

# SEOE Newsletter

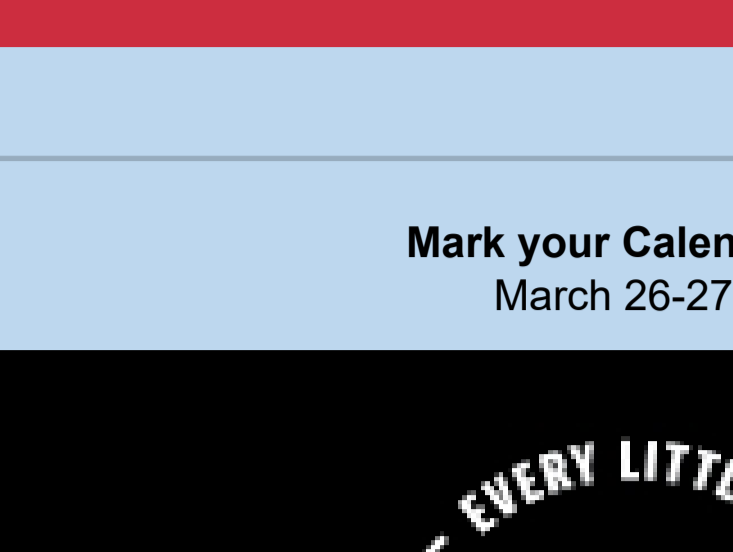
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## Undergraduate Office

Our students are so dedicated!!

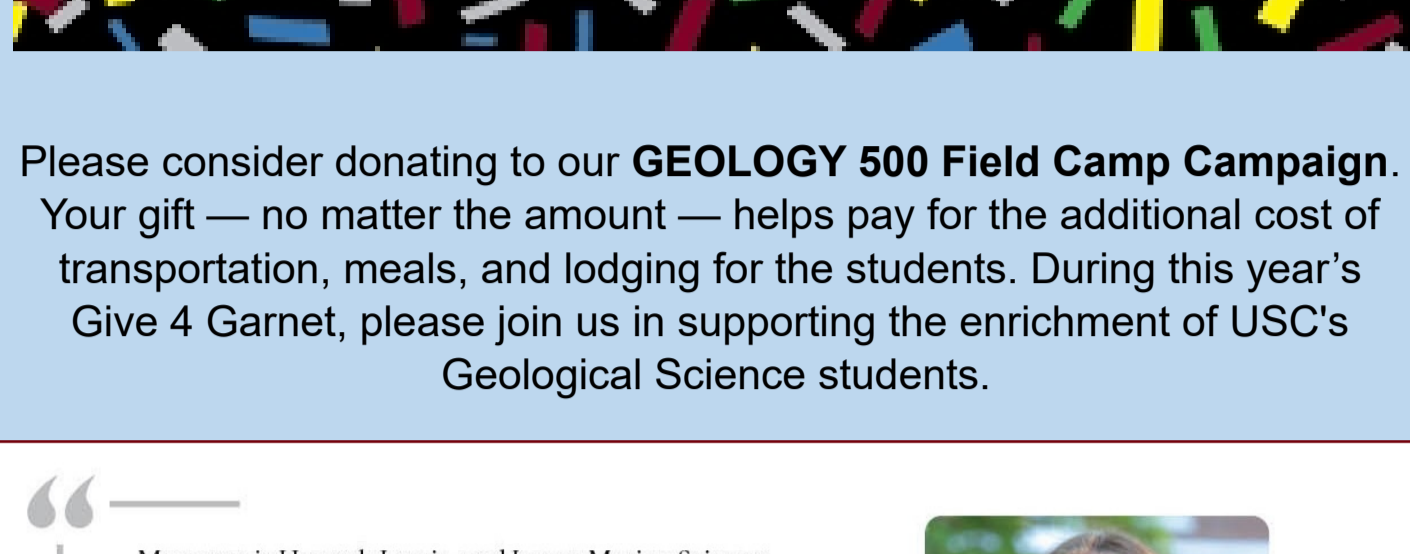
### PRESIDENT'S & DEAN'S LIST FALL 2024



53% of SEOE students made the list!!

Great Job Students!!

