

Grad students receive awards

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The University of South Carolina recognized the accomplishments of its outstanding graduate students in teaching, research, scholarship and creativity during the third annual Graduate Student Day April 1.

"Graduate Student Day is the time that the university celebrates the achievements of its graduate students, the future leaders in education, research, business and industry, engineering, the arts, government, the sciences, health and medicine," Marcia Welsh, dean of the Graduate School, said.

"It is important to honor their hard work in their academic pursuits, as well as the contributions that they have made to the university community," she said.

USC President John M. Palms joined the university's deans and faculty members to present more than 70 awards to graduate students.

USC named Reina Pennington of Ridgeway the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant. She is pursuing a doctoral degree in history.

After earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Louisville, Pennington served in the Air Force for 10 years as an intelligence officer before attending USC to earn a master's degree in history and a graduate certificate in women's studies.

"This is a great honor. It is particularly meaningful to know that I have had an impact on student's lives. That's what teaching is all about," Pennington said.

She taught History 101 this year. "History 101 is a required class, and students don't always come in expecting to enjoy it," Pennington said.

"But I think it is important to teach with passion -- passion about your subject --



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From right: Graduate school dean Marcia Welsh, talks with Reina Pennington who received the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant award.

and let it show to your students. Passion is contagious," she said.

Pennington also received an award from Professional Women on Campus for an Outstanding Research Paper by a Women Graduate Student.

Pennington said she plans to teach at a college or university.

The Dean's Awards for Excellence in Graduate Study were presented to:

Leslie Burke of Chapin, a doctoral degree student in clinical/community psychology.

Jerrell Cogburn of Tulsa, Okla., a doctoral degree student in political science; Erin Morrissey-Kane of Columbia, a

doctoral degree student in clinical/community psychology; and Gowri Nagarajan of Kanchipura, India, a doctoral degree graduate in chemical engineering.

Also as part of the Graduate Student Day celebration, master's and doctoral degree students had the opportunity to showcase their work in competitions that included oral and poster presentations in 10 academic categories.

Winners received \$1,000 for first place; \$400, second place; and \$100, third place.

Graduate Student Day is sponsored by the Graduate School and the Graduate Student Association.

Students honor faculty at Capstone reception

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Seven USC faculty members will be honored today by students they have influenced this year.

The Capstone Area Award for Excellence In Teaching program will be at 4 p.m. in Capstone.

The faculty members being honored are Rodney Roendfeldt of the College of Business-Finance, James Bradley of the College of Business-Economics, Pete Mackey of the Office of the President and the College of Business, Andrew Chishom of the College of Criminal Justice.

Others include: Paul Higgins of the College of Liberal Arts, Doug Chavous of the College of Pharmacy and David Cowen of the College of Liberal Arts-Geography.

Mark Jennings, resident life coordinator of Capstone Area coordinated the awards and will give the introduction of speakers.

Don Greiner, associate provost and dean of undergraduate affairs, will provide the keynote address.

Students will present the awards to the faculty members they nominated.

Closing remarks will be given by Andy Fink, assistant director for residence life.

A reception will follow the ceremony.

On-line registration ends TIPS hassle

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Bayer said that these students will not have the hassle of hearing that the sections of their classes have been canceled over TIPS; they can find out with a click of the mouse as they wait to register on-line.

Advisors will have a copy of all the theater, speech and dance courses that were left off the master schedule, and geography 310A can be found

on-line at <http://www.argo.regs.sc.edu>

"The Master Schedule will change day by day on the web as registration begins," Bayer said.

"Students should check what classes are still available before they call TIPS. This will eliminate students having to re-work their schedules while waiting on the phone and tying up the line."

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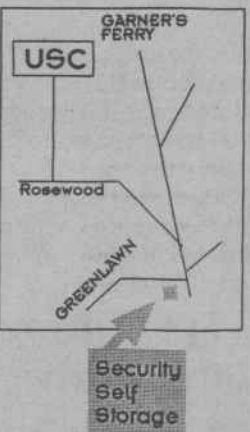
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