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The
Spiral

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President's Message

Welcome back!

The Academy for Lifelong Learning Fall semester begins on September 6. We have a diverse selection of 29 courses this fall plus 2 trips and special events, so there is sure to be something for everyone. Our fall semester ends the middle of December. Spring 2018 semester begins in mid-January 2018.

Yes, course registration is still open. You can print the registration form from the course catalog on our web page www.aikenlearning.org or register in person at Abby Grizzle's office in Business & Education room 113. If you have already registered for classes, you should have received an email confirmation. If not, please contact Abby. We currently have wait-listed names for a few of our courses, as shown on our website's Catalog page. If a course you have registered for is shown as waitlisted on your registration form, please do not attend unless notified by Abby Grizzle from the Continuing Education office. Two of our previous waitlisted courses have been moved to larger rooms, so be sure to check our web page for the most current information.

A few important things to remember as the semester progresses:

Park only between the white lines in the lots (or a handicapped slot [if applicable]). There are no parking stickers this year for the white lines—if you park between yellow lines, you run the risk of being ticketed.

Check your email daily. This is the only efficient way to notify you when a class has been relocated or we need to convey additional information.

We all need to stay flexible. There will be days where there are bumps in the road, but remember we have an outstanding program that we all enjoy.

The first Aiken Partnership Board meeting of this semester was held August 23 at the USCA Convocation Center. I attended as the Academy for Lifelong Learning president and representative. Here are a

few items I thought might be of interest to you.

Jim Herlihy is the new USCA Athletic Director. He has been in his position here for about three months; his most recent position was Senior Associate Athletics Director for Administration and Finance at University of Massachusetts. He is excited to be here and has many new ideas to bring to our campus.

Classes for all students began August 24. This year's USCA enrollment is about the same level as the 2016-2017 school year. One of the school's missions this year is to launch a Chancellor's Diversity task force to enable us to become a more diverse campus.

USCA is again short of funding from the state of South Carolina. Therefore, funding from contributions, fundraising, etc., are increasing important this year.

New degree options being worked on include majors in Cyber Security and Applied Gaming, and an Equine minor.

Have a great semester.

Jan Van Slyke, Academy President

Social Media Course Withdrawn

We're sorry to announce that the instructor scheduled for the *Social Media and You* course will not be available this Fall. We are hoping to be able to reschedule this course in the Spring. Please update your copy of the catalog appropriately.

Room Assignment Changes to Accommodate Larger Class Sizes

The following over-subscribed classes have been moved to reduce or eliminate wait lists:

Famous and Amazing Aikenites – now in B&E 116

Tour Italy from Top to Toe – now in B&E 122

Those on wait lists that are affected by these changes have been notified.

Be sure your copy of the catalog reflects these changes. Also check the Catalog Update page on the Academy website regularly for the latest information on changes occurring between issues of *The Spiral*: www.aikenlearning.org/Catalog_Update.php

Meet the New Face of the Academy at USCA

The Administrative Assistant in USCA's Continuing Education Department is the primary interface between our Academy members and USCA. We were thrown for a loop last November when Amy Westra announce she was leaving her Administrative Assistant position for personal reasons. Fortunately, Laura Anderson, who retired from that position in 2015 was willing to come back and fill in until a replacement could be found.

The University search and hiring process, in which your Board participated, took longer than we had hoped, but it turned out to be worth the wait as the committee found us a truly outstanding candidate and USCA hired Abby Grizzle early this summer.

Your Board has worked hand in hand with Abby all summer as we prepared for this Fall semester, and we have found her to be an excellent addition to our team. She is knowledgeable and efficient, has an outstanding set of job skills, is enthusiastic and eager to learn, and is a joy to be around.

Recently *The Spiral* asked Abby what she'd like Academy members to know about her and this was her response:

I was born in Charleston, SC, but my Dad was in the Air Force so we moved around a lot. We finally settled down in Myrtle Beach, SC in 1993 when the Myrtle Beach Air Force base closed and we officially called South Carolina home.

I received my bachelor's degree in Political Science from Coastal Carolina University and a Paralegal Certificate from Horry Georgetown Technical College, both in Myrtle Beach. I am currently pursuing my Masters in Teaching and Education with a focus on Student Services from Liberty University.

I met my husband, Michael, while we were both in college and we have one son, Peyton. Michael is an Occupational Therapy Assistant in the Army, so our family is back to moving around again, with Michael currently being assigned to Fort Gordon. We are new to the Aiken/Augusta area having moved here from Michael's previous assignment in rainy Tacoma, Washington.