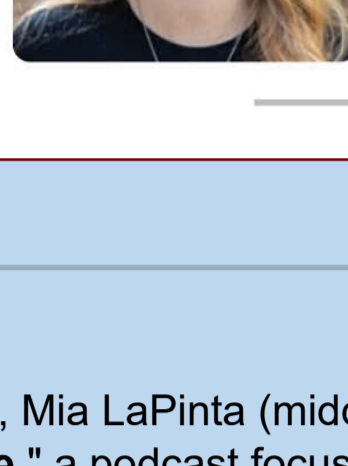
Mark your Calendars!!  
March 26-27th



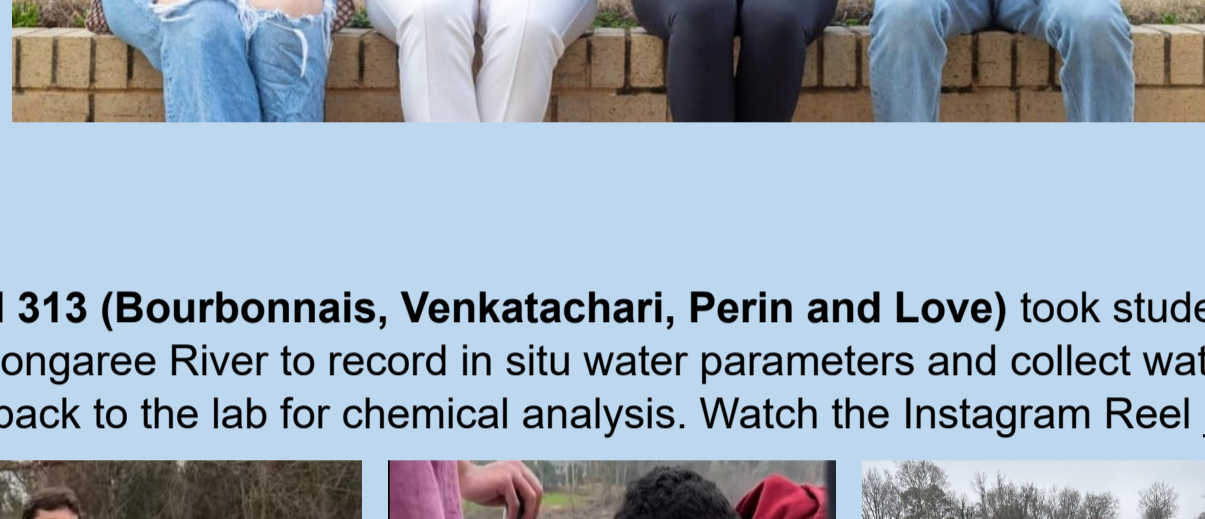
Please consider donating to our **GEOLOGY 500 Field Camp Campaign**. Your gift — no matter the amount — helps pay for the additional cost of transportation, meals, and lodging for the students. During this year's Give 4 Garnet, please join us in supporting the enrichment of USC's Geological Science students.

“ My name is Hannah Lewis, and I am a Marine Science major graduating in May 2026. I'd like to thank you for your support, as it has greatly enhanced my college experience. From serving as a peer mentor and College of Arts and Sciences ambassador to conducting research as an undergraduate research assistant, your generosity has enabled me to pursue these opportunities and more.

