

SEOE Newsletter

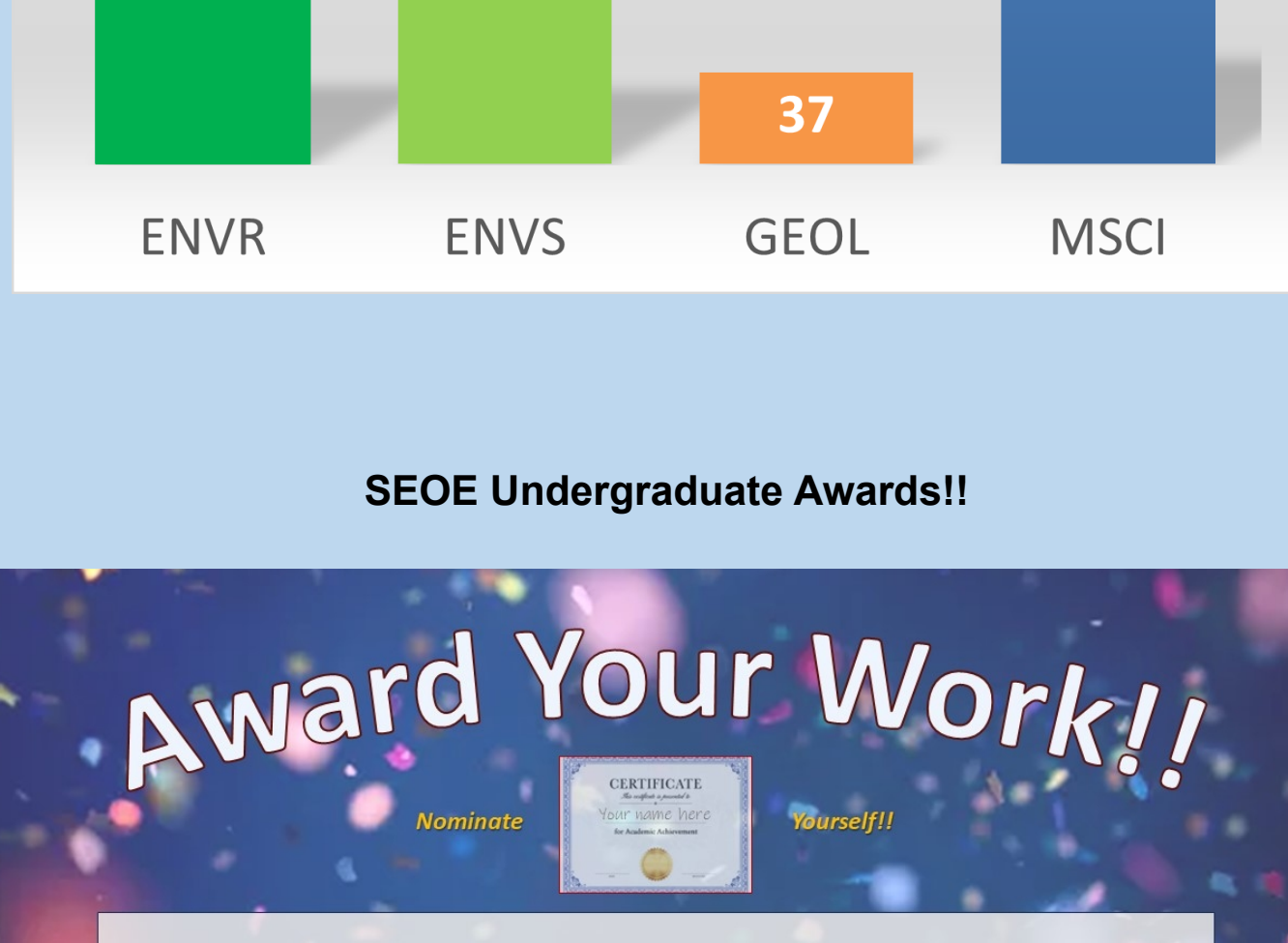
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Undergraduate Office

Spring 2025 SEOE enrollment

Degree Programs by the Numbers



SEOE Undergraduate Awards!!

