

College *of* Coastal Georgia

2025 Spring Commencement

Friday, the Ninth of May, Two Thousand Twenty-Five
Jekyll Island Convention Center

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Congratulations, Class of 2025! Today, we celebrate your remarkable achievements and the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. As you stand on the threshold of a new chapter in your lives, I am filled with immense pride—Mariner Pride—and joy for each of you.

Your journey at the College of Coastal Georgia has been marked by not only the countless hours of study, but also your unique experiences, diverse backgrounds, cultures, talents, and interests at the institution. By being here, you've helped to make the College a wonderful place to live and learn—like James Eason, who is earning a bachelor's in general business. During his time at the College, James remained active on campus, being involved with the Student Government Association, founding and fundraising for the Baseball Club, and getting new students started on their journey at the College as an orientation leader. Like many of you, he spent his time helping other students make connections, get involved, and contribute to their college experience.

The spring Class of 2025 represents 14 states and 8 countries. Our oldest graduate is 71 years old and the youngest is 17, making the College a multi-generational campus. Sixty-six graduates are first generation students, and 103 are non-traditional students, all of whom are changing the trajectory of their lives and their family's lives. Twenty-one graduates are military-affiliated, demonstrating a life of service to their country and education. Along with internships, research projects, and clinicals, you all have contributed over 9,000 service-learning hours to the improvement of the community, while simultaneously enhancing your learning. Graduates, you have proven to be leaders, innovators, and change-makers of tomorrow. I have no doubt that you will continue to achieve great things.

As you move forward, take with you the values and lessons learned during your time at Coastal. Continue to pursue your passions, seek out knowledge, and strive to make a positive impact in the world. Remember, you are now part of an alumni community that reaches around the globe and you will always be a cherished part of the Mariner family. Stay connected with us and keep us updated on your future endeavors.

From all of us at the College, congratulations! Go Mariners!

Dr. Johnny L. Evans Jr., President

Sixty-Sixth Commencement of the College of Coastal Georgia
Order of Ceremony

Processional
Dr. Don H. Mathews, Grand Marshal
Professor of Economics

National Anthem
(Please Stand)

Invocation
Riley Shaye Elkins, Class of 2025

Welcome
Dr. Johnny L. Evans, Jr.
President

Greetings from SGA President
Bethany Watters

Charge to the Class
Hallie Raegan Dixon, Class of 2025

Presentation of Candidates
School of Nursing and Health Sciences
School of Arts and Sciences
School of Business and Public Management
Dr. German Vargas
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees
President Evans

Announcement of Graduates
Dr. Michael Butcher
Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

Recognition of Alumni Status
Hillary S. Stringfellow
Chair, College of Coastal Georgia Foundation

Closing Remarks and Recessional

THE HISTORY OF ACADEMIC REGALIA & THE CEREMONIAL MACE

The gown, the cap, and the hood, representing the major components of the academic dress, are a ceremonial inheritance from the medieval universities of the eleventh and twelfth centuries where dress was the outward sign of privilege and responsibility. The academic dress worn by those participating in today's academic processional symbolizes the level of their academic attainment and the institution they attended.

The gown is usually black, however some universities have authorized colored gowns. The gown for an undergraduate degree has pointed sleeves and is worn closed in front. The gown for the master's degree is typically black and has longer oblong sleeves, with a large section that hangs below the wrist. The gown for the doctoral degree is distinguished by the loose sleeves with bell-shaped cuffs, three bars of velvet on each sleeve and velvet facing running down the front of the gown.

The most symbolic feature of the academic dress is the hood. The velvet edge of the hood represents the specific degree or discipline with dark blue for Doctorate of Philosophy, light blue for Education, apricot for Nursing, brown for Fine Arts, canary for Library Science, crimson for Communications, drab for Accounting or Business Administration, gold for Science, sage for Health and white for Arts. The satin field and chevrons of the hood represent the colors of the university that granted the degree. Master's and doctor's degree holders wear the hood draped over the shoulders and back.