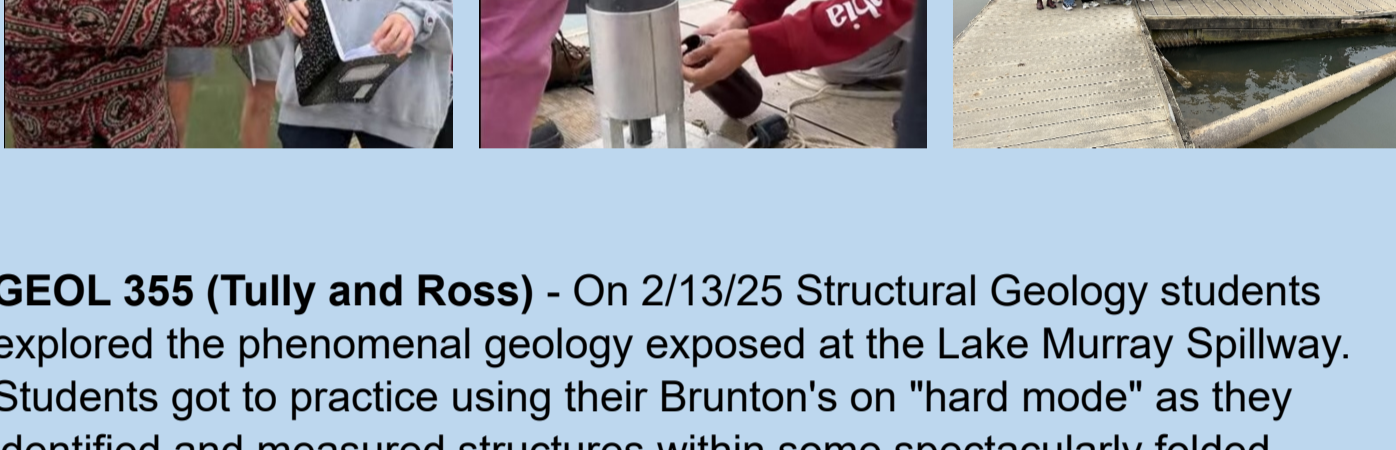
- Hannah Lewis, Class of 2026



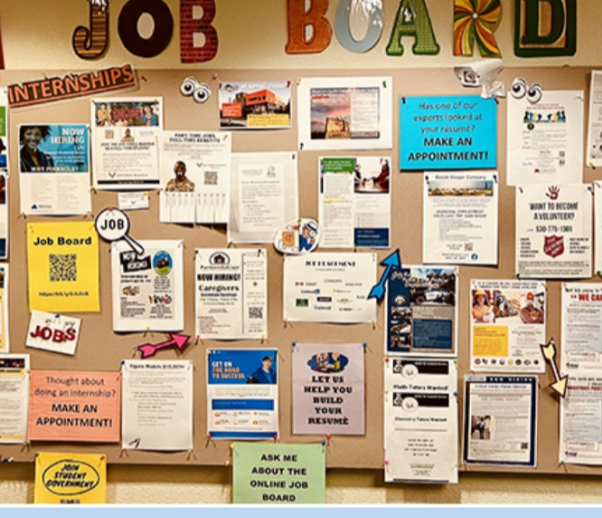
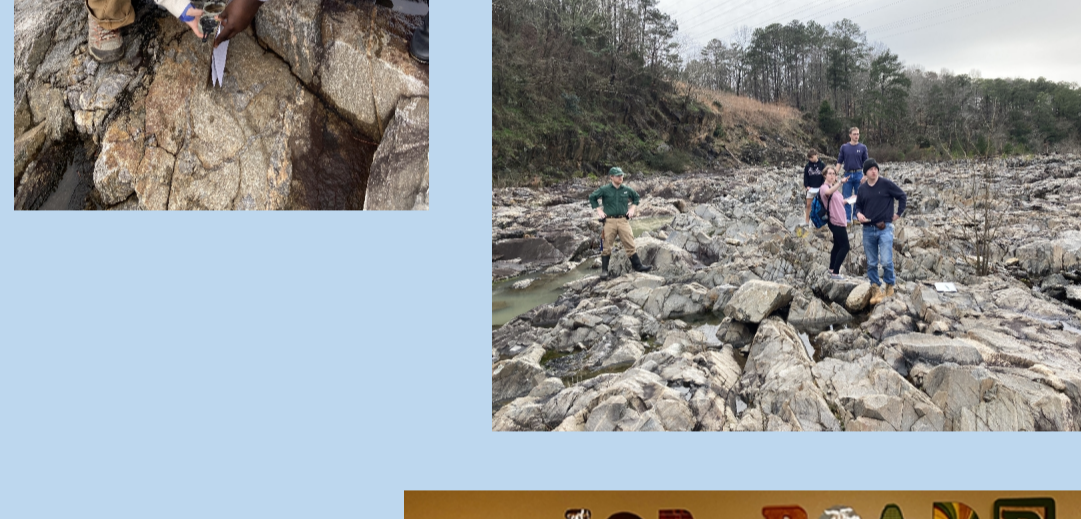
SEOE students, **Kayla Thompson** (pictured left), **Mia LaPinta** (middle right), and **Jackson Hensley** (right) co-host "Equaltree," a podcast focused on environmental justice. The students were featured in an article by the Daily Gamecock, [Equaltree podcast aims to raise awareness, educate students on environmental justice](#). The Equaltree hosts plan to produce an episode each week during the Spring 2025 semester. Listen to Equitree on [Spotify](#).



**MSCI 313 (Bourbonnais, Venkatachari, Perin and Love)** took students to the Congaree River to record in situ water parameters and collect water to take back to the lab for chemical analysis. Watch the Instagram Reel [here](#).



**GEOL 355 (Tully and Ross)** - On 2/13/25 Structural Geology students explored the phenomenal geology exposed at the Lake Murray Spillway. Students got to practice using their Brunton's on "hard mode" as they identified and measured structures within some spectacularly folded Paleozoic rocks. A few eagle-eyed students observed evidence of Triassic rifting and strike-slip faulting, while others found pyrite and garnets galore. Meanwhile, a few eagle-eyed eagles (juvenile bald eagles, we think) observed our team from overhead!



