Hurricanes hit South Carolina
How Coastal Carolina responded in the wake of disaster
Coastal freshmen open up about fleeing Florence

Sydney Burgbacher/ Reporter

Hurricane Florence has been a vivid topic on everyone’s mind since the day the entire school was told to evacuate.

On Sunday, Sept. 9, all on-campus students were put together and told that they were going to be given the opportunity to evacuate campus by Tuesday at 8 A.M. If not gone by that time, they would have to leave with campus housing to the designated evacuation spot being Clemson University.

There were several sources of transportation used for Coastal students to leave. Many students left by plane or car but there were also several that took a bus or a train. Coastal shuttles left hourly to the airport to take students for their flights that were booked last minute. Coastal Carolina has students that come from all parts of the United States so not everyone was lucky enough to get all the way home. However, many Chant families were willing to open their homes to several students.

Kayla Smith from Gaithersburg, Md., opened up about how she and her family were going to ride out Florence. “My family and I really talked it over and we weighed out all the pros and cons of going all the way home up north for the storm,” said Smith. “We realized it would just be better to stay with one of my roommates until we are allowed back to campus.”

At one point, there was a chance that Hurricane Florence could turn into a category 5. This was very frightening to the Class of 2022 since not many have experienced a storm this big before and being right in the line of it. Yes, there are many students that live all up and down the east coast but this would be the first University’s decision to evacuate by contacting every individual by email, using the CCU alert, and getting everyone out safely.

Hannah Bennett, a freshman from northeastern Pennsylvania gave her thoughts on how Coastal Carolina handled the evacuation. “I am deeply thankful that Coastal had the foresight to get students out of campus’ way before the storm hit,” said Bennett. “My mom and I will be driving the 12 hours together to come down to Myrtle and help with the cleanup that will be needed with all the destruction from the storm.”

Before students left campus, they were told to take pictures of their belongings, take things off the floor, bring bikes into rooms, and take all valuables with them wherever they decided to go.

Shea from Montana said, “I picked everything up and put it on top of my bed, unplugged everything and brought with me all of my electronics, jewelry and expensive items.”

Plenty of freshman have already stated that they are ready to come back to campus and start back with classes.

Hannah Pritchard from Pittsburgh, Pa. talked about what she has been doing since campus evacuated. “Right now, all we are doing is playing the waiting game but I cannot wait to be back at Coastal,” said Pritchard.

Rianna Tremper from Lake Wylie, S.C., which is about 175 miles from Conway and up near Rock Hill, talked about what she hopes to see once students return to campus.

“I’m hoping Coastal won’t get damaged because I love it so much down there,” said Tremper.

Colton Wilson from Maryland gave his thoughts about being displaced from campus because of Florence. “I wish the storm didn’t happen,” said Wilson. “I would much rather be there catching up on classes and hanging with friends rather than being at home.”

Freshman parents were worried as well about students getting to safety whether it was going all the way home or staying with other families. While Hurricane Florence was downgraded to a Tropical Storm on the morning of Friday, Sep. 14, that does not mean people treated it any different.

After nearly three weeks, students finally were able to return to campus as the residence halls reopened on Friday, Sept. 28 and classes resumed on Monday, Oct. 1.
Coastal Carolina students react to Hurricane Florence, evacuation

O’Tia Prioleau // Reporter

Just over a month ago, South Carolina got the news about a tropical system named Florence that was making her way to the East Coast of the United States.

It was Friday, Sept. 7 when Coastal Carolina University knew they had to react and had to make a decision for students’ safety. At first, CCU thought it would only affect them for a week, but as it came closer it delayed Coastal for two weeks.

Once CCU was clear of water they thought they could start inviting students back, but the citizens surrounding them were not. They still encountered more water damage as that following week, the rain came again. As students made their way back on the final weekend of the September, traveling was still difficult with blocked off roads, sandbags and pouring rain were in their path.

Senior Megan Snead, a local business management major with a focus in operations management, found out about Florence two weeks before she had to make a move. She is a full-time manager as well as a student at CCU, so she had an advantage. Snead did not evacuate, but she did have a plan set in case she had to leave.

“Academically, I really thought it was a setback because we just got into a routine and for me, that balance is really important,” she said.

Snead also notes that the break put her in what she normally does for the summer and she is still playing catch up as for now to try to get back on track. She plans to graduate in May, so she hopes she can adjust in the best way to make that happen.

Junior Nina McCoy immediately went home to Maryland once she received the news about the hurricane. She expected the break to only last a week but to her surprise her professors were blowing up her phone. McCoy’s professors didn’t wait to contact her about the work they had to do. Once the first weekend came she had assignments lined up for her. She was lucky to not have had Saturday classes scheduled.

“It feels like now we are cramming and everyone’s grades aren’t going to be as good [as it would have been before the hurricane],” said McCoy.

Sophomore Kelsey Picatello only knew about the storm the Saturday before CCU made a move. She didn’t leave until the Wednesday before Florence hit. Picatello left to go to Charlotte, North Carolina for only three days and decided to come back to Myrtle Beach.

If there wasn’t a hurricane she thinks that she would have had a lot more work to do because her professors canceled a lot of assignments. Picatello says that it even affected how she studied.

“I was in a groove for school before the hurricane started and I had two test when I came back, I had to study really quickly, I was not prepared,” she said.

She wishes everyone luck and hopes the hurricane didn’t affect everyone that much.

Freshman McKenna Tkaczuk heard about Florence through social media and felt rushed once she knew it was real. She was fortunate to not get affected by Florence, academically. Tkaczuk did not have to do anything during her break and now there isn’t really a deadline for assignments and her professors are allowing them to take their time with things so they are less stressed out.

“Since we were only here for a few weeks and then left for longer than we were already here, [I feel] we are just restarting right now,” she said.

Classes have officially been back to a “normal” schedule for the past two weeks. The only exception is that the student holiday on Friday, Oct. 5 and the student holiday on Dec. 6 have been made into makeup days.

Coastal Carolina is ‘Carolina Strong’

Tristan Wyatt // Reporter

On Sept. 9, many students were gathered into dining halls and HTC centers to discuss possible evacuation plans for the approaching Hurricane Florence. Students had no idea the impact that the storm was going to do to the Conway area.

Three weeks later, students are receiving emails that say classes are to resume and start back to normal operations on campus. However, we are not fighting this tough battle alone. At the game against Louisiana at Lafayette they started a “Care for Coastal” campaign to help Coastal Carolina recover from the hurricane. We receive many thoughts from the University of Houston, who went through the destructive path of Hurricane Harvey, along with many other schools.

Coastal Carolina has started a “Carolina Strong” t-shirt sell on Fanatic.com to help support the Wacammaw Community Foundation.

Lindsi Glass, Senior Director of marketing & licensing at Coastal, explained the story behind the development of the shirt.

“Fanatics approached CCU about their interest in developing a shirt to provide support for the areas affected by Hurricane Florence,” said Glass.

“[Fanatics] sold a similar shirt last year in the Houston area. They approached universities and pro teams in North Carolina and South Carolina who were affected by Hurricane Florence with the option of the “Carolina Strong” shirt in their dark-gray tee option, that would include the text Carolina Strong with the school/team logo.”

After speaking with other students about their opinion on the “Carolina Strong” Fanatics t-shirt sale, many people, including junior Chris Milano, had the same thought on how great it is.

“This is a great opportunity not only to bring the Coastal Carolina community together it is bringing the entire Wacammaw community together,” said Milano. “Fanatics is really great about helping out schools when something negative happens.”
Coastal athletics during Hurricane Florence

Brendan Donoghue // Reporter

For the entire Coastal Carolina community, the past few weeks have been a whirlwind. With Hurricane Florence in the forecast, Governor Henry McMaster issued an evacuation order and both students and faculty of the Coastal Carolina community left campus for nearly three full weeks.

With some students and faculty members returning home and others evacuating to nearby areas, members of our beloved Chanticleer athletic teams still had games to play and practices to grind through.

Lauren Dabner, a senior from Christchurch, New Zealand and defender for the Coastal Carolina women's soccer team, talked about her time away from campus and balancing everything going on amidst Hurricane Florence.

"Well, right when we had to leave we headed down to Georgia and wound up coming to Georgia for our game so that was helpful."

Once the team finished their stay in Georgia, the team traveled to Alabama.

