President of the South Carolina Psychological Association from 2005-2006. In 2014 he left Maine to assume the role of Regional Campus Dean at USC Sumter.

Dr. Sonntag has two children, a son, Greyson, and a daughter, Sarah. His wife, Jennifer, previously held the position of Chief Financial Officer for Maine Potato Growers in Presque Isle, Maine. Some of Dr. Sonntag's hobbies include reading, cooking, gardening and tinkering with computers.







USC Sumter student Rachael Horne recently had an essay published in the latest (9th) edition of the *Prentice Hall Reference Guide*, one of the top-selling grammar handbooks for writing instruction. Her essay on “cyberbullying,” which she wrote for Dr. Andrew Kunka’s English 102 course, was selected

from a number of submissions to serve as the “Sample Argument Paper” in the textbook. This paper now serves as a model for writing an argument paper, which will be seen by students around the world who use this textbook.



Students in Dr. Hennie van Bulck’s Strategic Management (BADM A478) class at USC Sumter scored higher than any others in the world in their online global business strategy game. Of the 5617 teams that participated, 314 colleges and universities were represented. While some of these schools are similar in size and population to USC Sumter, many of them are major universities and graduate schools. Dr. van Bulck’s students continue to perform extremely well in this game each semester.



## DOING OUR PART

USC Sumter has been named to the Military Friendly Schools® list by Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. The 2014 Military Friendly Schools® list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

The 1,868 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year’s list exhibit leading practices in the recruitment and retention of students with military experience.

“USC Sumter is excited to receive the Military Friendly designation,” says Dean Sonntag. “Faculty and staff are dedicated to helping all students succeed but sometimes military members and their dependents have unique needs. With our Base Education Office personnel and recently hired Veteran’s Affairs Coordinator, we are able to assist our military students and their dependents with most issues as they arise. And we’re working hard right now to further increase and improve our service to these students.”

Now in its fifth year, the 2014 list of Military Friendly Schools® was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 10,000 schools nationwide approved for VA tuition funding.



## BRINGING HOME TOP HONORS

USC Sumter Psychology students Alyson Shelton, Michael Howard and April Andrews received first place at the South Carolina Psychology Association (SCPA) conference. This is among stiff competition from other universities across the state. Andrews was one of the authors who placed first last year as well, making her the only author of two first place research projects in the history of SCPA. The students competed under the guidance of USC Sumter Professor of Psychology Dr. Salvador Macias.





# Computer Phenom Remembers His Sumter Roots



"I didn't realize how good the quality of the education I received was until I got to the main campus. It was apparent almost immediately that not only was I on an even footing (academically) with the other students; but, in some cases, more advanced. I attribute the latter to the fact that the instructor-to-student ratio is so much smaller at USC Sumter which allows for more quality time to be spent with individual students."



**The skills Mike McIntyre learned at USC Sumter helped him land a high-profile position at Microsoft. The relationships he built he maintains today from across the country.**

After nearly 30 years in the high-level computer software world, USC Sumter alumnus Mike McIntyre takes time to reflect on his career and the strong foundation he built at the university.

"I would not trade the time I spent at USC Sumter for anything in the world," McIntyre said. "I believe that it more than prepared me for the challenges that I would face, not only when I arrived at the main campus, but also life."

McIntyre did not have to travel far to start his college career at USC Sumter. Originally from Sumter, McIntyre lived here until transferring to USC Columbia after two years at the Sumter campus. He graduated from USC Columbia in 1984 with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

After graduation, McIntyre moved to Texas to be with his family. He accepted a job at Texas Instruments in Abilene, Texas in 1985. He began his career as a Reliability Engineer then a Senior Software Developer with Texas Instruments. After about 5 years, McIntyre left Texas Instruments to work for a company called Vortech. McIntyre stayed with Vortech for about 5 years, then went back to work for Texas Instruments where he was in the top 1 percent of technical contributors in the entire company. From there, he transitioned to a position at Perot Systems, a division of Dell Computers. McIntyre was offered a position at Microsoft as an Application Development Consultant where he worked with large customers to help them understand Microsoft's technology and how to adapt it into their own systems. Currently, McIntyre develops diagnostic tools to help engineers solve problems with SharePoint software. He is in charge of all SharePoint diagnostic development worldwide and has worked with Microsoft for 12 years.

