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- 2023 Fall Festival
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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.



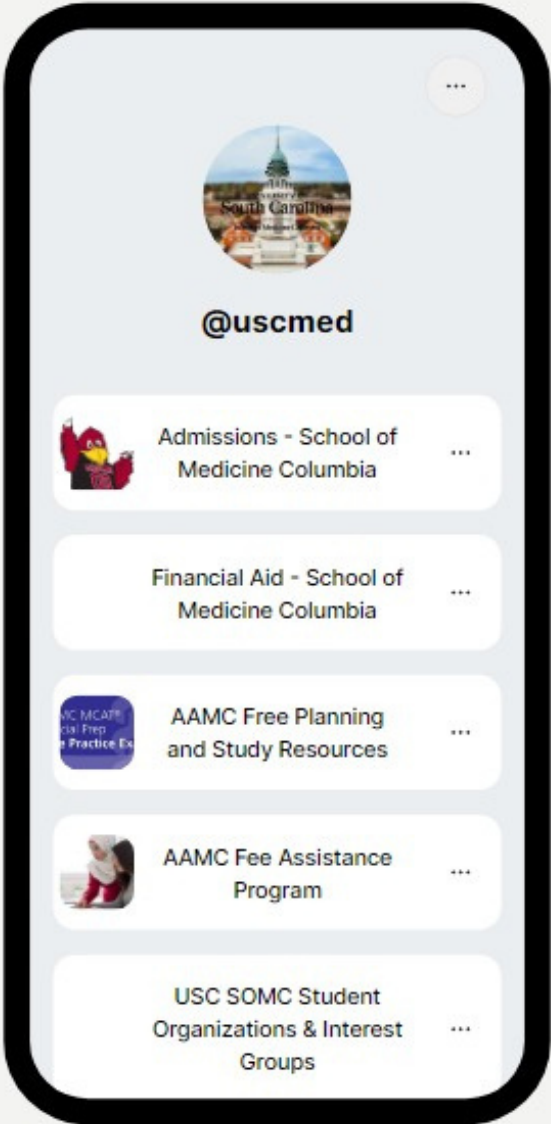
**School of Medicine
Columbia**

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CHECK OUT OUR LINK-TREE!

Access to resources related to attending USC School of Medicine-Columbia:

Find additional information about USC School of Medicine-Columbia on our linktree. This includes our current SOM Fact Sheet and Student Interest Groups.





Fall Semester for School of Medicine- Columbia has been vibrant... MI Orientation was a great start for our medical students. 1st year students were introduced to the curriculum and expectations for the year. Soon after was the 2023 White Coat Ceremonies which is a significant moment for our MI and MII students. And then there was Fall Festival, a fun annual event where students get to unwind and enjoy some festive activities. Overall, it has been a busy and productive semester, and we look forward to seeing SOM students continued growth and success!





First-Year Orientation: Much More Than Just a Campus-Wide Event:

First-year orientation at our School of Medicine is an immersive experience that goes beyond just meeting faculty and staff. It's an opportunity for students to connect with the community and participate in volunteering activities. In the photos above, you can see MI students packing school bags with the local Salvation Army to be distributed to elementary students. Just a small glimpse into their two-week introduction to campus.



Friday, September 29th the School of Medicine hosted the family and friends of the MI and MII students for their White Coat Ceremony:

The ceremony was a celebration of the students' achievements in the medical field and marked the beginning of their journey as healthcare professionals. During the ceremony, each student was presented with their white coat, which is a symbol of their commitment to the medical profession and the care they will provide to their future patients. The students were also reminded of the importance of compassion, empathy, and integrity in their work as medical professionals. The atmosphere was filled with excitement and pride as the students donned their white coats while their loved ones celebrated their achievements.

.....☐ **Student and Community Involvement**

Volunteerism is at the center of USC School of Medicine community. Below are some highlighted events from Spring Semester.

Trauma Surgery Interest Group Plans a Christmas Blanket Drive

Our Trauma Surgery Interest Group is hosting a Christmas Blanket Drive for patients in the ICU. A warm and cozy blanket can bring comfort and joy to those in need, especially during the holiday season. A small but meaningful way to show support and appreciation for those who are fighting to recover.