"We had a few games scheduled to be played in Alabama anyway so we got those games in and wound up staying in multiple hotels throughout the state," said Dabner.

The Coastal Carolina football team had a jam-packed first week of the near-three-week weather break. Coastal's home opener against UAB ended just before 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sep. 8 and not even 48 hours later, the team had found out that not only had their game against Campbell was moved to Wednesday, Sept. 12 but that they also had to travel to Buies Creek, NC to play the Camels.

"When we found out that we had to evacuate, we bused up to Campbell to get that game in," Anderson said. "Following the Campbell game, we took an eight-hour bus ride to St. Augustine, Florida where we stayed for a while to practice. Eventually, we played University of Louisiana-Lafayette and following that game we flew back to Myrtle Beach. We have been staying at the Sheraton in Myrtle Beach and practicing at Myrtle Beach High School until campus reopened."

Anderson opened up about the experience and the adversity that everyone faced.

"Obviously it has not been ideal," said Anderson. "However, the team has done a great job looking at the bigger picture. We knew that once campus reopened and everyone was back that things would get back to normal."

Dabner also opened up about how her and the team handled the 20-day road trip.

"It has been difficult since we have been on the road for a while but the longer it lasts, the easier it gets," said Dabner.

One of the more difficult things is that we do have coaches and players who are from the area and are concerned for the safety of their families and the damages to their property, so they have to be in contact with their families a lot which leads to some anxiety, but we are making the most of it."

Anderson shared his thanks and appreciation for those who continued support the team during their ordeal and for being able to remain safe during the long break.

"I am thankful to God for the opportunity to get out of harm's way," said Anderson. "Obviously, there were people in the Coastal community that weren't as lucky. And there still are people that are suffering. I hope we can help those who need it but I am very thankful to have remained safe through it all."

The women's soccer team is on the road this weekend, traveling to Georgia Southern on Friday, Oct. 12 before taking on Georgia State on Sunday, Oct. 14. While senior night was held on Sunday, Oct. 7, the team will make up their match against Arkansas State that was originally scheduled for Sept. 16.

The rescheduled date is Thursday, Oct. 25 and the game is set to kickoff at 2 p.m.
Gallery: The aftermath of Hurricane Florence

Water levels at the Intracoastal Waterway in Socastee. Photo by Lindsay Hickman

Intracoastal Waterway as the flood waters rise in Socastee. Photo by Lindsay Hickman

Flooding in Conway. Photo by O’Tia Prioleau

University Boulevard blocked off due to flooding. Photo by Ian Livingston Brooking
Due to Hurricane Florence, the Coastal Carolina University community got an unexpected three-week vacation. Many are concerned about what that means for the rest of the semester.

“Please know all of our faculty and staff have your best interests in mind,” the Provost, J. Ralph Byington said in an email. “Some classes have been redesigned to allow for an alternative format of instruction.”

For some classes, online instruction was the alternative beginning on Sep. 24, but for other courses professors kept in contact and assigned alternative assignments. In person make up days may also be the way some professors choose to make up lost time which professors can choose to do with Saturday make up classes. There have been other days assigned for in person make up time as well such as Friday, Oct. 5, and even Election Day which is Nov. 6.

You can check WebAdvisor to see what your classes designated make up days and times are. However, check with your professors to see what their plans are because the can opt for an alternative assignment instead of in person make up time.

The storm has had a huge impact on our semester, and we may struggle to get through the material we need in many classes now.

“For Fall I classes, instructors will be assessing the ability for work to be completed,” said the Provost. “If it is not possible to complete the work by the end of half-term, instructors have the ability to issue incompletes that may be completed in the second half of the term or in the spring semester.”

Though, some are confident that we can stay on schedule and successfully get through required material.

“Throughout your college education, if you’re on the four-year plan, you will have had approximately 560 days of learning experiences satisfying criteria that prepare you for receiving your degree,” Edward Jadallah, Dean of Spadoni College of Education, said in his email. “When you use this quantitative perspective, 14 days is easily made up and should not have any major effects on your final educational goals.”

He also mentions that students working on completely their required internship have nothing to worry about.

“We have examined the internship calendar and even with the missed 14 days our candidates will be able to complete exactly 60 days,” Jadallah said.

Students are excited and ready to jump back into the semester, however, are facing some challenges after so much time off.
New dean of students looks forward to first academic year at Coastal Carolina

Ian Livingston Brooking // Editor in Chief

Peter Paquette was introduced as the new dean of students at Coastal Carolina University on April 18, 2018, replacing Travis Overton, who served as the Dean of Students for several years.

The Dean of Students role on the campus of Coastal Carolina is to provide supervision for the student conduct and student advocacy. In his new role, Dean Paquette will serve as the chief student conduct officer for the University as well as the chair of the student conduct and student services.

Peter Paquette was in good shape. I felt as if I knew that a lot of the processes I had known of Coastal and I was greatly pleased with how people cared about the place.”

Paquette said that in his interview what really stood out to him was the response to a question he asked. Paquette asked ‘What could he get from Coastal that he couldn’t get from reading the website?’ Paquette received this answer from University Council member Tim Meacham, who is also a Coastal alum.

“Meacham told me that ‘Coastal is really a place that you can come as a nobody and leave as a somebody’,” said Paquette. “That is the best synopsis of what it felt like to be a member of this institution.”

While Paquette and two other candidates did apply and visit campus for the potential role of dean of students involved a lot of executive members from Coastal Carolina, the selection process did include some students at Coastal Carolina.

Adrian Anderson, a senior from Sumter, S.C., was a part of the Teal Nation. While Dean Paquette is new to the position, he does have a long-term goal for the himself, the student body and the University as a whole.

“I would like students to come to Coastal and be their authentic selves,” said Paquette. “That really isn’t something I strive to see in students every day. However, if that is not happening, then that is something I would definitely look into and see what type of systematic barriers there are and why that is going on. I also look forward to working with university officials, both those who have been here awhile and those who have been recently hired like myself.”
Rip currents pose a serious threat to beachgoers and students

Jordan Monroe // Reporter

As we move into the middle of September, the summertime weather has yet to die down for our fellow CCU students. The Carolina beaches always attract so many tourists and Coastal Carolina University students that want to be able to experience what all South Carolina has to offer. However, since Hurricane Florence has rolled through the Carolinas we could experience many more rip currents after this treacherous storm.

Rip currents are powerful, narrow channels of fast-moving water that are prevalent along the East, Gulf, and West coasts of the U.S., as well as along the shores of the Great Lakes.

Last May, North Myrtle Beach lifeguards responded to over 40 calls to rip current incidents. During the summer of 2018 in the Outer Banks, there had been at least 11 deaths from strong powerful rip currents in which almost all the victims had been pulled out to sea. Reports by NOAA from 1999-2013 have had a total of 29 South Carolina fatalities and 62 North Carolina fatalities from strong underwater rip currents.

Dr. Diane Fribance, a professor of oceanography here at CCU, has been able to give us a clear insight as to why there have been so many rip currents.

“Certain locations are more favorable for rip current formation,” said Fribance. “Rip currents can be divided into three basic categories. One, rip currents controlled by water-flow processes on beaches that have consistent characteristics along the coastline. Two, rips that are formed by flow over manmade structures like jetties and piers or natural features like headlands.”

Both Carolina coasts include combinations of all these factors which make the formation of rip currents more likely than other coastlines here on the eastern shore. From long term data, there is an average of approximately two rip current related fatalities in South Carolina per year.

As hurricane season reaches its peak there is a huge chance that the rip current frequency will increase due to offshore waves that are generated by the hurricanes despite them never reaching the coastline. Breaking waves are one of the requirements for a rip current formation to occur and offshore storms like hurricanes for example can produce swell waves which are lower amplitude and longer period which is basically more time from one wave to occur to the next.

Dr. Fribance also suggests that if you are caught in a rip current and you feel yourself getting pulled out to sea to always swim sideways, before trying to swim towards shore. Once you move horizontally (parallel to the beach) you can get out of the rip currents and avoid tiring yourself out before being able to make it back to shore. When there is an outward flow that is concentrated in a relatively narrow area it makes swimming to shore much easier once you have moved out of the strong outward flow.