The standard cap, known as the mortarboard, is flat and square with a tassel fastened to the center of the stiff top. Bachelor's and master's tassels are black or the color of the gown. Doctor's tassels are shorter and gold. Once the degree is conferred, the tassel is worn on the left. In recent years, some American universities have adopted soft velvet caps for holders of their doctor's degrees.

The ceremonial mace, a symbol of presidential authority, is carried at the head of the academic procession by the Grand Marshal, Dr. Don H. Mathews. The College of Coastal Georgia mace is a gift from the Golden Isles community and Dr. Carl Dohn. Dr. Dohn handcrafted the mace out of reclaimed heart pine cut from huge beams collected and donated by the former Sea Island Company Chairman & CEO Bill Jones, III. This same heart pine was used by Dr. Dohn to craft the table used by the ten delegates of the G-8 Summit, held on Sea Island, Georgia in June of 2004. The mace was first used at the inauguration of the former College of Coastal Georgia President, Dr. Valerie A. Hepburn, in 2009.

LEGEND

Summa Cum Laude - 3.9 - 4.0 Grade Point Average
Magna Cum Laude - 3.70 - 3.89 Grade Point Average
Cum Laude - 3.50 to 3.69 Grade Point Average
Honors - Associate Degree - 3.75 to 4.0 Grade Point Average
*Student Hall of Fame

REGALIA LEGEND

Academic Honors - Gold Cord
Athletics - Royal Blue Stole
Residents Assistant - White Stole
Veterans - Navy Stole

MORNING CEREMONY GRADUATES

School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Dr. Lydia A. Watkins,
Southeast Georgia Health System Distinguished Chair and Dean

Bachelor of Science - Nursing

TaMitrice D. Bailey
Madeleine Carol Bordeleau
Claire Elizabeth Cason
Dalton Russell Croft
Josie Naomi Darnell
Emmanuel A. Donner, *Cum Laude*
Brooke M. Evans
Michele Lee Fournier
Jeffery William Graby, *Cum Laude*
Robin Lynn Hendley
Alexis Miyoko Knopf
Kaitlyn Breanna Latta
Hannah MacDowell
Izaiah Matthews
Maleah McAlister
DoriLord McCullers
Halli Grace McCullough
Julia Mia Neveu
Kendall Abram Persinger
Nicholas Robert Powloski
Reagan Nicole Reddish
Elizabeth Grace Rogers
Cassandra Lynn Ruff
Kelly Screen
Taylor Rose Still

Bachelor of Science - Health Sciences

Taylor Queen Carnegia*
Jackson J. Carter, *Summa Cum Laude*
David Joseph Dwyer III
Skylar Leontyne Golden
Whyntor James Lawson
Morgan Lee, *Summa Cum Laude*
Martha Maldonado-Borraz
Sydnie L. Middleton, *Cum Laude*
Diamond Victoria Ogden
Zoie Alyce Sangster
Reagan Olivia Thomas, *Summa Cum Laude*

Associate of Science - Nursing

Barbara McDowell
Dawn Marie Anderson
Michaela Danielle Baldwin
Dawna Bell Benton
Rhiannon R. Borkowski
LaTonya Michelle Brookings
Candice Ja'nae Brown
Ida Lovetee Campbell
Katelyn Nicole Coleman
Lexie Erin Cribbs
Ashley Michelle Dasher
Sage Elizabeth Fender
Lacey Nicole Fenn
Kayleigh Nicole Friedly
Deanna Lynn Green
Shaneka Karina Harvey-Frater
Tambria Brooks Hidleburg
Gianni Joseph Vice Holguin
Bryan Kevin Howard
Sarah Ashley Keats Toth
Laura Chepchumba Kitur
Cheyenne Lee Lowther
Michael Ray Mahas
Serena Rosaneta McClain
Michelle Bernice Pierce
Grace Makenzie Rowell
Marilyn Amy Sanders
Emily Kathleen Schultz
Madison B. Stephens
Berny Sully
LaTrelle Y Tillman
Claudia C. Watson-Quiñones
Kaleigh Carsyn Wiggins, *Honors*
Daniel Dewayne Williams
Stephanie Nicole Wilson
Emma LeeAnn Woolard
Megan Danielle Wynn

