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Despite Problems With USCA Computer Network, Academy's First Online Registration A Success

The Spring 2018 term marks the inauguration of the Academy's use of new class management software from Active Network. One of the most-desired features of this software is the ability to register online via custom pages on Active's website.

The Academy expected there might be some glitches when online registration was opened up for the first time, but as it turns out, the main problem that arose had nothing to do with the registration system itself.

The local area network (LAN) for the USCA campus broke down Monday December 18 shortly before the Academy's Open Registration was to begin at 9:00 am. Since the computers to be used for Open Registration all interface via this LAN, they could not connect to Active Network's registration system. The Continuing Education department quickly scrambled to borrow laptops from around campus that could be configured to connect to the registration site wirelessly, thus bypassing the failed campus LAN. By all reports they had this work-around up and running in about an hour.

The irony of the whole thing is that the people who came to the Open Registration sessions to avoid potential problems with online registration were the ones affected, while those who registered online from home did so with little or no difficulty.

The Academy extends its appreciation to the USCA students who voluntarily gave up part of their semester break to assist the Continuing Education Department Staff with our Open Registration.

All in all, 145 people signed up on opening day, with about a third of them doing so from off-campus via the online system. By the time the campus closed down for the staff Holiday break, over 180 Academy members had registered for the Spring term.

One disappointing note: During the first hour or so, while the initial computer connection problems were getting ironed out, several upset individuals gave the Open Registration workers a hard time over the delays. All the workers, both Staff and student volunteers, did an admirable job of pitching in to correct an unforeseeable situation, and did not deserve the verbal abuse they received from a disgruntled few.

Spring 2018 Semester About to Begin

The first class of the Spring term begins January 18 and there are many short courses beginning throughout the semester. You may register online ([click here](#)) or download the catalog ([click here](#)), fill out the included registration form and return it with any required payment to the address on the form.

Beginning Drawing Course Canceled

After the Spring catalog was printed the instructor for the *Beginning Drawing (Pencils are for More Than Math)* course had to withdraw due to health issues. She was really looking forward to teaching this course and hopes to be able to offer it in an upcoming semester.

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, [register online](#) or 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: Do NOT attend these classes or events unless you have pre-registered AND have received written confirmation of your registration from USCA.

CHEMISTRY, CLIMATE, COAL AND COWS

Date: Thursday, January 18

Time: 10:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg. Room 124

PALMETTO AND AIKEN GOLF CLUB COURSES

Dates: 6 Mondays, January 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26

Time: 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg. Room 124

LINE DANCING FOR BEGINNERS

Date: 6 Mondays, Jan 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26

Time: 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg., 2nd fl. Gym

STUDIES IN ALTERNATE HISTORY/SCI-FI: *LEST DARKNESS FALL AND PARALLEL HOURS*

Dates: 4 Tuesdays, January 23, 30, February 6, 13

Time: 1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg. Room 124

TEAMING WITH NATURE: YARDS AND GARDENS WITHOUT CHEMICALS

Dates: 3 Thursdays, January 25; February 1, 8

Time: 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a. m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg. Room 124

SPAIN 1492

Dates: 3 Wednesdays, January 31; February 7, 14

Time: 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg. Room 124

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Sherry and Doug Wilson toured Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay during a recent West Coast trip. Fortunately, the Alcatraz authorities allowed them to leave.


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ACADEMY CALENDAR – JANUARY 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 USCA Offices Reopen	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Curriculum Comm. 2:30-4:00p [P 110]	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr Day – Campus Closed	16 USCA Classes Begin	17	18 <i>Chemistry, Climate</i> 10:00-11:15a [B 124]	19	20
21	22 <i>Palmet. & Aiken GC</i> 9:00-10:00a [B 124] <i>Beg. Line Dancing</i> 11a-12n [B gym]	23 <i>Alt Hist/Sci-Fi</i> 1:00-2:15p [B 124]	24	25 <i>Teaming w. Nature</i> 9:00-10:00a [B 124]	26	27
28	29 <i>Palmet. & Aiken GC</i> 9:00-10:00a [B 124] <i>Beg. Line Dancing</i> 11a-12n [B gym]	30 <i>Alt Hist/Sci-Fi</i> 1:00-2:15p [B 124]	31 <i>Spain 1492</i> 2:00-3:00p [B 124]			
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