The best advice to all you CCU beach lovers is to only go swimming when there is a lifeguard present where you are at on the beach. Also, pay attention when you see warning flags because you never what dangers lurk out there in the ocean and at the very least make sure you never swim alone. If you do happen to see someone caught in a rip current, try to get them something that floats to hold on to until help arrives and avoid getting yourself into the same dangerous situation as the person you are trying to save.
Stay S.A.F.E. at school with training

By Ian Livingston Brooking // Editor-in-Chief

On May 18, Dimitrios Pagourtzis opened fire on classmates at Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe, Texas, killing 10 people and injuring 13 others.

The shooting at Santa Fe High School made it only the eighth time that 10 or more persons had been killed on a school campus. However, this was the second time in 2018 that 10 or more people had been killed on a school campus. The other incident happened at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida where 17 people were killed.

Considering the recent school shootings, Coastal Carolina wants to remind both students and faculty about S.A.F.E. Training.

Lieutenant Robert Pellerin of the Coastal Carolina Department of Public Safety talked about how this new program came to Coastal’s campus.

Pellerin said, “Furman had this type of program implemented at their university through the National Association of Campus Administrators. The program was developed to gear towards colleges and universities, and I thought it was very simplified and really hit the points that were necessary to keep students and faculty members safe.”

Pellerin says that while there was active shooter training in place, he believed that the S.A.F.E. Training that was implemented at Furman was a lot simpler.

“The program we were doing in the past essentially had the same tools, same ideas and concepts,” said Pellerin. “However, this program at Furman was a lot more simplified in the safe response to violence. I thought that was better because we need people to react and respond appropriately and quickly in an active shooter situation.”

While the S.A.F.E. Training program is rather new to Coastal’s campus, Pellerin talked to about the importance of the training being offered across campus.

“I think it is extremely important for everybody to hear the information,” said Pellerin. “This training isn’t limited to faculty and staff only. It is open to everyone on campus and I think it is important for students to know what they should and shouldn’t do in an active shooter incident or some type of armed aggressor incident that could take place on campus.”

Since the active shooter training is relatively new on Coastal’s campus, there are a lot of students who know of its existence.

Rylee Atteberry, a sophomore from Aurora, Colorado, talked about how she feels about her safety campus after her hometown experienced a mass shooting in 2012.

“I haven’t felt safe in public places since the Aurora shooting,” said Atteberry. “I am always hyper-aware in public situations. It has become second nature. The recent shooting in Santa Fe, as tragic as it was, just reaffirms my reasoning for being that way.”

Atteberry did not know about S.A.F.E. Training but says she will make it a point to attend a session and get her friends to go as well.

“I will definitely be encouraging others to look into it,” said Atteberry.

Martha Hunn, associate vice president of University Communication, gave her thoughts on S.A.F.E. Training and how it has impacted not just Coastal’s campus but the Horry County community.

“Something I really appreciate about the S.A.F.E. Program is that the University is leading the way in the community with this particular training,” said Hunn. “Lieutenant Pellerin has gone out into the community and trained corporate companies in the S.A.F.E. Training Program. Companies have asked him to come in and help train their employees on S.A.F.E.”

While S.A.F.E. Training is open to all students, Hunn says that S.A.F.E. Training might make its way into First-Year Experience classes.

“Having S.A.F.E. Training in First-Year Experience classes encourages more consistency in students engaging in the process,” said Hunn.

To sign up for S.A.F.E. Training, visit the Training, Development page on Coastal’s website, coastal.edu/tdse/. Once on that page, you will be able to see all the types of programs that CCU has to offer and register for the S.A.F.E. program.
Summer is supposed to be a time of having fun in the sun and making memories. For Coastal Carolina Alumna Stefanie Schaffer, however, this recent summer concluded in tragedy.

Schaffer and her family were in a horrific boat explosion while in the Bahamas in July. The family was on vacation and decided to go on a boat excursion. According to the Boston News, Stefanie’s step father states that the entire family was all “happy and smiles” until everything went downhill.

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“Two women were holding onto a guy. One of them said she couldn’t feel her legs so my son jumped into the water to help her,” Smith told Tribune. “There was a lot of blood on my boat from the lady whose leg was damaged.”

Smith also told the Bahamas Tribune how he would have handled the incident.

“If it was my boat and I saw smoke,” he said, “everyone would be off the boat before the explosion happened but only he knows what happened.”

The captain of that boat, Ron Watson, was discharged a few days after the incident from a hospital in Nassau, the capital of Bahama, after receiving treatment there, CNN reported.

The former Coastal student suffered many broken bones along with the amputation to both of her legs, within 20 days of the accident she had already been through 13 surgeries with many more on the way.

Schaffer was a part of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority here at the university. Phi Sigma Sigma, along with many other organizations and sources, are selling blue “Stef Strong” bracelets to help raise money for her and her family.

This sorority held a fundraiser on Tuesday, Aug. 28 in order to get their former sisters’ story out there and see if people would be willing to donate to her fund or buy a “Stef Strong” bracelet.

After the incident, friends began a GoFundMe page to help the families pay for medical expenses as well as Schaffer’s travel back to the United States. So far, the GoFundMe has raised nearly $170,000 and is hoping to reach a goal of $200,000.

The Chanticleer has reached out to the family and has not heard back.
Coastal marine science student reflects on time in Scotland

Valerie Viscusi, a senior marine science major from Lansdale, Pennsylvania, spent the month of May across the pond in Scotland taking part in a Field Methods and Oceanographic Data Analysis Maymester.

Viscusi, who has taken trips to the Bahamas for Shark Biology, talked about why she wanted to take part in the rather-new Maymester offered by the marine science department.

“I became very interested after seeing pictures and hearing stories of how the first trip went,” said Viscusi. “This was the second year of this specific Maymester class and I heard so many great things about people’s experience last year that got me really excited. Plus, I had never been to Europe before and my mother is Scottish. So, it has always been a dream of mine.”

Scotland has a very different type of climate from what Viscusi had experienced in the Bahamas. She discussed what some of those differences are.

“Scotland was a totally difference experience from the Caribbean,” said Viscusi. “You are only in Bimini for a week whereas we were in Scotland for almost a month. In Bimini, we were always on the go. We would get up at 7:15 and be done by ten o’clock at night. However, in Scotland, we took a bus at eight in the morning to the school where our class was held, we had an hour-and-a-half for lunch and we were done close to or at five PM. So, we had the rest of the evening to go out and tour the area where we were staying. Completely different experience from my time in the Bahamas.”

While Viscusi and her classmates did spend time in classrooms and in labs, they also went out on boat trips on some of the many lochs that country from the northern part of the British Isle has to offer.

“We took a boat trip out to Loch Etive and collected water samples from a bunch of different depths,” said Viscusi. “When we got back to the lab, we would filter all these samples for chlorophyll, nutrients and whatnot. It was really cool to see your data instead of data that we would pull NOAA.”

Along with collecting water samples, the class made contour plots of the salinities and depths from the data that they collected.

Viscusi said that there wasn’t a major culture shock when touring Scotland.

“The people there weren’t all that different from Americans,” said Viscusi. “The dress the same way and the only thing I could really see a difference in was certain mannerisms and money. When it came to money, if you were paying six pounds for a meal, you paid six pounds for a meal. Everything from tip to tax was factored in. Obviously here in America, you pay six dollars for a meal at a restaurant, there is tax to be included and then a tip.”

Viscusi did say that there was one major thing that stuck out to her and it is something that she hopes businesses in the United States try to put into place. Viscusi also touched on the importance of studying abroad.

“That was so interesting to me. When it comes to studying abroad, I think it is very important to see what other countries are doing to help the environment and decrease their carbon footprint and see if we can try that here in the states.”

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“‘You had to pay for a plastic bag,” said Viscusi. “They also didn’t have plastic straws. Instead, they had paper straws. That is what I really want to be spending my time in once I graduate from Coastal. While that isn’t Oceanographic Data Analysis, having the skills that were taught in that class really helped me gain a lot of valuable information that will be useful later on in my career.”

Viscusi took a few summer classes before going into her final semester as she graduates in December this year. She talked about what she hopes to do within her first year of graduating.

“I am very focused on conservation, mainly wetland conservation,” said Viscusi. “So, that is what I really want to do once I graduate from Coastal. While that isn’t Oceanographic Data Analysis, having the skills that were taught in that class really helped me gain a lot of valuable information that will be useful later on in my career.”