AFTERNOON CEREMONY GRADUATES

School of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Syvillia Averett, Dean

Bachelor of Arts - American Studies

Jacob Russell Busek, *Magna Cum Laude*
William Hiram Ellis III, *Magna Cum Laude*
Arschell Lynette Lane
Lauren Christian Taylor Sprinkle, *Summa Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science - Biological Sciences

Kelli T. Adams
Giovanna Arcos Fernandez
John Anthony Barron, *Magna Cum Laude*
Andrea Isabel Cardona, *Summa Cum Laude*
Sage Lorraine Christman, *Summa Cum Laude*
Kristen Elaine Darley, *Cum Laude*
Riley Shaye Elkins*, *Summa Cum Laude*
Campbell Fretz
Benjamin Albert Gearhart
Caroline Dixie Harley
Lasairyn Ireland
Hope Nina Ruby Land
Spencer Dean Meadows
Phanice E. Osundwa
Courtney Lauren Ray, *Magna Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science in Education - Elementary and Special Education

Tenisha Alford-Miller
Shelby Anderson, *Cum Laude*
Cassandra Marie Bauer
LaShaunda Michelle Carroll-Harris
Kayce Jo Deaton, *Magna Cum Laude*
Cheryl Elaine Douglas
Michele Elizabeth Everett
Emmy E. Ghioto, *Magna Cum Laude*
Gretta Lynette Hall
Sara Marie Hansen, *Summa Cum Laude*
MacKenzie Brooke Kagee, *Cum Laude*
Linda Kay Kelly, *Cum Laude*
June Alexis Kinard
Ryan Joseph Knight
Nia Christine Lawrence, *Magna Cum Laude*
Carly Meredith Lawson
Drew Jordan Logue
Brooke Schell Lovin
Alma Hampton McCoy
Logan Mykenzie McDonald
Natasha Nakesha Merchant-Taylor, *Cum Laude*
Victoria Rose Noel
Lyndsey M. Oakie, *Cum Laude*
Payton O'Neal, *Magna Cum Laude*
Malia Leilani Plumey, *Cum Laude*
Francine Price
Amanda Marie Rue
Opal V. Sanchez, *Magna Cum Laude*
Victoria Marie Saunders
Abbe Yvonne Standridge
Madison Alaine Walczak, *Cum Laude*
Ansley Wilkerson, *Magna Cum Laude*
Aranita Denise Williams
Cassandra Leigh Windham
Morgan A. Winsness, *Summa Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science in Education - Secondary Education

Elizabeth Sarag Mahas, *Magna Cum Laude*
Alexander Perry Parker
Elizabeth Ryan

School of Arts and Sciences
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Bachelor of Science - Environmental Sciences

Tea Elise Autry, *Magna Cum Laude*
Mccullough Reese Brown
Alala May Cantrell
Sage Lorraine Christman, *Summa Cum Laude*
Alana Johnson
Reid Ashland Kroken, *Summa Cum Laude*
Kaylee Elizabeth Logan
Ashlynn Nicole Runyon, *Magna Cum Laude*
Brieanna Elizabeth Summerall, *Magna Cum Laude*
Amber Diane Tankersley
Audra Werley, *Summa Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science - Interdisciplinary Studies

