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A newsletter for the Graduate School at the College of Charleston

January 2014

## Graduate School Spring Orientation 2014

Despite the cold weather, we had a wonderful time meeting our newest graduate students at the Graduate School Spring Orientation. Incoming graduate students met together at the Stern Center to socialize, familiarize themselves with the University campus, academic opportunities, student services information, and programs offered at the College of Charleston. The Orientation was led by Cicely McCray, Dean Amy McCandless, the Graduate Student Association, Program Coordinators, and the Graduate School staff. Our goal was to assist new students in making a smooth transition into graduate school. We are thrilled to welcome all of our new graduate students and look forward to their successes careers here at the College of Charleston!



## Mark Your Calendars for Graduate Education Week, January 22-29, 2014!

The Graduate School is very pleased to announce our upcoming Graduate Education Week, a week-long series of events dedicated to promoting graduate education and highlighting the achievements of our current graduate students here at the College of Charleston. Graduate Education Week will start on Wednesday, January 22 with an Open House Breakfast hosted by the Graduate Studies Office. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to stop by the Graduate School Office on the third floor of Randolph Hall to grab a quick bite as we kick off the week's activities.

Throughout the week, there will be various events in which prospective students can learn more about the graduate programs offered by the College of Charleston. Many programs will be hosting information sessions, and other informal gatherings for interested students to meet with program directors and current students to discuss specific programs. Other informational sessions will be held throughout the week to provide students with more opportunities to learn about maximizing the potential of their graduate experience. In conjunction with Career Services, we will be hosting two workshops specifically dedicated to networking and career building strategies for prospective undergraduate students and current graduate students alike. Other meetings will focus on the student assistantships and international opportunities available for students. The week will conclude with the Graduate Research Poster Session on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> where graduate students will present the culmination of their various research endeavors. Events are open to all students, undergraduate or graduate, faculty, and staff. All Graduate Education Week events are listed in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter as well as on our blog at [blogs.cofc.edu/gradschool](http://blogs.cofc.edu/gradschool). Be sure to check our Facebook and Twitter pages for updates and reminders for events as the week draws nearer!

# You Go Grad



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# Upcoming Events

Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00-11:00 am  
Breakfast Open House  
Graduate School Office

Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3:00-5:00 pm  
Historic Preservation Open House and Tour  
292 Meeting Street, Room 208

Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 am-1:00 pm  
Tour of Grice Marine Lab, DNR Marine Resources Institute and Federal Hollings Marine Lab  
(Bus will take participants to and from Fort Johnson/James Island and lunch is provided)

Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, Noon-1:00 pm  
International Opportunities Brownbag Lunch Discussion  
9 College Way, Room 201

Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00 pm  
GSA Mix and Mingle  
Stern Center Ballroom

Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, Noon-1:00 pm  
Master's in Child Life Lunch and Learn  
Education Center, Room 218

Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-4:00 pm  
Career Services Session: "Career Exploration"  
Stern Center, Room 201

Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-4:00 pm  
Career Services Networking Workshop  
Tate Center, Room T132

Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, Noon-1:00 pm  
Information Session on 4+1 Programs in Math and Computer Science  
Location TBD

Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-3:00  
Information Session Scholarships and Assistantships  
Beatty Center, Room 120

Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00 pm  
Graduate Research Poster Session  
Stern Center Ballroom

Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm  
GSA Meeting  
Stern Center 409

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