Viscusi said her long-term goal is move out to Oregon and get involved in wetland plant jurisdiction.
Cheyenne Cunningham, a senior marine science major with a concentration in ocean policy and legal studies, is spending her summer not in the Bahamas but in Washington, D.C. at the forefront of American politics.

Cunningham, a native of Stillwater, New York, is interning with United States Congressman Ralph Norman, who represents the 5th District of South Carolina. The 5th District of South Carolina encompasses eight entire counties (Cherokee, Chester, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Union and York) and some of Newberry, Spartanburg and Sumter Counties.

Norman is relatively new to the United States Congress, only assuming office on June 20, 2017. Cunningham discussed what her duties are on Capitol Hill.

“For the most part, I attend briefings and hearings on behalf of Congressman Norman and I also handle constituency concerns,” said Cunningham. “I have also been given the opportunity to attend briefings for personal reasons. For instance, toward the end of May, I attended a briefing on Coastal Resiliency and Ocean Stabilization.”

Cunningham also went into detail of what her daily routine consists of amidst the hustle and bustle in D.C.

“I live about thirty minutes from the Capitol but with traffic, it takes about two hours,” said Cunningham. “When my colleagues heard that, they were stunned. They couldn’t believe the dedication. When I get to work, I address constituency concerns that were left over from the night before. I will help organize anything that involves Congressman Norman’s schedule. Things can change on a dime in D.C. Briefings can pop up and I might have to go to that briefing if Congressman Norman can’t make it or if it is an issue or topic that Congressman Norman would like to learn more about.”

Working at the Capitol Building has its perks like having the opportunity to say that you work in the Capitol. Cunningham talked about what it had been like walking up the Capitol steps every day and that there is a possibility she will return to Washington.

“It is truly stunning,” said Cunningham. “It feels natural, and yet so humbling to be a part of something so much bigger than myself. The power of the atmosphere generates an energy that continues to feed my passion. With every step that I take in life, I want to make sure that I drive toward the underlying source to ensure real change. I will not settle for mediocrity. So, with that being said, returning to Washington may be one of the only routes of true impact, it is where much of the power lies. I want to create a positive long-term trend, that effects change that really sticks.”

Cunningham credits her accomplishments in D.C. to Thomas Mullikin, a research professor in the Department of Coastal and Marine Systems Science here at Coastal Carolina University.

“For me to generate such momentum of early success, all gratitude is owed to Mr. Tom Mullikin, a global leader on climate change expertise and commander of the South Carolina State Guard,” said Cunningham. “Mr. Mullikin has been an exceptional mentor and a lifelong friend and has turned an experiential learning internship into a world of open opportunity and achievement. The honor to work with Mr. Mullikin has allowed me to ignite an ambitious future. Mr. Mullikin has helped me acknowledge this: After relentless search of trying to see the bigger picture, I realized that I have to be the bigger picture.”

After several weeks in D.C., Cunningham says that her time there has sparked some new interests of hers in the world of ocean conservation.

“I have become really interested in alternative energy,”
said Cunningham. “Congressman Norman really allows me to do what I want when it comes to attending things that I am passionate about and I am very grateful for that.”

“It feels natural, and yet so humbling to be a part of something so much bigger than myself.”

-Cunningham

The topic of climate change has not been a major focal point of discussion until rather recently. Cunningham gave her opinion as to why the conversation isn’t as talked about as other issues that make it on the docket.

“It is obvious that representatives whose congressional district does not concern itself with Ocean and Coastal Management are insufficiently informed on the issues,” said Cunningham. “Now, maybe climate change isn’t a main concern within that district. A lot of people disconcert themselves with the issue.”

Although her internship ended in late July, Cunningham says she has gained so much and looks forward to using what she has learned in D.C. to make the world a better place. Cunningham recently has been accepted into the Stennis Program for Congressional Interns and has also getting a chance to visit the White House with Congressman Norman to get a taste of what things are like on 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

“When I set foot in the White House, I had this feeling that I made it,” said Cunningham. “It gave me a chance to reflect on all of the work that I have been putting in. Again, I cannot thank Tom Mullikin enough because if it weren’t for him, my arrival to Congress would have taken a lot longer. When it comes to the Stennis Program, I am now meeting with senior congressional staff and participating in House and Senate floor activities. The average congressional intern normally does not take part in House and Senate floor activities where in this position, I will actually be helping with the legislative process.”

Cunningham says that the Stennis Program for Congressional Interns helps get one step closer to a goal of hers that she has had for a long time – getting a bill onto the House floor.

“The things I have been doing in this internship have been an absolute dream of mine and the fact that they are coming true so early in my life is just stunning,” said Cunningham. “It is keeping me two steps ahead of the game because I am taking part in the legislative process that runs this country. It also helping me get closer to reaching my goal of helping write a bill that gets introduced to the House floor.”

Cunningham plans to graduate from Coastal Carolina this December and can definitely see herself returning to D.C.

“The reason I have driven toward Capitol Hill, is to thoroughly understand the true...
Coastal Carolina celebrates Family Weekend

Sydney Burgbacher // Reporter

This past weekend, Coastal Carolina University celebrated Family Weekend, which consisted of lots of family fun and memories that will last a lifetime. What is better than living hours away from home or even minutes and getting to have your family with you at college for a weekend? Friday afternoon was the start of registration for the families that were arriving. If you were able to register, students and their families benefited in the many perks to it that came with Family Weekend such as attending many different sessions throughout the campus.

Caren Byng, parent of Coastal freshman Lindsay Byng, talked about the stress-free registration process for Family Weekend.

“Coastal made it really easy for us to find our way around to registration, everything went smoothly,” said Byng. “We most definitely had a great weekend seeing how much our Chant loved this school.”

Lindsay Byng talked about her first Family Weekend experience and how much it meant to her and her family.

“It was great to have a weekend to show my family around the school and to have them meet my new friends,” said Lindsay Byng. “It is for sure a weekend to remember.”

Families got to talk with faculty and staff from all different areas of the campus, take tours to see each building, and were given the fun “TEAL-gate” experience. TEAL-gate is just like tailgating before a big game but with lots of families and fun. Coastal families celebrated the TEAL-gate with food and games that were provided in front of the Wall building.

Freshman got to experience another first on campus yet with having their family along with them. Seniors got to experience the last family weekend they will be having at Coastal with their families. And even transfers got to experience the wonders of how Coastal makes it a bit hit.

Senior Patrick Miller spoke about all the emotions that went on between him and his family.

“This is a last for us, obviously there is grad school but that is something completely different than now,” said Miller. “This past weekend is something I will cherish my entire life.”

Patrick Miller’s father talked about how much this meant to their family.

“We brought the entire family down, sibling’s, grandparents, and even the dog,” said Mr. Miller. “We are from Maine, so it was a long drive, but it was all worth it to spend this last family involved weekend at Coastal Carolina for our son.”

Family weekend was a huge success! No matter what day everyone arrived, the weekend was a blast. Coastal fell to ULM in football but everyone was still feeling the teal involving their families with some fun football to watch in Brooks Stadium.

Tropical Storm Michael visits South Carolina, CCU

Alyssa Brennan // Assistant Editor

The Coastal Carolina community had finally returned to a normal schedule after being hit by Hurricane Florence just to be surprised with a tropical storm.

Michael hit Florida as a category 4 hurricane. According to ABC News, 18 people were killed by this storm and had winds up to 155 mph. If they had topped at 156, or higher, it would have been a category 5. Michael brought devastation to Florida.

Here in Conway, we only had to endure a tropical storm.

The university kept in contact with the students through email to give updates on the situation. The Coastal Carolina community was under a tropical storm warning, and flash flood watch until Friday, Oct. 12. We were also at risk for going under a tornado warning or watch.

According to the University’s email, we experienced winds from 17-38 mph throughout the day, and of course, heavy rain.

Some students were so focused on their studies, they weren’t even concerned about it.

“I was so busy last week that I wasn’t worried about it,” sophomore Sara Nibar said.

Coastal was able to keep classes in session and we didn’t have any devastating effects.