Jeremy Kade Ammons
Zori Alexandria Barlow
Courtney Michelle Crozier
Hallie Raegan Dixon
Liza George Dobbins, *Summa Cum Laude*
Maya Sade Fedon
Taylor Gardner, *Cum Laude*
Addie Caroline Graham
Ella Grace Hastert, *Magna Cum Laude*
Blayne Andrew Johnson
Jason Trevor Johnson
Sidney Lenard Johnson Sr.
Caleb Kabasakalian, *Magna Cum Laude*
Nigel Renyon Lawson Sr.
Nicole Ludwig
Tamekia Ashay Mann
Shanise Laquambia Nelson
Annie M. Riccio, *Cum Laude*
Nova Morningstar Smith
Paige Starbuck, *Summa Cum Laude*
Michelle Walrath
Morgan Starr Chyenne Webb
Vanessa Janea Williams
Kenneth Lasalle Wilson II

Bachelor of Science - Mathematics

Mallory Elizabeth Boyd
Jalen Scott Shepherd

Bachelor of Science - Middle Grades Education

Stephen L. Hill, *Magna Cum Laude*
Walker Cole Hinson
Mallory Jane Anna Malone
Brice Alan McCarty, *Cum Laude*
Madeline Anne Powell, *Cum Laude*
Ashley Smith
Janna S. Wilson

Bachelor of Science - Psychology

Isabella N. Bray, *Cum Laude*
Michael D'Agostino, *Summa Cum Laude*
Karianna Quierra Davis
Andrew Josiah Douglas, *Cum Laude*
David Felix*, *Cum Laude*
Gladys Francisco-Figueroa, *Magna Cum Laude*
Madison Elizabeth Gatto
Robbie Gibson
Jessica Jitzell Hernandez
Tawanna Loreen Ketchup
Kierra R. King, *Cum Laude*
Jesse Lynn Larson
Kailey E. McBrayer
Florencia Edith McRae
Jada Makenzie Parker
Kayla Lynn Thomas
Yakateema Nyjiri Desiree Tyson

School of Business and Public Management

Dr. William S. Mounts, Jr., Dean

Bachelor of Business Administration - General Business

Campbell Louise Adams, *Magna Cum Laude*
Alivia Marie Asip, *Magna Cum Laude*
Simon Blake Bass*
Bailey Lane Burke
Glynn A. Collins
Jaden Kahi Dunham
James Conner Eason
Alexis Reeanne Gardiner
Emma Noelle Garmon, *Magna Cum Laude*
Keith Garrett
Jamill Chance Giles
Spencer Winola Gray
Kindu Kareem Hamilton Jr.
James Bradley Hammock
Julianna Jo Hanson, *Cum Laude*
Raymond Thomas Hays Jr., *Magna Cum Laude*
Derik Matthew Highcock, *Cum Laude*
A'Yanna Z. Hill
Gavin William Hunter, *Cum Laude*
Justis Kuykendall
Leanna Jo Livingston, *Magna Cum Laude*
Elizabeth Neilee Lowman
James Cody McCartha
Nicholas Chase McCulloch
Valerie A. McKinney
Ana Paola Medellin Azuara
Megan Alexandria Molix
Halee Erin Pierce
Kaleb Andrew Pierce, *Magna Cum Laude*
Fahima Rastagar
Benjamin William Reed
Keilier Rhodes
Josie Elaine Rowe, *Magna Cum Laude*
Madelyn Elyse Scruggs
Johnny Rahshon Smashum III
Andrew Drake Stafford
Keeli Alexis Surrency
Melissa DeRohn Thompson, *Cum Laude*
Zachary Benjamin Thompson, *Magna Cum Laude*
Dillon Robert Troedsson, *Magna Cum Laude*
Vivienne Grace Wilber, *Magna Cum Laude*
Ainsley Ryan Woodward, *Magna Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science - Accounting

Holly Marie Beaver
Kimberly Morgan Bradley
John Scott Fennell
Dasia Paige Harris
Azul Malatini, *Magna Cum Laude*
Ashton Shane McCord, *Magna Cum Laude*
Abigail Lea Morgan, *Summa Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science - Criminal Justice