### INTERNSHIP APPLICATION SEASON

Check out the [Internship, Fellowship, Job Bard Resources](#)



# DISCOVER USC

Friday, April 25  
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

Registration Deadline: March 5

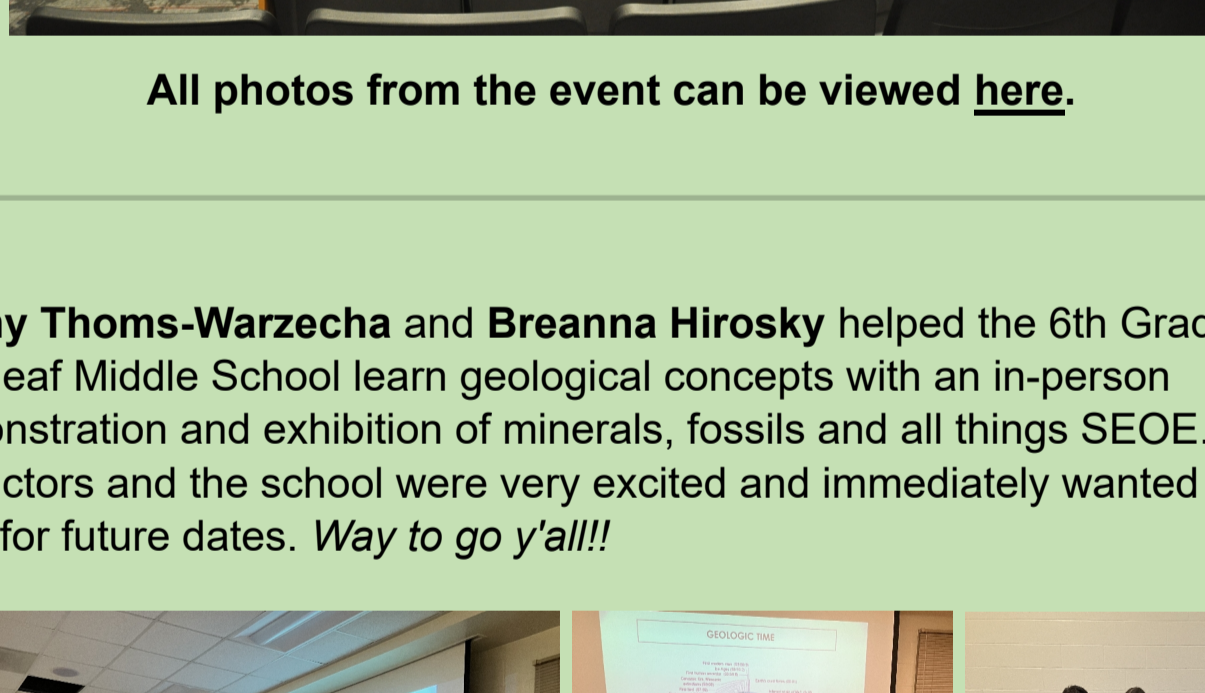
## Graduate Office

### On-site Graduate Student Recruitment event!!

The SEOE hosted prospective graduate students this past month! At the lunch social, current graduate students shared their favorite parts of Columbia & USC and offered advice on choosing a grad program. After interviews with faculty, we headed to McCutchen House on the Horseshoe for lively conversation over delicious food and drinks. *We hope to see many of their faces in our halls next year!! Thank you to everyone who participated!!*

## SEOE Conference

What a fabulous event!!



All photos from the event can be viewed [here](#).

**Benny Thoms-Warzecha** and **Breanna Hirosky** helped the 6th Graders of Longleaf Middle School learn geological concepts with an in-person instruction and the school were very excited and immediately wanted them back for future dates. *Way to go y'all!!!*