McIntyre recently came back to the campus for a visit. Initially, he chose USC Sumter for the cost and close proximity of the campus with his home, but he also liked the size of the campus and the classes.

"The smaller classes allowed me to form bonds with my professors, some of which persist to this day," McIntyre said. "My advisor was Robert 'Dr. Bob' Nerbun. Whenever I come back to Sumter to visit, I always make it a point to catch up with him. Over the years, we have stayed in touch and I consider him a dear friend and mentor. He was instrumental in my educational development and a role model for the kind of person I wanted to be."

McIntyre recommends USC Sumter to any incoming freshman student. He believes his success at the Columbia campus and in his professional life were largely because of USC Sumter. He insisted that his own children attend a two year community college before transferring to a bigger university because of his positive experience at USC Sumter.

In his spare time, McIntyre chaperones the Allen High School marching band, the largest high school marching band in the world made up of more than 1,000 students. His wife of 21 years recently passed away of an illness. He has



Dr. Bob Nerbun makes even the youngest students excited about physics.





## CONTINUING THE LEGACY: KIERNAN FINALIST FOR PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

USC Sumter Instructor of Biology Dan Kiernan was acknowledged by Governor Nikki Haley as one of nine finalists for the 2014 S.C. Governor's Professor of the Year Award.

Kiernan came to the University of South Carolina in 2008 after working at Georgian Court University in New Jersey as a laboratory coordinator and adjunct professor. Prior to this, he spent four years in Michigan, where he taught at Lake Superior State University and obtained an M.S. in biology at Central Michigan University. In the late nineties, he taught high school biology in both the public and private sectors after obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology.

Kiernan is presently a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Instruction and Teacher Education at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. His dissertation research focuses on how inquiry-based teaching, as opposed to more traditional forms of teaching, impacts

students in the college science classroom. He has also conducted research on muscle development in dendrobranchiate shrimp with comparison to *Artemia*. He is interested in looking into how the muscle system develops during naupliar development. His early work on this topic was published nationally in 2006.

Having research experience in both the fields of biology and education gives Kiernan a unique opportunity to conduct research in both of these areas at the university level. When not teaching or conducting research, Kiernan advises USC Sumter's Student Government Association, works with students on independent research projects, is annually involved with South Carolina Junior Academy of Science, is a reviewer for journal submissions, organizes science camps for local school children in the Sumter area and presents at various venues.

USC Sumter has had three Governor's Professor of the Year recipients in the past.





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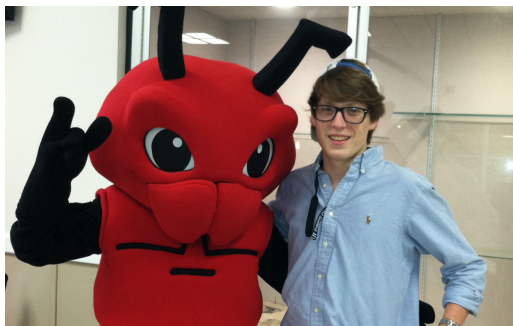
# Continue **Online**





## 2013-14 | YEAR IN REVIEW

### *A brief look back on the past academic year at USC Sumter*



Student Life initiated a **"Fire Ant of the Week"** recognition program to honor students who go above and beyond on campus.

The year kicked off unlike most others at USC Sumter in 2013. There was a new energy in the air and a sense of exciting things to come. After the annual Welcome Week festivities and Opening Convocation, students settled nicely into their classes and adjusted to the college campus life. Blaze, the new fire ant mascot, was revealed and began making public appearances at various high school football games, parades and community events.

In September, the renovated Fire Ant Café began rolling out new menu items for students to sample like cheese sticks, boneless wings and fresh baked cookies. Intramurals were active in Student Life with various volleyball and basketball competitions. The bookstore began a new relationship with Neebo, a company that took care of ordering books online.

