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The 2011 Homecoming Week ends this week with a must-win game against Florida at noon on Saturday. **RSVP for CCSP [here](#) for The Citadel (noon, Nov. 19) and [here](#) for Clemson (7:45 Nov. 26)**, and as soon as possible so we can request a space large enough to accommodate our group. We suggest that you arrive early on game days to get a seat/table. And we also ask that you be patient on Saturdays when our games are later in the day-- the other schools' games are just as important to them so respect the space of those watching before us.

RSVP for Hard Times in Bethesda to Lizzie Carver at [lizzie.carver@gmail.com](mailto:lizzie.carver@gmail.com). Also, there are a few "unofficial" Gamecock bars in DC: Old Dominion Brewhouse (1219 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW; contact Mike at [mooremny@aol.com](mailto:mooremny@aol.com)), Shamrock and Star (1341 H Street, NE; contact Jaie at [JNeubauer@reyesholdings.com](mailto:JNeubauer@reyesholdings.com)) and Public Bar Tenley (4611 41st St NW; contact OT at [larry3gibbons@gmail.com](mailto:larry3gibbons@gmail.com)).

For other area clubs' game watch locations and information, contact the following: Baltimore: Kelly Cagle, [kbcagle@gmail.com](mailto:kbcagle@gmail.com); Richmond: Paul Mashack, [pmashack@gmail.com](mailto:pmashack@gmail.com); Roanoke/Southwest Virginia: Dustin Akers, [dustinakersusc@gmail.com](mailto:dustinakersusc@gmail.com); Hampton Roads: Laurie McElveen, [Laurie.mcelveen@gmail.com](mailto:Laurie.mcelveen@gmail.com)

**DC Dance Marathon, November 19**

Join DC alumni and friends for DC's Dance Marathon on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. The event will take place at the Embassy Suites Washington, D.C. Convention Center (located near Mt. Vernon Square). Dance Marathon is a nationwide movement, involving young professionals across the country, raising money for the Children's Miracle Network hospital in their community... and now it's hitting the District! Registration is \$35. To register or donate, visit [dcdancemarathon.com](http://dcdancemarathon.com) and look for the DC Gamecocks team. Contact Lexi Bingnear at [lexi.bingnear@gmail.com](mailto:lexi.bingnear@gmail.com).

**Annual SEC Toys for Tots Happy Hour, December 8**

Get ready for this year's SEC East vs SEC West Toys for Tots showdown at Clyde's in Chinatown. Come express your school's spirit and help crown this year's champion of charity. We'll also welcome new SEC members Texas A&M and Missouri!! Donations of new, unwrapped toys are encouraged or

cash donations of at least \$5. Drink specials include: \$5.00 Svedka Vodka (various flavors) mixed drinks; \$5.00 Firefly Vodka (various flavors) mixed drinks; \$7.00 Jim Beam Red Stag and Jack Daniels Devil's Cut mixed drinks; \$5.00 Miller Lite and Coors Light 16oz Aluminum Bottles – or \$20 for a bucket of 5.

### **Virginia License Plate Campaign Update**

We're in the process of revamping the Virginia license plate campaign. A page has been created on [Facebook](#) and will be maintained by Richmond's Club President Paul Maschak. Paul will be working with our club to get the campaign moving in the right direction. He can be reached at [paulmashack@gmail.com](mailto:paulmashack@gmail.com). Or you may continue to contact Melissa Green at [gamecox94@yahoo.com](mailto:gamecox94@yahoo.com). Information about the campaign can be found on the [DMV's site](#).

### **LOOK FOR US ON FACEBOOK UNDER "DC GAMECOCKS."**

### **Alumni Sports**

#### **2011 Alumni Flag Football Season Underway: Do You Want to Play?**

There is still time to join the team this season for alumni flag football as part of the Capital Alumni Network's league. Games will run through playoffs in December and we'll black out weekends of big USC football games on the schedule. Games will be played Saturdays and/or Sundays at Anacostia Park in Washington, DC. More info can be found [here](#). Or contact J.K. Chaney at [jkchaney@gmail.com](mailto:jkchaney@gmail.com).

### **Community Service**

#### **Higher Achievement Looking for Volunteers**

The Capital Alumni Network (CAN) and Higher Achievement (HA) are looking for volunteers who can help out with two new initiatives: Basketball Clinic for one week (5–6 p.m. at Alexandria location) and a possible speaker series on college or professional development. HA is also looking for mentors to help out with various after school activities at several locations in DC and VA. Sign up at [www.higherachievement.org/volunteer](http://www.higherachievement.org/volunteer).

Higher Achievement is a four-year, year-round academic enrichment program that extends learning opportunities for middle school youth, guaranteeing underserved students equal access to success in both school and life. Its mission is to develop academic skills, behaviors and attitudes in underserved middle school youth to improve their grades, test scores, attendance and opportunities. For more information, contact CAN's Community Service Committee at [commserv@dcalum.org](mailto:commserv@dcalum.org).

#### **Wreaths Across America Arlington Cemetery Wreath Laying, December 10**

We're teaming up with the Capital Alumni Network (CAN) to honor our nation's fallen by sponsoring wreaths from Wreaths Across America and participating in its annual wreath-laying event at Arlington National Cemetery. More than 20,000 wreaths will be placed on graves at Arlington National Cemetery Saturday, Dec. 10. We will send more information on the event itself at a later date.

To purchase wreaths, visit <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/store/> to select your level of support: \$15 (for 1 wreath), \$33 (for a pair), \$60 (for 4 wreaths), \$150 (for 10 wreaths) or \$1,500 (for 100 wreaths). Once you have chosen your level, select either VA or DC as your state; select "Arlington" as the location and select "VACAN01" as your group in order for CAN to receive credit for your donation.

### **USC Sports**

#### **Baseball Announces 2012 Schedule**

The Men's Baseball team will start defense of its back-to-back NCAA Championships on Feb. 17. For a full look at the team's schedule, click [here](#). Also congrats to Assistant Coach Chad Holbrook on being named *Baseball America's* Assistant Coach of the Year!

**Soccer Teams Continue Post-Season Play**

USC Men's Soccer team opens the 2011 Conference USA tournament tomorrow with a first-round game against Wake Forest. More information on the game can be found [here](#). Meanwhile, the Women's soccer team takes on No. 1 Stanford in round two play on Friday. Information on that game can be found [here](#).

**Men's and Women's Basketball Underway**

The 2011-2012 season is underway for both the men's and women's basketball teams. The Men's schedule can be found [here](#) and the Women's [here](#).

**Carolina Connections**

**Garnet & Black Traditions Offering Alumni Discount**

My Carolina members enjoy a 15% discount off of Gamecock merchandise online and in-store at all four locations of [Jewelry Warehouse](#). Just show your membership card for in-store purchases. When purchasing online, enter promotion code ALUMNI15 in the promotion code box and your AAID in the cart comments box at checkout. Click [here](#) to see what other alumni discounts are offered.

**National Alumni Association Membership Has Local Benefits Too**

Don't forget that your membership fees are used to help promote local programs including our Freshmen Sendoff, game watch parties and other social events throughout the year. To become a dues-paying member of the Carolina Alumni Association or to renew your current membership, click [here](#).