

Staff Spotlight Series:

5 questions with Danelle Faulkenberry.

1. How long have you worked at USC Lancaster, and what is your current role?

I am currently the Palmetto College Coordinator for USC Lancaster. I started working here (again) on January 4, 2012. I taught Continuing Ed classes here in 2001, and I was the Director of Dual Enrollment from 2012 to 2016.

2. Where did you go to college, and what attracted you to the education field?

I was known as a career student. I attended Baptist College in Charleston (now Charleston Southern), Winthrop, USC Lancaster, and UNC Charlotte. I have a BA from USC. I had never planned to go into the education field. While working at a brokerage firm in Charlotte after college, someone needed help with some computer software. Over time, one person turned into several, and soon I was known as the computer trainer for the company. Three years later I was teaching computer software at CPCC. I loved it. Twenty five years later, I am still known as the person to call when you're having trouble with that dreaded computer software.



3. What is your favorite thing about USC Lancaster?

My favorite thing about USCL as a student was the small classes and great professors. They knew you by name and were always so helpful if you were having trouble in their classes. Kind of a “no student left behind” mentality. My favorite thing about USCL as an employee is that you know everyone on campus. Everyone has an open door policy and you can approach anyone with concern from the Dean’s office to maintenance and security.

4. What are your hobbies/interests?

My favorite pastime at this moment is camping. I have refurbished a 1967 Hanna Line travel trailer. I call it my “Tiny House on Wheels.” It’s only 86 square feet but plenty big enough for me and the dog. I enjoy short weekend trips with friends. There is no better way to relax than sitting under the stars with your friends and your dog!

5. What advice would you give current students or prospective students?

Students (current and prospective) need to realize that what they do today will influence their lives tomorrow. Procrastinating only causes problems. Do what you need to do now whether it be homework or housework. Do it now and get it done right then move on to the next adventure. It’s hard to enjoy NOW when you are worried about what you should have done then.



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