Award Your Work!!

Nominate Yourself!!

Environmental Science and Studies Awards!!

Geological Sciences Awards!!

Marine Science Awards!!

Deadline: Feb 8th Apply Now

Scan the code or click [here](#) to apply

Tina-Maria Sandoval (ENVS) and her classmate Ella Michel (pictured with Mayor Rickenmann) received a grant from the City of Columbia to help residents save money by making their homes more energy efficient. Where did this idea come from? They took David Fuente and Conor Harrison's Energy and Water Equity course. Read more about their grant and the course that inspired them [here](#). Take this awesome inspiring course next Fall!! Great Job Tina and Ella!!



INTERNSHIP APPLICATION SEASON

Check out the Internship, Fellowship, Job Bard Resources



DISCOVER USC

Friday, April 25
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

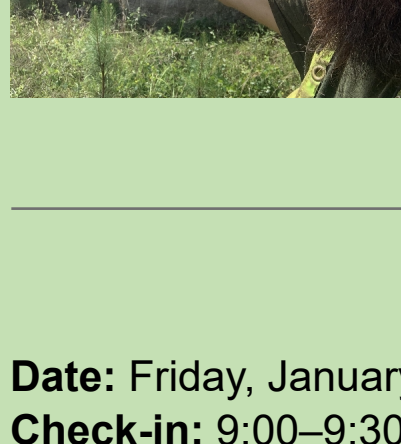
Registration Deadline: March 5

Graduate Office

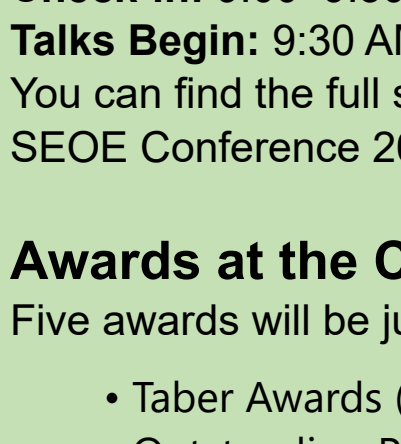
A nice big warm **WELCOME** to three graduate students joining us this Spring! We are so happy to have you working with us!!



Anna Privette is pursuing a MEERM degree with Bill Strosnider.



Ryan Walsh is a new MSCI MS student with Erin Meyer-Gutbrod.



Draven Prior is back with us as a GEOL MS student with Andrew Leier and Dave Barbeau.

SEOE Conference

Date: Friday, January 31st
Check-in: 9:00–9:30 AM | Russell House Ballroom C
Talks Begin: 9:30 AM | Russell House Theater

You can find the full schedule and details on our website: [SEOE Conference 2025](#).

Awards at the Conference

- Five awards will be judged, including:
- Taber Awards (Geology PhD & MS)
 - Outstanding PhD & MS in Marine Science
 - Best Poster Award (Graduate Students)

Help Pick the Best Poster

The Best Poster Award is judged by attendees, so be sure to check out the **poster session from 10:30–11:30 AM in Russell House Ballroom C** and cast your vote.

We're looking forward to a great conference and hope to see you there.

Qualifying/Comprehensive Exams

Congrats to **Nandana Goswami** (Dragovic) on a successful GEOL PhD qualifying exam. Investigating the tectonic mechanisms responsible for the metamorphism of mafic lithologies. *Great job Nandana!!*

On-site Graduate Student Recruitment event!!

Mark your calendars!! The SEOE will be hosting prospective graduate students on **February 24-25th** (Mon-Tues). Details coming soon to your inbox.

SEOE Appreciation Day
February 14th

CANDYGRAM

Send an appreciation Candygram to a student, mentor, or coworker in the SEOE!!

Thank you for being a great mentor! I've learned so much from you!!

Thank you for all your help this year!!

The SEOE wouldn't be the same without you!!

You're doing great work, keep it up!!