Jake Aaron Enlow, *Cum Laude*
Maylie Faith Flanagan
Jenna Angela Hagglund
Enmanuel Jimenez Del Rosario
Marilyn Anjeanette Johnson, *Magna Cum Laude*
Tatyana Latoya Jones
Robert Adonis Moore
Anisa Marie Rachelle Nur, *Magna Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science - Hospitality, Tourism, and Event Management

Stephen Buck
Denise Noelle Dees*
Katherine Oglesby Hobson
Peyton Ann Joiner
Olivia Grace Kennedy
Payton May Miller, *Cum Laude*
Zachary T. Pierce, *Magna Cum Laude*
Tori Lee Staat, *Summa Cum Laude*
Cora Theisen
Kelly Dayani Tornel-Gonzalez, *Magna Cum Laude*

School of Business and Public Management
(Continued)

Bachelor of Science - Public Administration

Mackenzie Leigh Kework
Vivian Isabel Lawless, *Cum Laude*
Michelle Marie Walsh

Bachelor of Applied Science - Workforce Management and Leadership

Marjorie Elaine Barton
Jimi Lance Ellis, *Magna Cum Laude*
Cheyenne Anderson Moseley, *Cum Laude*
Lisa Michelle Plezia
Hunter Nycolle Williams, *Magna Cum Laude*

School of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Syvillia Averett, Dean

Associate of Arts

Annika Noelle Clark
Tildes Neshay MacKey

Associate of Science

Sydnie Rose Bass
Britany Brown
Rachael Carter
Shelby Brooke Garland
Gabrielle Adalynn Hendrix
Nellie Kuntambila, *Honors*
Fredrick Dewayne Moses
Mary Ohlrich
Sydney Jayne Rush, *Honors*
Abigail Marie Safford
Marquita C. Smith
Breland Lame Thompson Sr.
Taylor Reese Thurman
Christian A. Tortorici, *Honors*
Michelle Marie Walsh Sainz

School of Business and Public Management
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Associate of Applied Science - Culinary Arts

Evan William Blythe
Richard Corbin Fraley
Caitlin Michelle O'Donnell, *Honors*
Zachary T. Pierce, *Honors*
Rolando Eduardo Smith
Valerie Jean Smith
Cathryn Verdi

2024-2025 FULL TIME FACULTY

Cynthia J. Atwood, Senior Lecturer of Criminal Justice

James Atwood, J.D., Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice

Syvillia Averett, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Data Science, Associate Professor of Mathematics

Tyler E. Bagwell, M.F.A., Professor of Communication

Ashley H. Barnes, D.N.P., Assistant Professor of Nursing

Jennifer Beirdneau, Lecturer and Clinical Coordinator for Radiologic Science

Kathleen Bennett, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Teacher Education

James Benton, Ph.D., J.D., Professor of Accounting

Jamie Berrie, Senior Lecturer of Mathematics

Scott Bird, Professor of Practice: Leadership and Management

Carla Bluhm, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology

Emily Boyle, Director of Honors Program, Lecturer of English

Robert Brant, Lecturer and Clinical Coordinator of Nursing

Katie Beth Brooks, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English

Christine Brown, D.P.T., Assistant Professor of Health Science and Anatomy and Physiology

Drew Cagle, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Political Science

James R. Carpenter, Assistant Professor of Biology

Joshua Clark, Senior Lecturer of Biology

Kelly Clark, Biology and Geology Laboratory Instructor

Robert C. Clark, Ph.D., Chair of Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of English

Stacie Conley, Nursing Clinical Lecturer

Stephanie B. Conner, Ed.D., Associate Professor of English

Richard Lee Cranz, Chef Instructor

Nicole Critcher, Instructor of Education

Marci R. Culley, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology

James Deemy, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Environmental Science

