

# inspire

A newsletter for the Graduate School at the College of Charleston

March 2014

## Graduate Student Joins SC State House for Arts Advocacy Day

For many young graduate students, the opportunity to advocate and promote personal research interests seems a distant possibility reserved only for well-established scholars, but for first year Elementary Education M.A.T. student, Tatjana Zehntner, the chance to see her research in practice became a reality with a recent trip to the South Carolina state legislature in February. As a graduate assistant, Tatjana was offered the opportunity to attend Arts Advocacy Day in Columbia and meet with leading art education advocates from around the state. With her research interests in education systems and teaching environments, Tatjana said that her visit to Columbia for Arts Advocacy Day “proved to be an amazing afternoon getting to know our legislators and how they are involved in our education such as the arts. I am learning essential key ingredients for my journey to becoming a better teacher, and I am blessed to have such wonderful professors who are also exquisite mentors.” Tatjana’s experience is a shining example of the success that follows our students beyond the classroom. We are proud to be able to offer our students opportunities that allow them to take the next steps in mastering their futures!



## Congratulations Graduate Poster Session Winners!

The close of the 2014 Graduate Education Week was marked by a wonderful showcase of student research at our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Graduate Poster Session on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Twenty six graduate students representing six of our graduate programs presented their respective research projects. The Graduate Poster Session was a great opportunity for students across a variety a disciplines to come together and share their interests with the graduate school community. Winners from each research category were selected by a panel of judges appointed based on their fields of specializations. Attendees of the session also cast their vote for the People’s Choice Winner. We thank all of those students and judges who participated in the session and congratulate our presentation winners!

### **Humanities, Social Sciences, & Professional (tie)**

Briana Kloc, Environmental Studies  
Bradley Blankemeyer, History

### **Mathematics & Sciences (tie)**

Alyssa Demko, Marine Biology  
Friedrich Knuth, Environmental Studies

### **People’s Choice**

Andrea Margiotta, Marine Biology



# You Go Grad!



Cheryl Carmack is a second year graduate student in the Environmental Studies Program. She started working with local nonprofit organization Charleston Waterkeeper (<http://charlestonwaterkeeper.org>) in August 2012 as part of a graduate assistantship through the College of Charleston. As part of her academic internship, she worked in collaboration with the College and other local and state agencies to develop a full scale, regulatory level water quality monitoring program at Charleston Waterkeeper with a state certified environmental laboratory housed here at the College. The Recreational Water Quality Monitoring Program monitors several sites around the Charleston Harbor for levels of fecal pollution during the spring and summer months. She will be presenting her work at the South Carolina Environmental Conference this month and the Geological Society of America's Southeastern Section Annual Meeting in April. After graduation, Cheryl hopes to continue and expand her work with the program and Charleston Waterkeeper.



## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>-Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Charleston Fashion Week  
Marion Square

Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am  
Charleston St. Patrick's Day Parade  
King Street

Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 pm  
GSA Meeting  
Stern Center Room 409

Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
Family Circle Cup  
Daniel Island

Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>  
Deadline to order graduate announcements

Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Deadline to order graduation regalia

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