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New York March 26. The two winning USC groups, Palmetto Solutions and The Red Carpet Group, will compete against Loyola University at the finals.

As one event, Palmetto Solutions and residential life assistants held information sessions on credit, which was taught by RAs at Bates, McClintock and Patterson Hall. Sessions were open to all students at USC. Afterward, a survey was given to the students in attendance and to RAs who taught the

material. Surveys were also handed out in front of the Astronomy Center and in several marketing, journalism and management classes to evaluate students' knowledge and feelings on credit.

In the team's preparation for Detroit, Palmetto Solutions member Alison Shuman, a fourth-year advertising student, said her team was figuring out how to present their results for the judges.

The Red Carpet Group's slogan is "Credit Opens Doors." This was also developed much like the Palmetto Solutions' slogan through events and research on 17- to 23-year-olds' thoughts about

credit. From their research, the group found that students want to use their credit as a way to move ahead and "open doors" for them.

In the "Red Carpet Event", five different types of vehicles were on display in front of the Russell House. Attached to the cars was information describing what the types of payments would be at different credit rates.

"It was a chance for people to come out and see how credit is used," team member fourth-year public relations student Katie Page said.

Beth Dickey, faculty adviser for

the teams, said this was a great accomplishment for two teams to achieve this level of competition.

"I think Ford credit was pretty difficult to do," Dickey said. "We had extraordinary applicants."

The final stage of competition will consist of a 30-minute visual presentation of their campaign and 15 minutes of questions from the judges afterward.

"This is such a hands-on experience and a real-life challenge," Shuman said.

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The two teams that will travel to Detroit:

Palmetto Solutions: Sheryl Hudgins, Lincoln, Neb.; Kanika Kaura, Lagos, Nigeria; Jeffrey Poulin, Charleston; Alison Shuman, Columbia; Jacque Riley, Gainesville, Fla.

The Red Carpet Group: Katie Page, Raleigh, N.C.; Katie Magers, Southlake, Texas; Amanda Ingram, Simpsonville; Mary Elizabeth Gale, Lexington; Jamie Wright, Gilbert.

Awards

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pology student, received the Sullivan Awards while Amanda Marshall, a Spanish student, received the Swanger Award.

"These three students represent the many outstanding students who have chosen the University of South Carolina for their education," Sorensen said in a news release.

The university presents the Sullivan award to one male and one female graduating senior who demonstrate excellence in academics, leadership and service during their years at USC.

Edwards, who plans to attend law school in the fall and is interested in corporate and international law, said he hopes winning the Sullivan award might help him with a law school application.

"This award may make a difference in my application. That was one of the reasons why I was excited when I won," Edwards said.

Edwards said he was surprised when he won.

"I knew about it, and — I'm not going to lie — I hoped I'd maybe get it, but most of the stuff I did was because I wanted to get involved and I wanted to get into a good law school," Edwards said.

Bratcher said she plans to attend medical school in the fall at either Johns Hopkins or Vanderbilt. She is interested in rural health.

Bratcher said this award

would serve as an impetus for future endeavors.

"I think it's obviously a huge honor, but it is also a motivator and inspiration to make you want to keep trying to impact the community and to live up to that ideal that was honored in the first place," she said.

The Swanger Award recognizes leadership and contributions to the USC community.

"I think this is a capstone to a lot of work I've done at Carolina," Marshall said.

Marshall plans to attend medical school next year, but hasn't decided where. She is interested in emergency medicine and the advocating of Hispanic health care issues.

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Homecoming

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a Greek thing, anyway," she said, "I know that the Greek people have a lot to do with it. I think it's a big deal for them."

Although the festivities last all week, Kuo said she didn't really feel marketed to.

"I don't think the school really involves the other people," she said.

The festivities include a variety of events. Ballard said there would be an event every day during homecoming. The Spurs and Struts dance contest is set for Monday; Tuesday will be the showcase, where the homecoming king and queen will be crowned; Wednesday will be Band Jam, Thursday will have a float party

and Friday will be the parade and Cockfest.

Ballard also hinted the committee has a special surprise in store for the Showcase.

The theme this year is "Carolina Fever: Warming Up The South."

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Mad Monkey, a local production company, will hold a casting session for USC Students on April 22nd from 2pm-4pm at the USC Visitor Center in the Carolina Plaza.

There are speaking and non-speaking roles and the finished product will be shown to campus visitors starting later this summer.

Come out and support your University. Some of the roles will be paid.

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