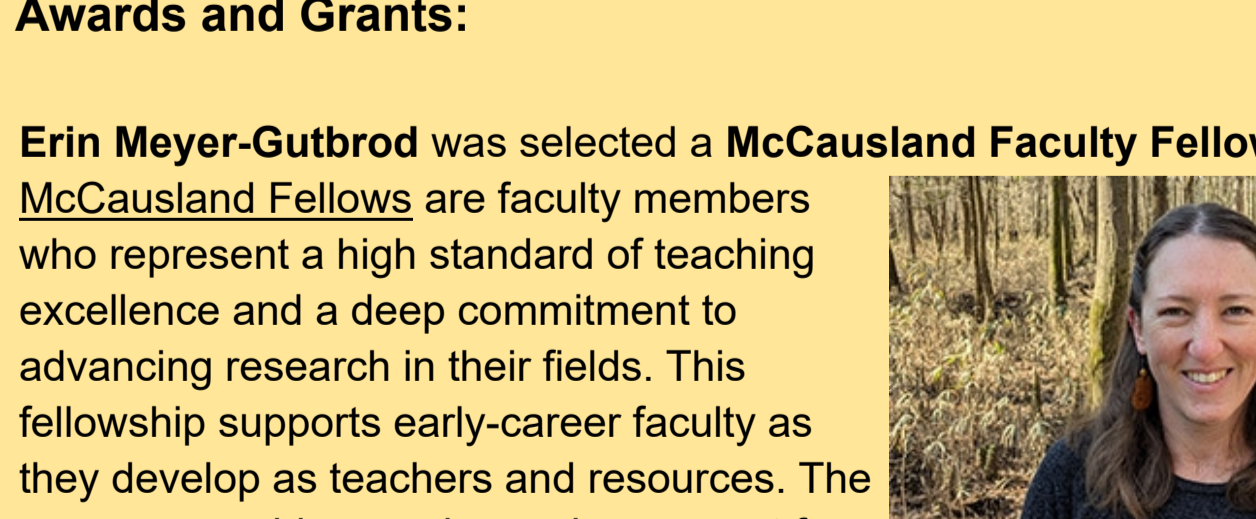


### Qualifying/Comprehensive Exams

**Hannah Berberich** (Brown) successfully completed her MEERM qualifying exam on Bryophyte Species of Peachtree Rock Heritage Preserve. *Way to go Hannah!!!*

## Around the Department News

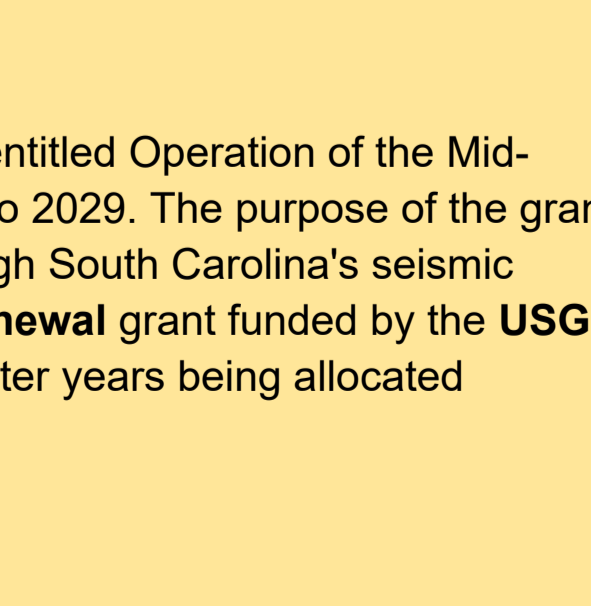
**Dan Frost** and The South Carolina Seismic Network installed a new station at the Baruch Marine Field Lab. New station BELLE will improve our ability to monitor earthquakes in the state. Thanks to our colleagues at Baruch Marine Field Lab for making this possible. Check out the live updates from station BELLE and other local seismology events [here](#).



### KUDOS!!

#### Awards and Grants:

**Erin Meyer-Gutbrod** was selected a **McCausland Faculty Fellow** for 2025!! **McCausland Fellows** are faculty members who represent a high standard of teaching excellence and a deep commitment to advancing research in their fields. This fellowship supports early-career faculty as they develop as teachers and resources. The program provides a salary enhancement for three years and a one-time research fund. *Congratulations Erin!!*



**Dan Frost** has received a sponsored award entitled Operation of the Mid-America Integrated Seismic Network – 2025 to 2029. The purpose of the grant is to support seismic hazard monitoring through South Carolina's seismic network. This is a commitment to a **5-year renewal** grant funded by the **USGS**. Year one has been funded for **\$89,000** with later years being allocated subsequently. *Way to go Dan!!*

### In the News

- **Erin Meyer-Gutbrod** was featured by Inside Climate News in an article that mentions the recent cancellation of the upcoming NOAA Fisheries meetings for marine mammal take reduction teams. Read more about it [here](#). *Sorry Erin, very disappointing.*

Let the department know about the wonderful things you and the people around you are doing!! Is there something/someone you are proud of? Let us know [Kudos Form](#).

### Upcoming Events: <click to see the google calendar

March 6th - Midpoint of the Semester

March 10-14th - Spring Break - NO Classes

March 26-27th - Give4Carnett!!

March 31st - Last day to drop without a "WF"

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