As the fall rolled on, OSP pulled off the first flash mob on campus with their zombie themed Fall Gala. Writer Vennie Moore presented her works and

#### August 2013

Welcome Week

#### September 2013

"Blaze" introduced to the campus

#### October 2013

Lady Fire Ants 100 Inning Game

#### November 2013

20th Annual Big Wednesday



USC Sumter is more than numbers, we are faces, names and relationships that last a lifetime.



# 20

number of public appearances made by Blaze in 2013-14



# 8,000

approximate number of "Big Wednesday" attendees in the past 20 years



Andreas Klein pulled off an extraordinary piano recital. Students were recognized for their academic achievements at the annual Awards Ceremony and Scholarship Luncheon. The 20th Annual Big Wednesday Alumni Tailgate Party and Golf Tournament reminded the community just how much fun we have celebrating our dual heritage on this campus.

Arts returned to the campus in 2013. There are five art galleries on the USC Sumter campus. Volunteers ensured various exhibits would be on display in certain galleries throughout the year. Artists Ann Hubbard, Susan Lenz, Carole Carberry and Dr. Richard E. Getty were featured in 2013-14.

To kick-off the new year, USC Sumter joined the Columbia campus in becoming a completely tobacco free campus. The community and campus celebrated the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dream walk and its many years of success and welcomed the new Regional Campus Dean Dr. Michael E. Sonntag. The winter hit harder than usual this year and forced many offices to close for ice and snow. A sight that may not be seen for many years on this campus! The Seminar Series was established by faculty member Kajal Ghoshroy for the first time and was successfully attended by faculty, staff, students and community members.

The year closed out with a Region 10 Championship win by the Fire Ants baseball team, an NJCAA All-Academic team nomination for the Fire Ants Softball team, retirements of several long-standing faculty and staff, campus improvements and a new momentum for Fall 2015.

The USC Sumter faculty continued to shine this past academic year. Forty total faculty members served nearly 4,000 students, advised approximately 500 and continued to produce scholarly materials in publications and at conferences locally and internationally.

Although for some Commencement signals the end of the academic year, it is also a reminder of how hard students work to achieve their goals and move forward.



**Commencement represents moving to the next life phase, whether that means staying at USC Sumter or transferring to another campus.**

**December 2013**  
Senior Scholars Night

**January 2014**  
Dr. Martin L. King Jr.  
Dream Walk

**February 2014**  
Carolina Day at the  
State House

**March 2014**  
Community Service

**April 2014**  
Campus Day

**May 2014**  
Commencement



**400+**

attendees at the  
14th Annual Dr. MLK Jr.  
Dream Walk



**800**

Number of Sumter  
families fed by the  
Fire Ants baseball team



**100+**

USC Sumter students  
who graduated this  
year





In his first season at USC Sumter, new Head Coach **TIM MEDLIN** took the Fire Ants further than they have ever been before.

The USC Sumter Fire Ant baseball team had another spectacular season, earning the title of NJCAA Region 10 Champions. The team has an impressive brief history. In its 2nd season, the team won the 2009 NJCAA Region 10 Regular Season Championship Title. They repeated the feat again in 2011. In 2014, the team garnered its first outright Region 10 Championship and placed second in the Eastern District Tournament. The overall team record is 283-118 and the 2014 record is 41-15.

The Eastern District Tournament, which was hosted in Sumter this year, is the equivalent of an NCAA Regional Tournament. The Fire Ants played teams from New York, Maryland and Spartanburg, South Carolina. They were one game away from traveling to the Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colorado, placing second overall in the Tournament.

Former Fire Ants baseball players have gone on to play for NCAA Division I and II universities, the minor leagues and several have been selected in the MLB draft. Fourteen players from the 2014 team have received scholarship offers to attend four year universities. The upcoming 2015 recruiting class is looking bright yet again with numerous players across the southeast choosing to bring their talents to the Fire Ants team this fall.

The Fire Ants were honored in June at the South Carolina State House for their Region 10 championship with a special resolution from the South Carolina State Senate.







## CHANGING THE WORLD, ONE ATHLETE AT A TIME

For several years now, the Lady Fire Ants have taken time out of their busy schedules to support the Special Olympic athletes. This year was no exception. Although the events had to be moved indoors due to weather, the Olympians were ready to go with various track and field and other competitive sports. The Fire Ants ensure the athletes have fun in a safe environment.