We love watching and playing sports – my son plays baseball and basketball and when my husband isn't

busy coaching my son's teams, he is playing his own sports: golf, baseball, basketball, and anything else that keeps him active. We are a very active family and enjoy being outside as often as possible. We are so grateful to be back in the South! We are both excited to be near our families and back to sunshine and warmth!



Abby Grizzle with son Peyton and husband Michael

You can phone Abby at (803)641-3563, email her at info@aikenlearning.org, or just stop in to B&E 113 sometime and say "Hi" to USCA's smiling new face of the Academy.

Steeplechase Registration Closes September 15



The Academy will again be hosting a railside spot at the 26th running of the Aiken Fall Steeplechase on Saturday, October 28. The \$30 per person registration fee covers supplies, your entrance fee, and helps pay for the railside space. Parking is not included and is \$30/vehicle at the gate or may be pre-purchased for \$20 at various locations around Aiken. Bring a dish to pass, your beverage of choice, and a chair. Ice and tableware will be provided

Registration for this event closes September 15 to give the Academy time to arrange for the railside space and purchase and distribute tickets.

For further information see the steeplechase website, www.aikensteeplechase.com/fallevent.html.

Academy Membership Cards



Your Academy Membership card entitles you to a number of benefits on the USCA campus, among them the use of the USCA Gregg-Graniteville Library, discounts at the University bookstore and cafeteria,

and student pricing at student-run events at the Etherredge Center.

Membership cards were given to registrants during the walk-in registration days, August 7-10. Registered Academy members who still need a card may obtain one from the Continuing Education office at USCA Business and Education Building, Room 113.

Courses Beginning This Month

Please see the published catalog for full descriptions and additional information. (You can download the current catalog from the Academy website at <http://www.aikenlearning.org/catalog/>). To enroll, return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact USCA Department of Continuing Education at USCA (803-641-3563 / info@aikenlearning.org).

IMPORTANT NOTE: A number of our courses have reached capacity and are wait listed. Do NOT attend these classes or events unless you have pre-registered AND have received written confirmation of your registration from USCA.

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Dates: 4 Wednesdays, September 6, 13, 20, 27
Time: 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 124

FINDING SHAKESPEARE'S SISTERS IN VIRGINIA WOOLF'S A ROOM OF ONE'S OWN

Dates: 4 Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, 28
Time: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 124

JUDAISM

Dates: 4 Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, 28
Time: 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 124

UNDERSTANDING THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN-ISLAMIC FAITHS

Dates: 4 Mondays, September 11, 18, 25; October 2
Time: 10:00-10:50 a.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 124

MOTION ILLUSION DEVICES AND DEVELOPMENTS IN EARLY ANIMATION AND FILM

Date: 4 Mondays, September 11, 18, 25; October 2
Time: 1:00-1:50 p.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 124

LIVE FROM THE MET

Dates: 4 Tuesdays, September 12, 19, 26; October 3
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 122

A LITTLE MORE OF EVERYTHING

Dates: 3 Tuesdays, September 12, 19, 26
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: First Presbyterian Church Kitchen, 224 Barnwell Ave
Cost: \$25 per person (pay to instructor at first class)

THE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA-BEHIND THE SCENES

Dates: 4 Wednesdays, September 13, 20, 27; October 4
Time: 3:00-3:50 p.m.
Location: Penland Administration Building, Room 106

ELECTRIC CARS

Date: Thursday, September 14
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: 203 Laurens St., Aiken (Basement of the former Aiken Post Office)

FAMOUS AND AMAZING AIKENITES

Dates: 4 Mondays, September 18, 25; October 2, 9
Time: 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 116
Note location change from some versions of catalog.

~~SOCIAL MEDIA AND YOU!~~ **CANCELED**

~~**Dates:** 2 Tuesdays, September 19, 26
Time: 3:00-3:50 p.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 124~~

CONFLICT RESOLUTION THROUGH RECONCILIATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

Date: Tuesday, September 26
Time: 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 122

ENERGY SOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Dates: 3 Thursdays, September 28; October 5, 12
Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 124

APPALACHIAN CULTURE

Dates: 2 Fridays, September 29; October 6
Time: 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
Location: Penland Administration Building, Room 106



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ACADEMY CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER 2017

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