SNMA Hosting a Family for the Holidays

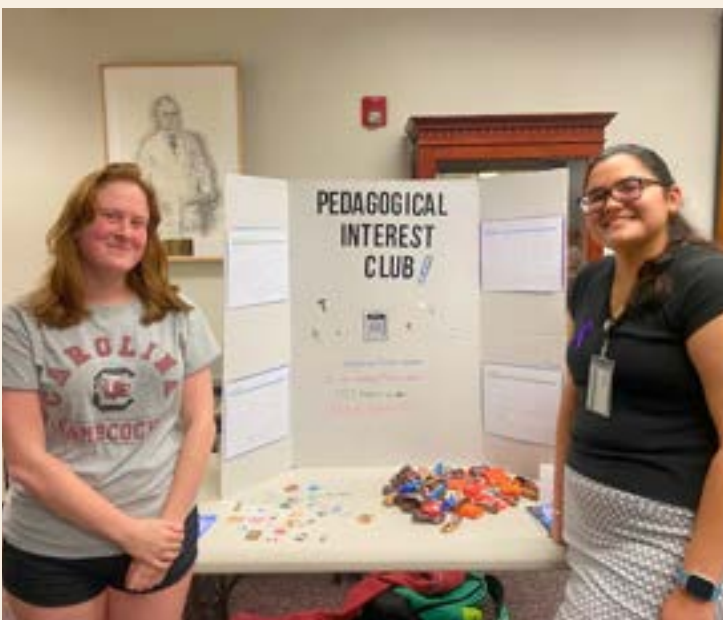
The Student National Medication association worked with Families Helping Families to provide Christmas gifts for a family of five. With an initial goal of \$500, the group was able to raise over \$1,000 in donations. The gifts were wrapped by students and staff before being delivered in time for the holiday season.



Student Org Fair!



Our school has chapters of many national organizations and numerous interest groups that allow you to learn more about each of your specialty choices. These organizations and interest groups are a great way to connect with like-minded individuals and gain valuable knowledge and experience in your chosen field.



School of Medicine Highlights!

Student Interest Groups

Below are some meetings held during fall semester by SOM students.

Psychiatry Interest Group □.....

The Psychiatry Interest Group welcomed two forensic psychiatrists to the SOM campus. As SOM faculty they were able share insights about their job responsibilities, work/life balance, and personal experiences with past cases. The group was engaged in the discussion and learned a lot from their presenters.

.....□ **Wilderness Medicine**

Weekend Getaway: The Wilderness Club's Camping Trip was a great way for students to take a mid-semester retreat to enjoy nature in South Carolina. The trip was organized by MII students and open to any current medical students.

Baking Club □.....

As they continue to work on the first ever School of Medicine cookbook, Baking Club has provided a necessary sugar break for students and staff. Their most recent meeting shared home-made pumpkin bread, chocolate chip muffins, cinnamon spiced gluten free cookies. Everyone is eagerly awaiting the next meeting to see what delicious treats they will bring. The cookbook is sure to be a great success, and we can't wait to see what other culinary delights it has in store.



Celebrating the Changing of Seasons at the School of Medicines' Fall Festival: Fall Festival: Fall Festival was a time of merriment as students indulged in popcorn and pizza, carved pumpkins, enjoyed a bouncy castle, and even got the chance to pie their favorite faculty members! USC's beloved Cocky was also present for the festivities.





**South Carolina and Fall Football:
Ladies from the MI and MII classes
compete!**

It's that time of year for football in South Carolina, and the medical students hosted their own intramural game. A special shoutout to the MII class for their impressive victory over the MIs!

MI vs MII Football Game!



**BARSC-MD
mentorship dinner!**



Valuing Mentorship: USC Honors' Students Engage with School of Medicine Mentors:
Mentorship is an essential part of the University of South Carolina's culture. This semester, USC Honors students pursuing the accelerated medical degree "BARSC-MD" had the opportunity to meet with their School of Medicine mentors. The event was a chance to make connections and enjoy dinner together.

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Diversity and Inclusion



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SOM SNMA Hosts Pre-Medical Conference

The SOM chapter for the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) recently held its first Pre-Medical Conference since 2020. The event was designed to provide pre-medical students in South Carolina with a day of information and skill sharing.