Wanda DeLeo, Ph.D., Professor of Accounting

Savannah Downing, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Communication

Patrice Edwards, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy

Johnny L. Evans, Jr., Ph.D., President

Heather Farley, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Business and Public Management, Associate Professor of Public Management

Rene Fisler, Nursing Student Success Counselor and Lecturer of Nursing

Kyle Fox, Ph.D., Interim Chair of the Department of Arts and Humanities, Assistant Professor of Communication

Shandy Frey, Research, Instruction and Engagement Librarian, Assistant Professor of Library Science

Nicole Shupe Fullard, Lecturer of Nursing

Julie Fusco, Anatomy and Physiology Lab Instructor

Leon C. Gardner, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry

Bill Garlen, Ed.D., Director of Business Innovation and Development

Caroline Geiken, Ed.D., Professor of Practice: Special Education

Mylynda D. Gill, Archive, Instruction, and Special Collections Librarian, Assistant Professor of Library Science

Laura Grantham, D.N.P., Assistant Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Kimberly H. Graw, Lecturer of Nursing

Elizabeth Gregory, Lecturer of Nursing

Jennifer Pooler Gray, Ph.D., Coordinator of the Writing Center, Professor of English

Jennifer M. Hatchel, Ph.D., Professor of Biology

Karen L. Haven, Public Services Librarian, Assistant Professor of Library Science

Deanna Helphrey, Lecturer of Biology

C. Tate Holbrook, Ph.D., Interim Chair of the Department of Natural Sciences, Professor of Biology

Debra L. Holmes, Ed.S., Dean of Library Services, Assistant Professor of Library Science

Michele Johnson, Public Services Librarian, Assistant Professor of Library Science

John L. Kissinger, Public Service Librarian, Assistant Professor of Library Science

Colleen Knight, Ph.D., Interim Assistant Vice President for Academic Student Engagement, Professor of Chemistry

Andrea Kwasny, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English

Alison Lawson, Lecturer of Nursing

Nevada LeCounte, D.N.P., Simulation Specialist, Associate Professor of Nursing

Kathryn Lee, Lecturer of Nursing

Joseph Lodmell, Director of the Camden Center, Lecturer of Chemistry

Rebecca Long, Lecturer of Nursing

Karen Lucas, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Mathematics Education

José Lugo Santiago, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Mathematics

Taylor Lutz, Lecturer of English

Kimberly Kinsey Mannahan, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology

Cynthia MacIntyre, Lecturer of Nursing

Nicole R. Masano, D.N.P., Professor of Nursing

Don H. Mathews, Ph.D., Professor of Economics

Mary McGinnis, Ph.D., Director of the ENDEAVOR Center for High Impact Practices, Associate Professor of English

Robin McLachlan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Geology

Jessica Melilli-Hand, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English

Hector Montford, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of History

Jessica Morris, Ed.D., Assistant Professor of Teacher Education with Specialization in Reading Literacy Education

Michael P. Morris, Ph.D., Professor of History

Tara Mosher, D.N.P., Assistant Professor of Nursing

Matthew Mosley, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management

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David Mulry, Ph.D., Professor of English

Holly Nance, Ph.D., Director of STEM Initiatives, Associate Professor of Biology

Caílín Noble, Senior Lecturer of Mathematics

Kathryn Ostrander, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Health Science

Nicole Pankiewicz, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Political Science

Ernest Pascoe, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry

Nicole Piercey, Lecturer and Clinical Coordinator of Radiologic Science

Lainie Pomerleau, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English

Aurora Pope, M.F.A., Associate Professor of Visual Arts

J. Brian Pope, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology

Ashley Prosser, Lecturer of Mathematics

Aurora Ramos Núñez, Ph.D., Student Success Coordinator,
Associate Professor of Psychology

T. David Reese, Ph.D., Professor of Finance and Economics

Richard Roberson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management,
Chef Instructor

