

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE CENTER



DEVELOP AS A LEADER

Close Family Emerging Leaders Program

For more than 40 years, the Close Family Emerging Leaders Program (CFELP) has provided students with the tools to develop their leadership skills and prepare themselves for leadership roles on campus. No matter what level of leadership experience you have, CFELP will help provide a foundation focused around your personal strengths and authentic self.

LeaderShape Institute

The LeaderShape Institute is an intensive four-day retreat that provides participants the opportunity for self-discovery, self-reflection and feedback in a community of approximately 60 peers. Not a typical leadership retreat, the Institute is grounded in helping individuals identify the values they hold that lead to making a difference in the communities around them.

Peer Leadership

Peer leaders are student volunteers who give back to their communities while growing as leaders, teammates, mentors, and changemakers. At the University of South Carolina, peer leadership is more than a role – it's a commitment to service, mentorship, and building a stronger Gamecock campus and community. Check out the LSC website for all our peer leader opportunities!

Walt Disney World Leadership Experience

Using the key components of leadership: vision, innovation, creativity, and inclusion, the Walt Disney World Leadership Experience provides students with a one-of-a-kind opportunity that is dedicated to building leadership skills, with a touch of pixie dust, to expand and further develop their leadership on and off campus. The Walt Disney World Leadership Experience occurs during spring break, with registration beginning in the fall.



Pillars for Carolina

Pillars for Carolina is a student-led extended orientation program that creates a foundation of community and confidence through activities centered around leadership, service, and active citizenship to inspire first-year students to leave their mark at the University of South Carolina.



Student Government

Student Government represents the student body by working with university leaders and supporting student initiatives. All students are encouraged to get involved by running for Senate, joining committees, applying for Freshman Council, or pursuing executive roles. Visit the LSC website for more details.

Graduate Student Association

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) advocates for students and supports USC's graduate and professional students by fostering community and connection. All graduate students are encouraged to get involved and help shape the graduate student experience. Learn more through the LSC website.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

The LSC believes being civically engaged helps students become responsible, educated citizens in local, national and global communities. The LSC provides programs, like Carolina Conversations, and committees to help students learn how to be engaged members within their communities.

Use TurboVote to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, or get updates on local and national elections.

<https://uofsc.turbovote.org/>

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The university has over 650 student organizations that center on a variety of interests, including advocacy, business, faith, international, sport clubs, and graduate-focused. Make sure to check out Garnet Gate, your hub to learn more about student organizations and events happening around campus!

<https://garnetgate.sa.sc.edu/>



Student Organization BEAK Retreat

The Student Organization BEAK (Bridging Experiences and Knowledge) Retreat is an opportunity for students holding leadership positions in organizations to come together to find more ways to be productive, collaborative, and inclusive within their organizational leadership roles.

Student Organization Fair

Join us at the beginning of each fall and spring semester for the Student Organization Fair! Meet students involved in your favorite organizations and learn how you can get connected.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Alternative Breaks

Volunteer in the southeast during fall, winter, and spring breaks. Every year new locations and service themes are chosen by students, so always check our website for updated information!

Community Service Ambassadors

Get experience in the nonprofit sector while completing over 50 hours of community service with one nonprofit organization.

Service Saturday & The Big Event

Service Saturday is a monthly volunteer opportunity where students provide acts of service and volunteerism around the Columbia community. We also have some larger themed Service Saturday events such as MLK Jr. Day of Service with a culmination of community service during The Big Event!

OFF-CAMPUS LIVING

Off-Campus Living & Neighborhood Relations helps students identify off-campus housing options and ways in which you can make Columbia feel even more like home. For information on housing off-campus, make sure to visit the website below:

<https://www.garnetliving.org/housing>

OUR MISSION

The Leadership and Service Center develops students through leadership education and community engagement to make an impact at Carolina and beyond.



PLAN AHEAD

FALL SEMESTER

August

- Community Service Fair
- CFELP Applications Open
- First Service Saturday
- Fall Student Organization Fair

September

- Constitution Day
- Service Saturday
- National Voter Registration Day
- Student Org BEAK Retreat

October

- Service Saturday
- Fall Alternative Break Trip
- LeaderShape Registration Opens

November

- Service Saturday
- Registration for WDW Opens

SPRING SEMESTER

January

- LeaderShape Institute
- Spring Student Organization Fair
- CFELP Applications Open
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
- Winter Alternative Break Trip

February

- Camp Cocky Leadership Retreat
- Community Partner Breakfast
- Service Saturday
- Student Government Elections

March

- Apply for LSC Peer Leader positions
- Service Saturday
- Gamecocks LEAD (Learn, Engage, & Discover) Conference
- Spring Alternative Break Trip
- WDW Leadership Experience
- Student Government Inauguration
- Graduate Student Assoc. Elections
- Student Organization Renewal

April

- Student Life Legacy Awards
- The Big Event

SUMMER SEMESTER

July

- Pillars for Carolina



Visit us online to learn more!

www.sc.edu/lsc