## THE ANT ATTACK BURGER CHALLENGE

In the Fall of 2013, the former USC Sumter "Food Court" morphed itself into a happening spot on campus. New menu items, delivery service and other options made the newly named Fire Ant Cafe a quick and easy place to grab breakfast or lunch before class.

Now, the Cafe is stepping it up a notch with the Ant Attack Burger Challenge. The burger is made of five patties, three buns, 2 slices of spicy ghost pepper cheese and 3 slices of American cheese, condiments chosen by the challenger, and french fries on the side. If eaten in 7 minutes, the burger is free, the challenger gets their name and picture on the Wall of Fame and an Ant Attack t-shirt. Otherwise, it's twelve American dollars!

## BUY YOUR BOOKS HERE

After one year with NEEBO, the USC Sumter bookstore has discontinued the contract and the policy of having a bookstore with no books. The books return this fall along with the custom service students were accustomed to. Bookstore Manager Julie McCoy can help students find anything they need in advance and even if they wait until the last minute. The store also continues to carry clothing items, Fire Ant and USC merchandise and other classroom supplies.



Since 1909 the U.S. Congressional Baseball Game has been the only annual partisan showdown beloved by all and enjoyed by thousands. Members usually sport the uniform of their home states and districts. U.S. Congressman Mick Mulvaney representing the 5th District of South Carolina wore a USC Sumter Fire Ants jersey in the game June 25. The jersey was a gift from Coach Medlin.



## ID'S GET A FACELIFT

In order to maintain a consistent look with the main campus, USC Sumter Student Life recently upgraded the ID system. The cards carry the same design as the Carolina Card with the exception of the Fire Ant mascot. The cards are accepted at the USC Sumter bookstore and the Fire Ant Cafe. Future options for the card are in the works.





## Sneak Peak

**USC Sumter Professor of English revealed tidbits from his fourth book of poetry, *Punch.*, this past Spring. *Punch.* is the product of eighteen months of work made possible by a Creative and Performing Arts Grant from the University of South Carolina's Office of the Provost. Through interviews, observations, participation and birthright, *Punch.* explores the working class, how occupation and ownership are bound together and are often fraught with tension, and how life for most laborers isn't measured by what the human spirit can take, rather what has been taken from the human spirit.**

**The book is already receiving early praise from National Book Award Winner Terrance Hayes, who calls it "a tough, tenderhearted, phenomenal work about work." *Punch.***



**MASCOT SANDWICH!** University of South Carolina President Dr. Harris Pastides enjoys time with the USC Aiken Pacer and Blaze.

## STANDING ON YOUR OWN TWO FEET

When USC Sumter Head Librarian Sharon Chapman decided sitting most of the day was too taxing on her body, she went vertical. Making a move that is becoming more common in the work place, Chapman changed out her traditional desk for a "standing" desk. Her husband built a custom desk that allows her to stand most of the day, but also allows sitting on a stool if needed. So far she's enjoying the benefits and the freedom of movement she gets from the standing work zone, and she's got the research to back her up. Studies prove that prolonged sitting has dangerous side effects and standing is a way to change.





# *carolina's promise*



USC Sumter is close to reaching its goal for the Carolina's Promise campaign. The fundraising campaign, which began in 2007, has raised nearly \$3 million toward its goal, with more than 3,600 donors contributing to the cause.

## **FULFILLING THE PROMISE**

Carolina's Promise was started by the University of South Carolina main campus in Columbia to raise \$1 billion in donations and fundraising by 2015 with the hopes that it will boost student financial aid, support recruitment and retention of faculty members and contribute to other benefits for the institution and its satellite campuses.

## **TRANSFORMING THE VIEW - CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION**

Proud of our lovely campus, USC Sumter is seeking to establish support for campus beautification. Within this campus beautification plan, USC Sumter wants to construct brick gate entrances to enhance the curb appeal of the university. These brick gates would resemble those seen on the Columbia campus. Some other plans include landscaping the campus with native plants, enhancing the university greenhouse and creating more environmentally sustainable areas around campus. This plan will make the campus more attractive to prospective students and to the community as a whole.