Photo courtesy of NASA
Food: River City Café or Ultimate California Pizza: Both operated by the same owner; River City Café has two locations in Horry County which serves some of the best unique burgers in the area. They have crafted burgers that are so good they’ll make your taste buds holler, like a Mac and Cheese burger or even a Cheetos burger... that’s right. They have unique burgers, but also timeless classics like bacon burgers and mushroom with swiss. Their sweet tea gets five stars as well because it is sugared the right amount, no complaints. Ultimate California Pizza also has great food, their breadsticks and fried mushrooms are incredible. Their pizza is the ultimate Pizza on the Grand Strand with cheese that melts just right. They also do Carry Out! If you’re looking for some new foods to try out nearby, make sure to stop at these. **Heads Up** This Owner also owns Nacho Hippo for those interested in Mexican Cuisine.

Travel: Take a day trip to Wilmington! If you’re a “One Tree Hill” fan, you can Google the One Tree Hill Wilmington Map and go on a personal sightseeing adventure only an hour away on the Coastal area of North Carolina. By doing this, you can take your time seeing all the houses and locations featured in the hit series with characters played by Chad Michael Murray and James Lafferty (among many other familiar faces).

If you dig the show and are looking to venture out on a sightseeing expedition, head over to Wilmington to see all these places you’ve seen on television. If you don’t watch the show, that’s okay! Wilmington is still a place that should be on your list of places to see because of all the movies and television shows that have been shot in this town like “Dawson’s Creek”, “The Conjuring”, “Iron Man 3”, and “We’re the Millers”. As well as the awesome waves you can catch if you enjoy surfing or just want to escape Myrtle Beach for a minute. It’s a quiet town with a lot to explore! Get out and wander the town!
‘Happytime Murders’: A killer of a time?

Hope Smith // Reporter

“Happytime Murders” is a movie that recently came out in theaters, featuring familiar faces like Melissa McCarthy and Elizabeth Banks. In a world where puppets live lives as humans do, trying to make it day by day working a job and trying not to die. It is vulgar, sexual, and comedic all at the same time.

The cast come together with these voices behind the puppetry to create a world like an Avenue Q scenario. This movie is dirty comedy, but it does bring in moral concepts of prejudice, privilege, and stereotyping. Not all audience members may catch those hidden moral concepts behind all the laughter but while evaluating the film, it could be hidden interpretation of things that society may miss as we go through our daily lives just trying to make it day by day.

Overall, the film was funny and at times suspenseful. It had elements that brought back memories of childhood but also made sure to swing full force into adulthood terminology and actions.

The whole plot synopsis focuses on the main character, Detective Phil Phillips, who finds himself being setup by a past mistake. Along with the help of friends, he works to find the real criminal who is bringing extreme harm to the “Happytime Gang” which is a portrayed famous television show about puppets. Through his adventure he not only works on finding the criminal but ends up finding his true purpose as a puppet.

If you aren’t turned off by the vulgarity and sexual explicitly, then this movie may be one you should check out soon. Make sure to head on over to the local theaters on Tuesday’s for $5 movies all day long! Or, wait for the CCU Movie Theater to bring it on for $2 movie weekends at The Coastal Movie Theater in the Lib Jackson Student Union with FREE POPCORN!

It’s good to be Queen

Josh Parsons // Reporter

For those of you who are unaware, the September issue of Vogue magazine is THE ISSUE. It’s their biggest and most important issue of the year because it is unveiling the fall fashion which is also THE SEASON for fashion. It’s when everyone can wear layers, get out their boots and that one jacket they have been dying to wear all summer.

The Queen B herself, was chosen for the cover of the magazines most important issue of the year and was given full creative freedom. Beyoncé, being the legendary history maker that she is time and time again, decided to hire Vogue’s first black photographer, 23-year-old Tyler Mitchell. Mitchell’s work is absolutely stunning. He made Beyoncé look so beautiful and elegant in the soft sunset lighting with simple backdrops.

The whole collection has such a pleasing and consistent aesthetic. Not only did this magazine cover change Mitchell’s life, it changed the fashion industry forever. Beyoncé proved that people of all races have talent and an eye for art; they just need to be given the chance to show it.

The fact that it took Vogue Magazine 118 years to hire an African American photographer is tragic. Mitchell showed the magazine that they had been missing out for every single one of those years when he did his thing at the Beyoncé shoot.

Sometimes it takes just one person to get their big break so that they can change the world for the better, and for that Beyoncé should be looked at in an even higher light then she already is.
Coastal men’s soccer drops conference opener against App State

Ian Livingston Brooking // Editor-in-Chief

The Coastal Carolina men’s soccer team had a streak of 29 consecutive regular season conference home matches without a loss. Keyword - had.

Over the weekend, Appalachian State came to CCU Soccer Stadium and stunned the Chanticleers on Saturday, Oct. 13.

The Chanticleers were the more dominant team in the first half, creating chance after chance. Coastal had nine shots, four of those shots going on goal, in the first half alone. The Chanticleers even had nine corner kicks in the first half compared to Appalachian State’s one. However, the Chanticleers were unable to find the back of the net.

The Chants would get on the board first though. It took 70 minutes but Yazeed Matthews headed in the cross from Morten Timm to get Coastal ahead and for Matthews to get his third goal of the season.

App State would shock the Chanticleers scoring two goals in 90 seconds to give the Mountaineers the 2-1 lead and eventual win.

The last time Coastal lost a regular season conference home match was on Oct. 27, 2010 in a 2-1 double overtime loss to High Point. Since then, the Chanticleers have gone 27-0-2 in home regular season conference matches.

Coastal Carolina has now lost three regular season conference home matches in the last 40 matches, dating back to the 2008 season.

The Chanticleers will look to bounce back during the four-game road trip that starts with Clemson on Oct. 16 and ends on Oct. 28 at Georgia State.

Coastal Carolina returns home to play their final regular season game on Nov. 2 against Georgia Southern. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.
Coastal women’s soccer splits weekend series in Georgia

Ian Livingston Brooking // Editor-in-Chief

The Coastal Carolina women’s soccer team have been on a roll here recently after a dismal 1-4-1 start.

Since the team’s 3-0 loss to South Carolina in Columbia back on Sept. 9, the Chanticleers have gone 6-1, getting a huge win over five-time defending Sun Belt champion South Alabama in overtime on Sept. 21.

The Chanticleers had a two-game winning streak going into this weekend in Georgia. That winning streak was extended to three games after a 2-0 win at Georgia Southern on Friday, Oct. 12 in Statesboro.

Junior Hannah Miller got the Chanticleers in front within the first 20 minutes with a rocket of a shot from outside the 18-yard box to give the Chanticleers a 1-0 lead.

Just before the half, Elisabeth Rockhill collected the long ball and slotted it past the keeper and into the back of the net to give the Chants the 2-0 lead going into the break.

In the second half, Coastal continued its attack but couldn’t extend the lead any further. However, thanks to a stellar defensive performance that included eight saves from Eva Knapstein, the Chanticleers were able to leave Statesboro with a win.

All things must come to an end though and Georgia State ended the Chanticleers three-match win streak in emphatic style.

The Panthers used a three-goal first half to get a 4-0 win over the Chanticleers on Sunday, Oct. 14.

Georgia State scored in the first 70 seconds and then it was all downhill from there. The Panthers added a second goal halfway through the first half and then another with just under 10 minutes to go in the first to make it 3-0.

The Panthers continued to pile it on at the beginning of the second half, getting their fourth and final goal less than three minutes into the second half.

The loss puts the Chanticleers at 7-6-1 on the year and 6-2 in Sun Belt Conference play.

Coastal travels to take on Texas State on Sunday, Oct. 21. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m.
Coastal Volleyball’s conference winning streak snapped in Texas

Akilah Stroman // Reporter

The Coastal Carolina Chanticleer volleyball team has been dominant since they joined the Sun Belt conference. A record of 41-2 in their first 43 conference matches and two Sun Belt Conference tournament titles, not to mention multiple players getting honored with Player of the Week (or even Player of the Year awards, in the case of Leah Hardeman).

After getting wins against the Louisiana schools last weekend, the Chanticleers had a current winning streak of 19-straight conference games.

Looking to continue their winning streak, the Coastal Carolina volleyball team traveled to Arlington, Texas where they faced UT-Arlington.

All good things must come to an end though as the Chanticleers were swept on Friday night (22-25, 19-25, 23-25).