Dr. Kevin Blas, the keynote speaker (*pictured above*), delivered an inspiring talk to the group. The day also included a clinical skills workshop and ultrasound demonstration. Attendees had the opportunity to learn clinical skills from current medical students. They also gained personal insight into the MCAT and medical school application process. The conference was a great success in inspiring local students to consider a career in medicine.



.....□ **Mental Wellness at SOM-C**



Yoga on the lawn!

Students have taken to yoga on the SOM lawn. A mid-day break where students can release tension and move their bodies.



MEET Juliet!



Therapy dogs are a SOM favorite for students and staff. A campus treasure is Juliet, a St. Bernard who often provides SOM students with cuddles and support throughout the semester. Biweekly, Juliet can be found in the main lobby of Building 3 or outside in the SOM courtyard. Many students have reported that spending time with Juliet has helped them feel more relaxed and comforted. Look for her on instagram @goodgirljuliet



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. This series provides medical students the opportunity to also present their research. This Fall, we've seen students present on:

“Addressing Chart Audits to Improve Hypertension Control” by Kyra Dixon, MII (Mentor: Dr. Jason Liu, Md, FACP)

“Exercise in Pregnancy” presented by Emily McGillm, MII (Mentor: Dr. Abbi Lane)

“Hepatitis C Screening and Treatment in a Primcary Care Clinic” by Kate Gregory, MII (Mentors: Dr. Rhodes and Dr. Nodelman)

[**READ MORE ABOUT SOAR**](#)





DAY IN THE LIFE!

Learn more about campus visits [here](#).

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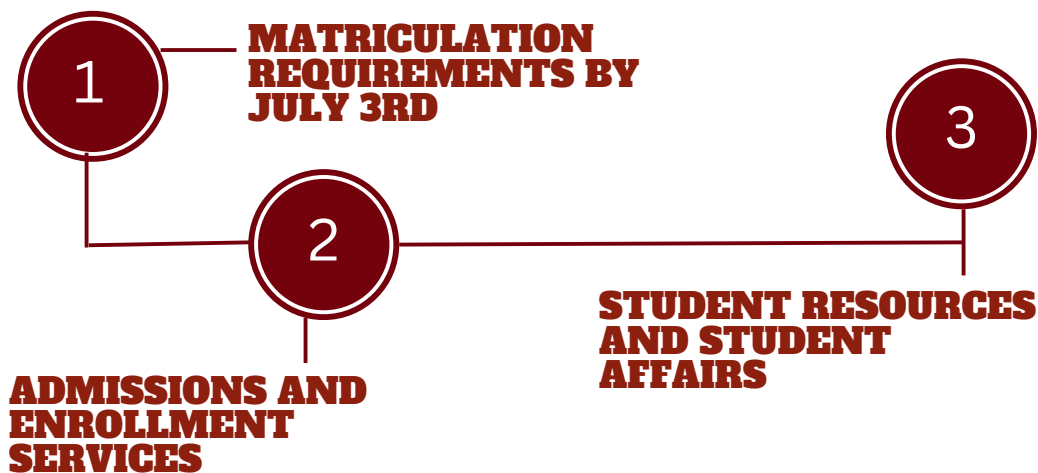
What an amazing experience... The day began with us sitting in a 2-hour lecture... The professor was absolutely fantastic... We then toured the Ultrasound Lab which was the coolest experience. Lastly, we visited the Anatomy Lab where we were able to observe the cadavers from a distance and view the various items/body parts in the museum. **This experience was moving** but was also incredible to see especially since each body donated was from someone who supported the school... the school holds a funeral where all family members are invited -- **a great display of character from the school.**

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Below, we have provided some guidance for navigating the [New Student page](#). Prior to new student orientation on July 1st, you will need to complete student tasks before you can matriculate:



1. Start with important matriculation tasks including the background check, drug screening, HIPPA training, etc.
2. Familiarize yourself with information on registration, your SOM email account, and any financial aid and residency tasks.
3. Lastly, review student resources which include the academic calendar, student disability resources, student health insurance, etc.

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