Traesha Robertson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biology

Maryanne Sandberg, Ed.D., Associate Professor of Nursing

Roscoe Scarborough, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Social Sciences,
Associate Professor of Sociology

Ben Seligson, Lecturer of Mathematics

Amy Sneed, Ph.D., Assistant Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences,
Associate Professor of Middle Grades Education

Ashleigh Spurlock, Program Director of Radiologic Science,
Lecturer of Radiologic Science

Nelbert St. Clair, D.Sc., Associate Professor of Cyber Security and Criminal Justice

David Stasek, Ph.D., Professor of Biology

Richard Stephens, Ed.D., Lecturer of Business Administration

Kimberly Takagi, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Environmental Science and Oceanography

Dantera Tangpisuthipongsa, M.D., Associate Professor of Biology

Lori Tigani, Chemistry Lab Instructor

Melissa Trussell, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics

Min-Cheng Tu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Environmental Science

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German A. Vargas, Ph.D., Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs,
Professor of Mathematics

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Culinary Arts and Criminal Justice and Public Policy,
Associate Professor of Hospitality and Tourism

Lydia A. Watkins, D.N.P., Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences,
Professor of Nursing

Christopher J. Wilhelm, Ph.D., Professor of History

Scott Williamson, Professor of Practice: Marketing and Communication

Aaron Yeager, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Renren Zhao, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Mathematics

THE HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE OF COASTAL GEORGIA

1964-1966: Inaugural Brunswick Class

The College began operations as "Brunswick College" with an initial class of 269 students, 11 full-time teaching faculty members, and 25 full-time staff. In 1966, 28 students were awarded associate degrees at the College's first graduation. Over the next four decades, the College offered associate degree programs as well as postsecondary technical and adult programs.

1992: Camden Instruction Began

The Board of Regents authorized an off-site instructional unit to be located in Camden County to serve students in the region. Classes were offered one year later in the former Kingsland Elementary School until the Camden Center site was opened in 2004.

1996: Community College Status

To better reflect the broader mission of serving the educational needs of the surrounding coastal communities, the College was renamed "Coastal Georgia Community College."

2007: State College Status

College Degree Access for Coastal Southeast Georgia, a report to the USG Chancellor, recommended "senior college" status for the College, noting that the campus is in one of the state's most desirable locations and has one of the largest acreages within the System. The report called for the new "senior college" to offer a wide range of targeted baccalaureate degrees and to become a "destination campus to attract Georgians from other regions."



Entrance to Brunswick Campus

2008: Baccalaureate Degrees Began

The College was renamed "College of Coastal Georgia" and was approved to offer the inaugural set of baccalaureate degrees in business administration, early childhood/special education, middle grades education, and nursing. The master plan for the College shifted to "1) serve significantly increasing numbers of people from its 12-county region, and 2) be a destination College, attracting students from elsewhere in Georgia and, to a lesser extent, from other states and nations." Over the last decade, the College has implemented a full array of innovative baccalaureate programs and community engagement strategies.

2012: Student Housing Offered

The College began offering student housing, which has grown today to two on-campus student housing complexes as well as off-campus housing.

Today:

Today, the College has a spring enrollment of over 3,150 students, employs over 200 full-time faculty and staff, offers 19 baccalaureate degrees as well as associate degrees in core curriculum and three career associate degrees. The College graduates over 550 students each year, with more than half earning a baccalaureate degree.

ALMA MATER

Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
Hear the song we raise to thee;
Fount of wisdom, Seat of knowledge,
We do pledge our loyalty.

Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
Symbol of the joys of youth;
Lead us on as we grow older,
Help us keep thy ways of truth.

Through the years, dear Coastal Georgia
Memories bonds will hold you near;
For all wisdom and all knowledge,
We lift up our thanks sincere.

Alma Mater, Alma Mater
Coastal Georgia hail to thee;
Alma Mater, Alma Mater
Shine through all eternity.