[Send a candygram](#)

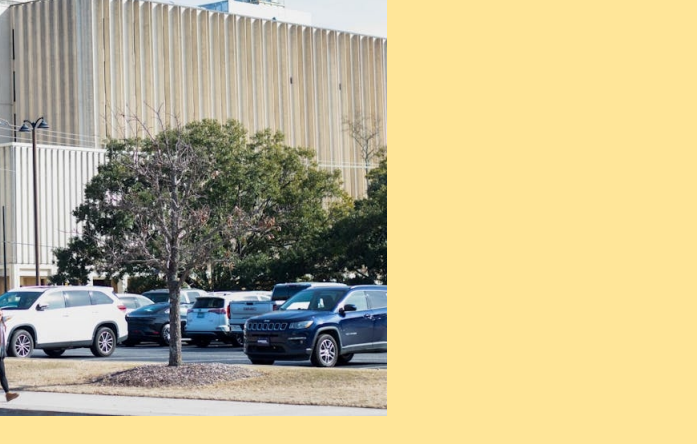
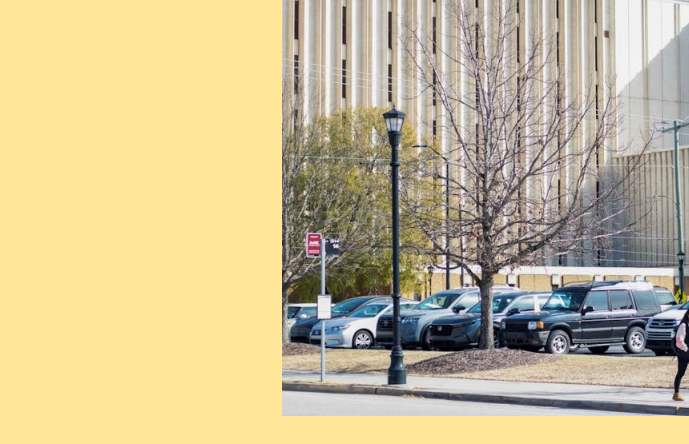
Around the Department News

Pradeep Talwani and his new book are a feature in the recent issue of *Carolynian*, USC's Alumni Magazine. Dr. Talwani was a professor of Geophysics here at USC from 1973 until he retired in 2009. His forthcoming book, under contract with Oxford University Press, explores the origin of certain scientific ideas and could settle the traditional narrative. Check out his other book to learn more about [Intraplate Earthquakes](#).



Shake it up!
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Meet Pradeep Talwani

The **MSCI Retreat** was hosted by BMFL on January 10th. Faculty, Staff and Birch braved the weather to meet and collaborate on the future of the MSCI program. Lunch was provided to attendees at the Hobcaw House (pictured below), the seasonal home of Bernard Baruch and his daughter Belle. *A very cool experience!*



SAY Goodbye to this parking lot!!



New STEM Innovation and Research Center was approved by USC's board of trustees. Read more about the proposed building in [this article](#) by The Daily Gamecock. No date for construction has been announced yet.

KUDOS!!

Awards and Grants:

Isabel Romero has been granted a sponsored award entitled "DEEPEND| RESTORE II: Trends and Drivers of the Pelagic Gulf of Mexico". This is a 5-year grant funded by NOAA's RESTORE Science Program for an anticipated total of \$221,458. *Congratulations Isabel!!*

Publications

- **Billy Moore** has a scientific autobiography published in The journal Annual Reviews of Marine Science. The article was published on January 17. The title is **The Serendipity of Discovery: Life of a Geochemist**. The article is open and free.
<https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-marine-050823-103645>
Congratulations to Billy on his amazing career!

In the News

- **Erin Meyer-Gutbrod** was featured on NPR's All Things Considered. Take a listen and read the article on New technology gives hope to save endangered right whales
- **Conor Harrison** was featured on South Carolina's public radio interviewed by Mike Switzer, host of the South Carolina Business Review. Listen to Conor on the segment called Hurricanes and our energy infrastructure and regulation. Great job Conor!! You have a natural voice for radio!

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

- Feb 8th - SEOE Undergraduate Awards Deadline
- Feb 14th - SEOE Appreciation Day!! Send a Candygram to make someone smile
- Feb 24-25th - Graduate Student Recruitment

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