The Chanticleers jumped to an early lead of 15-11 led by Anett Nemeth and Kyla Manning who each had two kills during their run. A spark from the UT-Arlington team caused the game to be tied at 20 as the Mavericks on a 5-2 run to take the first set 25-22.

Nemeth led the Chants with 12 kills, Sara Boothe had 30 assists and Sydney Alvis had 14 digs.

While the Chanticleers have been great in rebounding after a loss, that was not the case the next day as Texas State would hand the Chanticleers their second straight loss in conference play.

Texas State defeated the Chanticleers 3-1 (25-17, 22-25, 25-20, 25-21) on Saturday in San Marcos to put the Chanticleers at 6-9 on the year and 5-2 in the Sun Belt Conference. This is the first time that the Chanticleers have had multiple losses in conference play since 2014.

Coastal returns to action on Friday, Oct. 19, as they travel to Boone, N.C. to take on Appalachian State.
Never Surrender: The story of Steven Riad

Ian Livingston Brooking // Editor-in-Chief

Student-athletes face grueling challenges throughout their careers. From juggling a social life, schoolwork and sports to playing multiple games in such a small window, student-athletes are some of the hardest working people on campus.

Unfortunately, there are times where student-athletes are forced to overcome an obstacle they never wanted to deal with: an injury.

Coastal Carolina men’s soccer forward Steven Riad knows that word all too well. Riad, originally from Egypt, has faced three injuries that could have ruined his career and forced him to stop playing the beautiful game of soccer.

Before all of this, Riad was just a kid from Egypt. He talked about growing up overseas and how living in Egypt inspired him to chase his dreams.

“Coming from a third world country, you don’t have much else,” said Riad. “All you can do is dream and chase that dream. My dad was a professional soccer player in Egypt so that kind got my love for the game started. Since then, my passion for it has grown so much and that is all I want to do.”

In order to give their children a better life, Riad’s parents moved to the United States and settled in Bethlehem, Pa. Riad attended Freedom High School where he played soccer there for the school. Riad also played for Lehigh Valley United, the Premier Developmental League (PDL) team in the area.

Riad said that that experience at a young age really allowed him to gain an understanding what it was like to play at a collegiate level while at such a young age.

“When you’re playing in the PDL, you are going up against some of the top college recruits in the country,” said Riad. “You’re also going up against guys that are on the verge of going to the USL or MLS so that experience really helped me prepare for a future in soccer.”

When he was 15, Riad was playing in a game for his high school when he suffered his first injury.

“It was a bad day,” said Riad. “I was slide tackled from behind and was hit on the outside of knee. I broke my fibula in three places, tore my ACL, meniscus, the whole mess.”

Doctors believed that Riad was too young for the surgery to repair his knee and that having the surgery would stunt his growth. The doctor gave Riad a tough decision to make.

“I was told that I could wait a couple years until I am done growing, have the surgery but I’d never be able to play soccer again,” said Riad. “That is what the doctor preferred me to do. The other option was to have surgery.”

According to the doctor, the surgery was not a 100 percent guarantee. However, there was a very small chance that Riad could be able to return to the field.

“It was the slightest of chances,” said Riad. “It could stunt my growth and there were so many things that could go wrong. I remember my dad and I sitting in the doctor’s office, both of us were in tears. At 15 years old, you shouldn’t have to make a decision like this.”

Riad talked about how his family, especially his father, helped him through this ordeal.

“My father had a knee injury end his soccer career,” said Riad. “It was a very emotional decision. I look up to my dad. He’s my role model. He’s my hero. He just looked at me and said that this decision was on me.”

Riad went ahead and had the surgery based on the fact that there was the slightest of chances that he could return to the pitch. The surgery did come at a price though. While Riad was not considering playing college soccer at the time, he was getting looks at some clubs over in Europe.

Teams like AC Milan, an 18-time champion of Serie A (the top division in Italian Football) and seven-time Champions League winners, were looking at Riad and had come over to the United States to scout him.

“When that injury happened, those offers disappeared,” said Riad. “The recovery took 18 months and it was nearly three years before I could fully play. That means no brace, practice all week and no limited minutes.”

Riad also talked about what it was like just touching a soccer ball for the first time since the surgery.

“It was so emotional,” said Riad. “I had a mini ball with me while I recovered. Putting on cleats and going out there for the first time was just overwhelming but it reassured me that continued on page 20
Leah Hardeman has won many awards during her time as a member of the Coastal Carolina Volleyball team. She is the only player in NCAA Division I Volleyball history to win conference player of the year award in all four years of eligibility.

Hardeman helped Coastal Carolina to four straight conference tournament titles (Big South 2014 and 2015, Sun Belt 2016 and 2017). Hardeman was named Tournament MVP the last three years. The list of accolades goes on and on for the former Chanticleer.

Now, there is one more honor that Hardeman can add to her long list of accolades – the 2017-2018 Sun Belt Conference Female Athlete of the Year.

The Sun Belt Conference Athlete of the Year award is the highest individual honor given in the Sun Belt Conference. The award is based on outstanding leadership, achievement and character. Appalachian State quarterback Taylor Lamb was honored as the 2017-2018 Sun Belt Conference Male Athlete of the Year.

Hardeman is Coastal Carolina’s leader in kills with 1,811. On Sept. 23, 2017, Hardeman recorded 32 kills in a single match, a Coastal Carolina record.

Hardeman is currently a part of the Coastal Carolina beach volleyball team. Last season, Hardeman posted a 5-9 record last season, playing a massive role in helping to develop the young program since it started in 2016. With one season of competition remaining with the beach program, Hardeman will return to action with the Chants in spring 2019.

"I go out there and play every game like it is my last” - Riad
After being away for three weeks and having a bye week last weekend, the Chanticleers were back at home against a conference opponent University of Louisiana-Monroe where they lost 45-20.

To start the game off, the Warhawks went 75 yards in just six plays to take a 7-0 lead with 13:48 left to go in the first quarter.

After a CCU fumble, the Warhawks were able to score again and make the lead 14-0 with 10:11 to go in the third quarter.

Bryce Carpenter threw to Williams in the slot for a 41-yard gain to set up a six-yard touchdown run by Outlow. Going for two, the Chants got called for a false start and so they went for the extra point instead. The score was 24-20 Warhawks, with 6:56 in the third quarter.

Carpenter talked about how he planned to process the loss and move forward to their next game this upcoming weekend.

“I’m going to go to sleep, wake up tomorrow and get some treatment,” said Carpenter. “On Monday, we will come in and watch the whole game and that is when I really will be able to learn from it.”

Going 57 yards, ULM scored and made the score 31-20. Torrance Marable sparked the offense with a 17-yard and 11-yard run. Setting up for a first-and-goal, Carpenter threw an interception in the endzone with 8:05 left in the game.

From then on, ULM would get two more touchdowns in the final five minutes of the game to make the final score 45-20.

The Chants are now 3-3 overall, 1-2 in the Sun Belt Conference.

On the road again, the Chants will face UMass on Saturday Oct. 20. Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m.
Eligibility for registration is based on credit hours earned plus credit hours currently enrolled.

- Course offerings are available online at WebAdvisor.coastal.edu. (Select “Search for Sections.”)
- See your adviser to schedule an advisement session.
- Plan your upcoming term via e-advising (on WebAdvisor).
- Obtain your registration appointment time at WebAdvisor.coastal.edu. (Select “My Registration Appt Time.”)

SENIORS (90+ CREDIT HOURS) and GRADUATE STUDENTS
- Group 1 - Beginning 6 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10
- Group 2 - Beginning 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10
- Group 3 - Beginning 6 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 11
- Group 4 - Beginning 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11

JUNIORS (60-89 CREDIT HOURS)
- Group 1 - Beginning 6 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24
- Group 2 - Beginning 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24
- Group 3 - Beginning 6 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 25
- Group 4 - Beginning 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25

SOPHOMORES (30-59 CREDIT HOURS)
- Group 1 - Beginning 6 a.m. Monday, Oct. 29
- Group 2 - Beginning 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29
- Group 3 - Beginning 6 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30
- Group 4 - Beginning 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30

FRESHMEN (UP TO 29 CREDIT HOURS)
- Group 1 - Beginning 6 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31
- Group 2 - Beginning 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31
- Group 3 - Beginning 6 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 1
- Group 4 - Beginning 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1

Monday, Nov. 5, registration OPEN to all students at 8 a.m.

