

First Generation Student Newsletter

February 2013

Upcoming Events

- [Valentine's Day Celebration](#): Feb. 7th from 5-6 p.m. at the USC
- [Winterfest 2013](#): Feb. 8-10th at various locations around campus
- [Spring Career Expo](#): Feb. 13th from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Metcalf Ballroom, GSU
- [Off-Campus Housing Fair](#): Feb. 13th from 4-6 p.m. in the Back Court of the GSU

Important Dates

- [February 15](#)
Deadline to find a work-study job for the spring
- [February 18](#)
Holiday, courses suspended
- [February 20](#)
Substitute Monday schedule of classes
- [February 21](#)
Last day to drop standard courses without a 'W' grade
- [March 1](#)
Application deadline for most summer study abroad programs
- [March 15](#)
Application deadline for most fall study abroad programs

Have a question or problem you need help resolving?

Visit us! **University Service Center**
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Valentine's Day Celebration

Get into the Valentine's Day spirit early this year by celebrating it with the USC on Thursday, February 7th, from 5-6 p.m. Reconnect with the first gen students you met at last semester's Study Break as well as make new friends. We'll have lots of heart-themed treats and refreshments, popular games like Apples to Apples and Qwirkle, and fun! It will be held at the USC. Please RSVP [here](#)!

First Gen Student Spotlight

Read about our third spotlighted student, Marco Spencer, by visiting our [website](#)! We're looking for first gen students to feature in upcoming months, so please email Stephanie at uscgradi@bu.edu if you'd like to suggest someone—or to be featured yourself!

Visit the USC's [website](#) for events and workshops happening this month around campus!

Like the [USC's First Gen Facebook page](#) to stay up-to-date on USC news, information, and events.

Financial Planning

- BU Financial Assistance: Discuss new or special circumstances with your assistant director in [Financial Assistance](#) to see if you might qualify for additional need-based aid from BU.
- BU Fellowships and Scholarships: Check out this [site](#) for a listing of nationally competitive scholarships and fellowships for which you may be eligible.
- American Student Assistance: This nonprofit [organization](#) helps students and families manage higher education debt by offering counseling about loan repayment options, information, and support.
- At Home: Visit your high school guidance counselor or hometown public library to find out about locally-based scholarships.
- USC: You can always make an appointment to meet with one of the associate directors here at the USC to discuss financial concerns that might impact your studies.

Study Abroad

Study Abroad application deadlines are coming up soon. Most summer program applications are due March 1st, while most fall program applications are due March 15th. There are exceptions for certain programs that can be seen [here](#). Click [here](#) for the Study Abroad events calendar to find applicable information sessions.