## **THE POWER OF PLAY - FIRE ANT ATHLETICS**

An active athletics program speaks to the spirit of a college community, and USC Sumter's continues to grow. The athletics plan includes renovating the Nettles Gymnasium floor which would possibly allow for



“I firmly believe that the achievement of these goals will help USC Sumter contribute to the educated workforce we need and support Sumter as a location of choice for families and businesses that help grow and sustain our community into the future.”

Michael E. Sonntag Ph.D, dean of USC Sumter.

the basketball team to be reinstated. Plans exist to consider a tennis team in the near future. Within the existing baseball and softball programs, more funding is needed for recruiting and equipment. Because the baseball and softball programs do not have university budgets, all funds must be raised by the individual teams. The Carolina's Promise campaign would provide these teams with some much needed assistance. The university also has plans to renovate the weight rooms and add more modern equipment.

#### TEACHING AND CARING - EDUCATION FACILITIES

One of the key aspects of a traditional liberal arts education is the existence of strong science offerings in the curriculum. With the demand for academic programs in science and mathematics increasing, the need for more science classes and state-of-the-art facilities is a top priority. The existing science facilities date back to the 1960's. The science labs are due for a much needed renovation along with new laboratory equipment. Renovating the greenhouse would expand the capabilities for science classes and allow them to conduct more experiments outside the classroom.

#### TEACHING AND LEARNING - FACULTY SUPPORT

A strong faculty is the key to USC Sumter's goal of sustaining excellence in teaching while expanding

research and economic development. In order to keep up with the latest materials and information, professors must travel to conduct research. Funding needs to be provided to these professors who choose to enhance their skills. Many of USC Sumter's faculty are frequently asked to present research at regional, national and even international conferences. This greatly enhances the exposure and visibility of USC Sumter. With funding available for professors who choose to conduct research, the exposure of USC Sumter would increase dramatically.

#### GIVING AND GIVING BACK - STUDENT SUPPORT

Many of USC Sumter students come from under-served communities and are in need of financial assistance to make their educational dream a reality. Thanks to the generous support of Mr. Philip L. Edwards and the Williams-Brice-Edwards Trust, the University is pleased to offer a matching opportunity for gifts made to create new, and enhance existing endowed scholarships in support of students enrolled at USC Sumter. New endowed scholarship gifts of a minimum of \$2,500 will be matched, \$1:\$1, up to \$12,500. Only a fraction of the original matching fund remains available for this purpose, so give now to take advantage of this matching opportunity.



#### CHANGE IS GOOD

While growth and change are always occurring on the USC Sumter campus, some recent changes have been extremely positive for the campus and the community. The campus is currently in the process of installing WiFi in every building. A new digital marquee sign is set to be installed on the corner of University Drive and Miller Road. Glass panels have been installed in the Anderson Library roof and umbrellas have been added to tables in the patio area of the SUB. Watch for more changes to come!



# *giving back*

*The University of South Carolina Sumter is fortunate to receive many gifts from alumni and friends, all of which have a measurable impact on the quality of our students, faculty and programs.*

## **Horseshoe Society**

In 1998, The Horseshoe Society was established to pay tribute to the heritage of the University by honoring those alumni, donors, and special university supporters who have made cumulative gifts of \$100,000 or more.

## **ANNUAL GIVING SOCIETIES**

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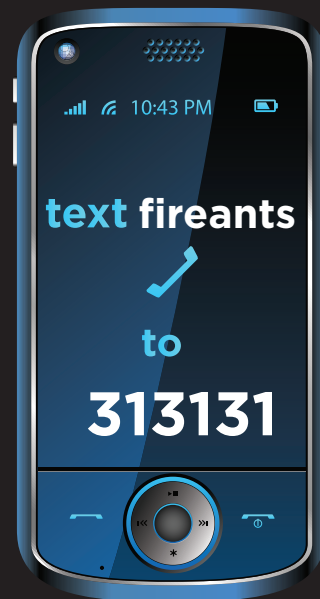
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