Information on searching for sections, adding preferred sections, viewing appointment date and time, and other general registration information is available online.

coastal.edu/registration
Dear Freshmen,

O’Tia Prioleau // Reporter

“Hi, this is Emma McCarthy, I am a sophomore here at Coastal Carolina University and my advice to incoming freshmen is to go to sleep at a reasonable time and to make sure you wake up for your early morning classes because sometimes you’ll want to oversleep and you’re going to miss those classes and it will be the worst feeling you’ll ever feel.”

“I’m Noelle Jennings, a sophomore, my advice for freshmen is to go to your classes because if you don’t go to your classes everyday you will fail. [I] wish [I] focused more on time management and set more time for school work. I didn’t know a lot of people at first, but joining a sorority definitely made me branch out and meet people who I would have never talked to otherwise. Just try your hardest, go to your professors’ office hours and if you get a bad grade you can always make it up.”

“Sahmyah Tittle, double major in marine science and biology and I am a sophomore. [Do not be afraid] to email all of your professors and ask for the required text before you get into class so you do not have to be in class for two weeks and still not have the required textbooks. Not every professor is willing to be understanding because that is one thing you could have done: ask them in advance. Do more things on campus. Coastal really does cater to their students [especially freshmen, your own special barbeque and events for the first 54]. I really enjoy the fact that they have destresser weeks that happen on Prince Lawn and I feel like that helps the students out.”

Get more involved in the activities that go on and meet more people. Do not forget to lookout for CINO Day because it is the best event on campus. It is the big fair that happens on Prince Lawn, there is food, rides, games and dancing. You’ll get a lot of free stuff in the process. “Take it easy, breathe, and you’ll succeed.”

-Sincerely,
CCU Sophomores
When will mental health become a priority?

Josh Parsons // Reporter

I recently had a heart to heart with a very close friend of mine. We were discussing the things we were going through at the time, and the access people our age have to mental health facilities. It isn’t a secret that many twenty somethings such as myself, (and my friend) do not have access to health care. We work jobs that don’t offer health insurance and for my friend who is a graduate at CCU she can’t come to the on campus clinic and talk to a counselor, because she’s no longer a student.

So where can she go?

Do we just leave those young adults who are in her situation to fend for themselves? Does she just accept her current mental state and hope like a scab the wound will just heal on its own? This article unfortunately doesn’t offer any solutions to this problem. I can’t solve the mental health crisis for young adults in the U.S., but what I can do is let it be known that the problem exists. Coastal has many resources for their students.

From physical to mental health our fine University takes initiative in trying to help us in any way possible. But where does the support go after the student has graduated? What happens to the alumni who don’t find a job in their field right after college that offers benefits? What about those of us who are stuck in the food industry trap that Myrtle Beach has created?

All these questions don’t have a simple answer. They also don’t have just one solution. What I’m hoping to gain from this is for one person to read it and know they aren’t alone in the battle against mental health. I am hoping that one person who has a possible solution even if it’s just for a few individuals, takes it upon themselves to make it happen. I’m hoping that those in charge of our mental health resources at our university can make possible exceptions to the student rule if their alumni have nowhere else to turn.

This topic is bigger than our community, it is bigger than our university, but if just one person decides to take a proactive step in the right direction, who knows what could be possible.
Gun violence takes over America

Alyssa Brennan // Assistant Editor

Shootings seem to be happening more frequently, and happening everywhere. It feels like nowhere is safe.

According to CNN News, within the first 21 weeks of 2018 there were 23 school shootings. It’s horrifying and sad that students everywhere have to fear for their lives while trying to get an education. According to CATO Institute, schools are the second-highest risk location.

Some students are concerned for their safety here on campus. The new glass building isn’t bulletproof, and it is completely see through. If there were ever an active shooter, students in that building will have no chance at hiding, and have no form of protection from those walls. Some rooms have put up screens, so you can’t see into the classroom as much, but in state of an emergency it really won’t do much. In some rooms, windows don’t open which also eliminates the possibly of escaping.

Just on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 26, there was another shooting where tragically two people were killed and 11 were injured in Jacksonville during a video game tournament. According to USA Today, the shooter, David Katz, was taking an “anti-psychotic drug used to treat bipolar disorder and schizophrenia,” yet somehow, he still managed to pass the background check and legally purchase a gun in Maryland. His mental health record clearly showed that he should not be able to do this.

How many more Americans have to be murdered before we do something about the obvious problem we have in our country? Gas stations, schools, movie theaters, churches and now gaming tournaments; where will it end? If we don’t come together as a country and do something about it, it won’t and may just get worse. This man should not have been able to legally purchase a weapon, but he could, and he did. Once again, the system has failed us, leaving more Americans dead, injured, and traumatized by another act of gun violence when it all could have been prevented, if we didn’t hand out guns like candy on Halloween.

Another one just took place this Sunday morning, Sept. 9 near Auburn University where one person was killed and four injured, one of which is a student at the University.

However, some believe that gun control is not necessary.

David Goodson, president of the Coastal Republicans here on CCU’s campus, gave his thoughts on the gun control debate.

“I believe the gun control issue is a joke,” said Goodson. “The Second Amendment gives us the right to bear arms, and it should not be limited because people’s feelings are hurt. As we look throughout each issue involving guns, we see that each time a person bypassed legal limits that are already in place. Gun control will do nothing but limit the reactions of lawful citizens against violent thugs and felons.”

Goodson went on to quote former President Ronald Regan, saying, ‘It’s a nasty truth, but those who seek to inflict harm are not fazed by gun control laws.’

Goodson also suggests a solution to this issue.

“I believe the best way to solve the problem is to arm more people,” he says. “If we allow law-abiding people to carry guns, they will stop violence by killing the person who is trying to inflict harm on others.”

But still, with shootings becoming almost a weekly topic, it’s important that we are always thinking about how to keep everyone on campus safe. Anyone who would like to learn more about what to do if there is ever a situation like this on our campus can take a course called SAFE training offered by the University and taught by Lt. Robert Pellerin.

“Coastal Carolina University as a whole really takes safety... it’s paramount at Coastal Carolina University,” Pellerin said. “Safety is very, extremely important and that’s whether it’s putting funds into camera systems to help keep this place safe, [or] to put as many law enforcement and security on the road as possible.”

Pellerin says that while the gun control debate and others like are touchy at times, the University is open to discuss these types of issues. “We welcome students coming in, and talking to us about concerns, also,” says Pellerin. “We don’t shy away from [it], if there’s any concerns that a student has, we want you to come in and talk to us. So, should anybody have any concerns about not feeling safe, it’s important to us for them to communicate to us, so we can address them if it is a problem.”
Advice to seniors

Lindsay Hickman // Reporter

Senior year it is finally time to sit back relax and just breeze through your last year of classes, right? Wrong. As a graduate student, I’ve been there, done that, and trust me, learned from my mistakes. Take a few of these tips to make sure your senior year is the best one possible. Here are 10 things to do this year to make sure you don’t waste the last year of your time at CCU.

1) Take a class that sounds interesting. I know no one wants to add another class to their academic plate, but trust me it is worth it. Take something crazy, something wild, a class that has nothing to do with your major like astronomy, piano, library strategies or painting. You will be introduced to a whole new group of people, a new professor and maybe a lifelong passion.

2) Get an internship or job off-campus. I cannot recommend this enough. I was blessed to have an off-campus job for three years, it was a great way to learn time management, but it was also amazing because I met so many great people. Some of which I was able to use for reference letters, and even put on my resume. One of the biggest things to overcome after graduation is finding a job that does not require previous experience. If you can have even a semester of experience in a job, it will help you down the road.

3) Create a LinkedIn. I don’t care what your major is, what kind of job you want after graduation or even if you hate computers, make a LinkedIn. It is one of the easiest ways to stay up to date on job openings in your field all across the world. It is a great way to stay connected to college professors, school colleagues and coworkers after graduation.

4) Go to sporting events. You will greatly miss Coastal after graduation. Trust me, I came back for graduate school. You are going to miss going to sporting events for free like football, volleyball, baseball, and soccer. Support your fellow classmates, cheer on your soon to be alma mater and relish the time you get to spend being a fan.

