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## Leadership, Civil Discourse Among Topics Discussed at SEC Collaboration Event

SEC students and administrators recently met at the University of South Carolina in Columbia to discuss the topics of leadership, civic engagement and social justice. The workshop was entitled *SEC Universities: Uniting Voices for Social Change*. The two-day event was supported by the SEC Academic Collaboration Award.

"The event was a wonderful opportunity to network with students and faculty to get their perspectives on social justice and how we can improve our campuses," said Justin Grimes, a doctoral candidate pursuing his Ph.D. in Student Affairs Administration at the University of Georgia.



University of South Carolina President Dr. Harris Pastides visits with attendees.

University of South Carolina President, Dr. Harris Pastides, and Joan Gabel, Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost, both provided remarks to the group. Gabel delivered the opening wel-

come, and Pastides spoke of how the collegiate experience shapes students' perspectives.

"College is the last organized opportunity to influence individual change," said Pastides.

Additional speakers and facilitators included Dr. John Dozier, Chief Diversity Officer and Director of Community Engagement at South Carolina; Bethany Johnson-Javois, Managing Director of the Ferguson Commission; and Angus Johnston, Founder of StudentActivism.net.

Attendees also participated in South Carolina's 30th Student Leadership and Diversity Conference with more than 500 students from 26 universities.

[Read the full story online.](#)

### Latest SEC ALDP Cohort to be Recognized at Ole Miss



To date, more than 250 academic administrators have completed the SEC ALDP.

The 2015-16 SEC Academic Leadership Development Program cohort will be recognized for completing the program, Feb. 24-26, at the University of Mississippi. The spring event will be the final meeting of all participants from SEC universities for this year.

The workshop will include sessions on budget and finance, leveraging social media and emergency communications and in-basket group exercises. The schedule also includes a provosts panel featuring Joan Gabel from the University of South Carolina, Dr. Morris Stocks from the University of Mississippi and Dr. Karan Watson from Texas A&M University. The SEC ALDP cohort will be recognized for finishing the program on Friday. [Read the full story online.](#)

### SEC Students Set for Semester in Italy



Auburn University students pose for a photo in Italy.

Sixteen SEC students have arrived at the Politecnico di Torino (PdT) in Torino, Italy, for a semester abroad. As part of a renewable agreement, Italian engineering students enroll at SEC universities each fall, and engineering SEC students study in Italy each spring at the PdT.

In January 2015, SECU visited Torino with members of the Auburn University Education Abroad office and the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering to see the PdT campus, meet with program administrators and to tour laboratories and off-campus study sites. The group also visited education abroad centers run by Auburn and the University of Arkansas near Rome. [Read more about the trip in the SECU Blog from Abroad.](#)

### Upcoming SEC Events

The [2016 SEC MBA Case Competition](#) will take place April 7-9 at the University of Arkansas. The University of Florida has won the previous three competitions. Admissions representatives from all 14 SEC universities will travel on the [2016 Spring SEC College Tour](#) April 18-21. Locations include Westchester, NY; Morristown, NJ; and Philadelphia, PA.