

The Blueprint

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“Supporting the building blocks for a stronger community.”

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New Group, New Purpose

One of the main goals of the Office of Community and Ethical Standards is to



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enhance student learning and growth both individually and as members of the campus community. What better way to do this than to have students assist us in this endeavor. Introducing the Community Educators.

The Community Educators are a group of students dedicated on educating different campus and community groups on the Clemson core values, the student code of conduct, the univer-

sity's academic integrity policy, and behaviors that support the overall mission of Clemson University.

Community Educators will have plenty of responsibilities which means plenty of opportunities to make a difference on campus.

Some new programs and services that community educators will be in charge of are creation of a poster campaign that engages students to think about such topics as academic integrity, personal ethics, and Clemson core value ownership.

Anyone can be a Commu-

nity Educator. We have room for five individuals for the Spring semester. While anyone can be a Community Educator, preference will be given to students who will be at a sophomore or junior status at the start of the Spring 2008 semester.

For more information about the Community Educator Program, or to fill out an application, please stop by our office located at 912 University Union. You can also contact the program director, Justin Carter at (864) 656-0560 or jcarte2@clemson.edu.

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When Sharing Becomes a Problem

In kindergarten it was very nice to share things with your friends. Parents and teachers alike, appreciated your efforts of sharing some of your favorite toys or a favorite snack with a friend.

Even now in college, administrators applaud the efforts of students who can and often do share with each other whether it is with a roommate or with members of a study group.

However, there is a situation in which sharing can become a huge problem. Illegal file-sharing has come to the forefront of the minds of many American university administrators. Peer-to-peer networks such as Morpheus, Kazaa, and BitTorrent provide clients with opportunities to share music, movies, and other media with different users. The problem lies in the fact that if the user does not

have the legal right to distribute the song, the album, the movie, etc., then the sharing of the item with others makes it illegal and can bring criminal prosecution.

What Does this Mean for Universities?

The United States Congress has been looking at the issue of illegal file sharing on college campuses. The House of
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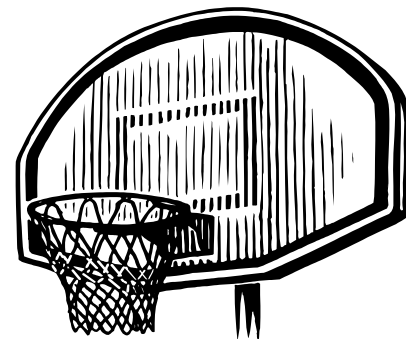
Spotlight in OCES—Alesia Smith

Alesia A. Smith is the Director of the Office of Community and Ethical Standards and is in her eleventh year in this position. Prior to her appointment at Clemson, she served as the Assistant Director of the Student Judicial Office at Illinois State University for 5 1/2 years. Mrs. Smith holds a Bachelor of Science in Communications and a Master of Science in Political Science with an emphasis in Public Administration from Illinois State University. Mrs. Smith has served as a respected resource on national panel discussions for student conduct-related issues and has assumed leadership roles in

the Association for Student Judicial Affairs, as well as other statewide, regional, and national organizations. She has presented a number of workshops on topics ranging from hazing to diversity to alcohol and substance abuse. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and a coach for the Palmetto Team Cruisers AAU and YBOA Basketball teams.

Alesia is available to all students, faculty, and staff who have a question about the Office of Community and Ethical Standards, the Clemson Student Code of Con-

duct, or any other Clemson University policy. To schedule an appointment please call Jo Walker, Administrative Assistant, at (864) 656-0510, or you can contact Mrs. Smith via email at alesias@clemson.edu.



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Representatives has passed the Higher Education Reauthorization Bill (it is currently scheduled to be voted on by the Senate). With this new legislation colleges will be required to provide an action plan for the reduction of illegal file sharing. Also, colleges will be required to provide annual reports on the disciplining of students who use the college's network for copyright infringement or illegal file sharing.

Clemson's Policy

Clemson has a very specific policy

against illegal file sharing. Clemson's policy states, "Use of university computing resources, including network facilities, account numbers, data storage media, printers, plotters, microcomputer systems, and software for computing activities other than those authorized by the university is strictly prohibited. Unauthorized use of such resources is regarded as a criminal act in the nature of theft and violators are subject to suspension, expulsion, and civil and criminal prosecution."

Be cautious about the activities that you are doing on the internet. While on the surface file sharing may seem harmless, it can have far-reaching repercussions. Worst of all, you could end up hurting yourself as well, in terms of large fines, criminal prosecution, university sanctions, and/or jail time.

For more information on misuse of computing resources, or to read Clemson's Policy for Information Resources for students please click on this link:

http://ccit.clemson.edu/about/policies/student_misuse.php

Celebrating Citizenship

Dear Executive Staff, Students, Parents, Professors, and Staff, the members of the Office of Community and Ethical Standards would like to introduce to you the "Citizen of the Month" project. We are on the lookout for students who embrace the Clemson University Core Values of Honesty, Integrity, and Respect and incorporate them in their daily lives. By design, our office usually meets with students who fall

short of our community standards. In contrast, this project is designed to congratulate those students who are role models for the student body through his or her support of the Core Values and by adhering to student guidelines.

If you know someone who fits this description, nominating them for Citizen of the Month is very easy to do. Please send their

name and in 100-150 words describe why you think they should be named Citizen of the Month. If awarded, your nomination will appear in next month's **Blueprint** and this student will receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement. Please send nominations to jcarte2@clemson.edu.

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