5) Use the library. Full disclosure, I’m an English graduate, so I love to read, but no matter your major use the library! You will save hundreds, if not thousands of dollars by checking out books instead of buying them. ‘Club Kimbel’ was my main spot during college. I was in Starbucks or on a couch upstairs all day or all night long, working on papers, homework or labs, if you are anything like me, you probably go there too.

6) Don’t miss out on festivals and free events. If you don’t have a Teal Tuesday T-Shirt from every year you’ve been at CCU, you are doing life wrong. If you don’t spend every CINO Day covered in sweat, face paint and bags full of free swag you are missing out on the best part of college. I know that everyone has classes, I’m not saying to skip your classes, don’t be stupid. But don’t just sit in your room playing Fortnite when you could be enjoying your last days of college with people you may never see again.

7) Use your student discount. There are dozens of places all around Myrtle Beach and Conway that you get a crazy percentage off just by showing your CINO Card. You want a free cupcake at Coccadotts? Show your CINO Card. Want free Amazon Prime? Use your CINO Card. Want a discount at Chipotle? CINO Card. You get the idea.

8) Go to the CCU Career Services Center. This place will get you all set and ready for graduation. They will help you build your resume, set up a LinkedIn, decode the horrible term ‘business casual dress’ and more. This is the place to find jobs, internships and more. Also, a great tip-Alumni can use the center too! So, if you happen to need help in 8 months come back to campus, they are always ready to help you.

9) Explore the area. No matter if you were born and raised in Conway or Cleveland explore the wonderful shoreline of South Carolina. Go on a road trip down to Charleston, go to Huntington Beach or Myrtle Beach State Park, just find somewhere you haven’t been and explore the area. Most likely you won’t be back to Conway for a long, long time, so enjoy the area while you are still here.

10) Keep a journal. I’m not a psychology person or trying to go all Freud on you, but you will want to remember this year. In ten years or ten months you will want to remember the names of your professors, what classes you liked, what friends you had, and most importantly the fun times you had. Keeping a journal will be a great reminder to yourself in a few years of the impossibilities you faced in college, and the perseverance that got you through it.

There are countless other things that I think you should do in your last year of Coastal, but they all can be summed up in this: try new things. This could be your last chance to try new things without fear of the consequences. Go on a volunteer trip over Spring Break, do a short-term Study Abroad program, present at a conference, tailgate before a football game, get sunburned watching the baseball team, or just lay on Prince Lawn and take it all in.

Gianna Fine // Reporter

With the explosion of the #MeToo movement in 2017, women (and men) have been coming forward with their sexual assault experiences. Some of these people had reported their abusers in the past and some were reporting them as they told the world—Dr. Christine Blasey Ford being one of these brave people. But, considering the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh, people believed that Dr. Ford falsely accused Kavanaugh of sexual assault and that there was a lack of evidence provided by her. How much evidence is needed? Should mothers be worried for their sons? Will the United States continue to place abusers in power?

About 90% of reported sexual assault is based on “he said, she said” testimony given by the abuser and the victim. The typical evidence that can be collected includes forensic rape kits (if reported days following the incident), witness testimony, and any form of proof of the exchange of conversation between the abuser and the victim. Considering the trauma and hesitance that victims feel, it is very rare they have a rape kit conducted on them.

Additionally, it is incredibly horrifying and difficult for somebody whose bodily rights were just violated to allow anybody, professional or not, to swab their body for evidence. Witness testimony is even more difficult for investigators to obtain. The more witness testimony, the better—but the more witnesses, the harder it is for investigators and the victim to get in touch with possible witnesses. Exchange of conversation between the abuser and the victim, if they know each other (most of the time this is the case), can be another source of evidence. But messages can be deleted or altered; photoshopped or faked.

What do we do in a situation where there is little to no evidence? Some would say that we consider the abuser being falsely accused. They would add on that the victim is reporting them for monetary gain, publicity, or to ruin the lives of these “good” people—they’re innocent until proven guilty! I’d like to also point out that this was not a court case, this was a hearing.

The “innocent until proven guilty” pertains to court cases, if we’re going to be technical. Without physical evidence, most cases are carried out by observing polygraph tests taken by both victim and abuser, background checks, social media interactions, changes in activity patterns, and workplace behavior. However, the victim should always be given the benefit of the doubt, regardless of evidence presented.

Majority of victims cannot sue for money damage as there is no civil claim for rape. As for publicity, the aim of a victim is to bring attention to the abuser and to have justice served. Dr. Ford is a well-decorated professor and researcher who does not need publicity. But messages can be deleted or altered; photoshopped or faked.

One in three women are sexually assaulted and about 30% of those are reported. Less than 5% of those reported sexual assaults are false accusations. Parents are claiming that they are afraid for their sons in a world where men are being accused of rape. Men are claiming that they, too, are afraid that they will be accused of rape.

The good news is unless you’ve sexually assaulted someone, you should not be afraid. Men are more likely to be sexually assaulted than be falsely accused, which is where the focus of fear should be placed.

However, I have a fear that is residing within my body and lays heavy on my mind—what can we, as progressive beings, do to stop people like Trump and Kavanaugh coming into power? The simple answer is this: vote and protest.

We have these rights as U.S. citizens which are not exercised enough. Generation X and millennials make up most of the electorate—but if we do not go out and vote, we will not be heard. Every person’s vote counts, and if the younger generations vote the most, our outcomes are to be more progressive. We need to vote in the primaries, midterms, and general elections. We need to be educated and research the candidates, ensuring that whoever we vote for is someone we want to represent ourselves. The candidates we choose are those who guide our future.

We need to protest when we see that something wrong and inexcusable is happening. Voices from every demographic must be heard. There are protests that happen locally, regionally, and nationally. The Women’s March is holding a march in January of 2019 in Washington D.C. Men and women both should be present at that march, supporting one another.

The victim should never feel as if they are at fault. Victims are not to be treated as someone’s daughter, son, niece, or nephew. The status of their relations to other people should not be the reason for people to have sympathy for victims—people should support the victim because they are a human being who has experienced something incredibly traumatic and something that may have ruined their lives forever. We will continue to fight for victims and for people to have their voices heard.
Welcome to college. Welcome to your future. Welcome to the home of the Chanticleers. Welcome to the Teal Nation. Welcome to challenge and opportunity.

Welcome to stress and fun. Welcome to community and isolation. Welcome to integrity and hypocrisy. Welcome to responsibility and freedom. Welcome to joy and disappointment.

How will you deal with it all?

As Christian professors and staff at Coastal Carolina University, we have found answers in the person of Jesus Christ. We welcome you to talk to us anytime about faith and life.

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Editor’s Note

Ian Livingston Brooking // Editor in Chief

There were so many things that have happened since we stepped onto campus that are worth mentioning in an ‘Editor’s Note’. From Hurricane Florence to Brett Kavanaugh to even some guy named Brother Nature coming to campus, there is a plethora of topics I could discuss. Instead, I will choose to talk about none of them.

I want to take this time to say that no matter what story is out there, we at The Chanticleer will do our very best to cover the topics that matter to CCU students, faculty and staff. We certainly have had some setbacks the past few weeks. However, I can assure you that the staff at The Chanticleer is dedicated in being the voice of the Coastal Carolina student body and finding the truth.

To Coastal Carolina students, welcome back (for the second time). We look forward to working with you and for you, each and every day.
October Movies

The Coastal Theater Box Office hours: Friday and Saturday, 5 - 11 p.m.
Ticket prices: $2, includes one free popcorn. Previews start five minutes before show time.
Tickets may be purchased in advance beginning on Friday of movie night at 8:30 a.m.
Must show a CINO, CCU Alumni Association or HGTC ID Card to purchase a ticket(s).

Oct. 5 - 6
6 p.m.: “Incredibles 2”
9 p.m.: “The First Purge”
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9 p.m.: “Incredibles 2”

Oct. 12 - 13
6 p.m.: “Ant-Man and the Wasp”
9 p.m.: “Hereditary”
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9 p.m.: “Ant-Man and the Wasp”

Oct. 19 - 20
6 p.m.: “Christopher Robin”
9 p.m.: “Slender Man”
6 p.m.: “Slender Man”
9 p.m.: “Christopher Robin”

Oct. 26 - 27
6 p.m.: “BlacKkKlansman”
9 p.m.: “A Quiet Place”
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*Movies are subject to change due to availability.*