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At the beginning of the semester, a new Intercultural Language Resource Center opened at CCU to better assist students and professors.

The center opened in the beginning of August and was the result of two situations. Dr. Gary Schmidt, the director of the center and chair for Department of Languages and Intercultural Studies, applied for a grant from the Graduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program within the U.S. Department of Education. In March, Schmidt worked with professors from various departments, including English and Politics, to submit the grant.

During review process for the grant, the CCU provost made the decision to close the Foreign Language Instructional Center that was in Kears Hall. This was a result of multiple reasons, one being that the director for the center retired and the tutoring was being carried over to the LIS Department.

Shortly after the decision was made to shut down the center, Schmidt received news that they were being awarded the grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The grant is $90,000 a year, for two years. With this money, the new resource center can do more than just tutoring.

The resource center offers learning assistance for all language courses offered at CCU. There are about 10 workers in the center, some who are language majors, and others who are native speakers.

“"The reason we like to have that mix is because, sort of native speakers, and then students who are majoring in a language and learning as a second language, are you know, different sort of different skill sets,” said Schmidt. “We are utilizing native speakers to assist our professors and conversation activities, ... whereas we are using our own majors who have learned that learning a language over the last several years to do more things like grammar instruction, and explaining things like that.”

Logan Moses is one of the student assistants at the resource center. He is currently in his third and last year at Coastal. He began working just before the school year started and discovered the opportunity through an email he received.

Moses tutors those that need help with Spanish and French but wants to eventually teach Spanish as a profession. He is a LIS major with a duel language focus on Spanish and French.

It is difficult to learn a language without looking at people's mouths; therefore, tutoring over zoom makes it difficult because the audio can cut out and the video can lag. It is easier to learn face-to-face.

“Language is one of those things that while in principle it looks like you could pick it up from your textbook, there's so much nuance to it that you really do need to practice with people in order to develop that fluency, and we're increasingly a culture society where you can't just be monolingual anymore,” said Moses. “The United States is the second largest Spanish speaking country in the world, just behind Mexico. And so, I think for students, it's a general good idea to pick up another language and in order to do that I think the best way is to practice, and get to speak with people, and you know, the tutoring center, we're all there for that reason.”

The website for the Intercultural Language Resource Center is www.coastal.edu/ilrc/. Students can make online appointments, or the center offers walk-ins on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The center is located in Britain 212.
"Ask an Antifa" featuring antifascist activist Michael Shallal

As misinformation about the elusive 'antifa' movement spread during the election season, a recent event at Coastal Carolina University gave some clarity through the experiences of an antifascist activist.

With the campus still in Phase one of the Coastal Comeback Plan, the Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values hosted this event over Zoom on Oct. 14, for students to learn about antifa through Michael Shallal's activist experience. The event format was a casual questions-and-answers between Shallal and the attendees. A mix of faculty, staff, and students, totaling around 30-40 people, listened to the questions given to and answered by Shallal.

One experience that Shallal shared was his attendance of the Unite the Right Rally in Charlottesville, Virginia in August of 2017. This experience taught Shallal the importance of needing emergency medical techniques if, and when, violence occurs. Given the trauma previously experienced in Charlottesville, he intends to remain politically active and attend future antifascist events.

“I keep going because I believe to end oppression and exploitation the working class needs to be united which means fighting oppression in all forms. Also, as a socialist, I believe that confronting racism is essential for building a socialist future,” said Shallal.

In one of his tweets, President Trump stated that the United States will be designating antifa as a terrorist organization. President Trump’s statement has led some people to be confused about what antifa is and is not.

Antifa is an ideology, not an organization. It is made up of small networks of individuals with no hierarchy or unifying structure. Antifa has a “long history” and has been around for decades, said Jaime McCauley, PhD, an associate professor of sociology.

Besides getting clear on what antifa is, students had other reasons to attend. Some attended because of their passion for activism as Sage Short, a junior English major, did.

“I heard about the Ask an Antifa event through a professor,” said Short. “Because activism is something I am passionate about, I was excited to attend. I am always looking for more ways to be involved with various organizations and making connections with others who are like minded. I really enjoyed the event because we got to ask whatever questions we wanted, and the speaker always had adequate and respectful responses.”

Other students attended because they were curious about how antifa impacts society, such as Luciano Castro and Alexis Widdifield.

“It was informative in the sense that he [Shallal] told students that the key to organization [as in organized action, such as having a protest or sit-in] was outnumbering and essentially 'outperforming' the alt-right [the far right],” said Castro, a Jackson Scholar and junior student double majoring in philosophy and languages and intercultural studies.

“I thought the Antifa event was great. [The event] made me think more about our roles in politics,” said Widdifield, the assistant director of the Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values, and a Master of Arts student in Liberal Studies.

Campus discussions about social and political activism outside of the classroom are the types of events that challenge, and sometimes even change, a student’s attitude about someone or something. Prior to this event and doing some side research, I held assumptions about what antifa is and is not. Attending this event and listening to someone speak about their involvement with antifa and experience in political activism has challenged me in ways that I am still discovering.

Below is information for those who want to know more:

Michael Shallal can be found at https://www.facebook.com/michael.shallal.9, for anyone interested in following or contacting him.

For students interested in sociology courses, Professor Jaime McCauley will teach SOC*201 - Sociological Analysis and SOC*301 - Gender and Society in spring 2021, and SOC*465 - Sociology of AIDS in summer I semester 2021.
Michael T. Benson begins tenure at CCU

CCU student Morgan Hoppman wins Translation Services Scholarship

Coastal Carolina University student Morgan Hoppman was awarded a $500 scholarship from TranslationServices.com.

“Participants were asked to write an essay about a book that changed the way they see the world, and we received a total of 199 submissions,” Lana B., from Translation Services, said in an email.

Applicants were “required to write an essay between 500 and 750 words” where they discussed the way a book changed their “understanding of a place, culture, people, or something else,” the Translation Services website said.

Hoppman “takes us on a journey of being transformed by a book written by Morgan himself,” the Translation Services website said. “What started off as writing as a way to deal with having to live with his ‘annoying little brother’ has turned out to be an adventure of seeing the world through his brother’s eyes and, in the process, inevitably becoming a more compassionate and loving sibling.”

The Chanticleer reached out to Hoppman for further comment, but he declined.

Michael T. Benson, Ph.D., is the third president of Coastal Carolina University, and his tenure began Jan. 1, 2021.

According to Coastal Carolina’s website, “he plans to interact and become familiar with CCU’s students, faculty, staff, and alumni, along with many other constituents in the community and the beyond” over his First 100 Days as president. The biggest goal of his tenure being “to make Coastal Carolina University the university of choice in South Carolina.”

He attended his first President’s Cabinet meeting shortly after arriving. The President’s Cabinet is a group that reports directly to the president.

“This President’s Cabinet is a great group of people committed to the institution,” Benson said in a YouTube video posted by Coastal Carolina University. “I’m still becoming familiar with the practices and the people and the policies, but I rely on them [the President’s Cabinet] for their expertise. I want ideas to bubble up, but this is the, kind of the conduits through which that information and those suggestions pass.”

Members of the President’s Cabinet explained how their roles would ease the transitioning process. Interim Vice President Peter Paquette, Ph.D., gave some insight into the adjustment process.

“My sense, so far, is that he will rely on us a lot, and that’s exciting, I think, in a lot of ways too, in terms of looking to us to be content experts,” Paquette said.

Vice President Atiya Stokes-Brown, Ph.D., also commented on how the President’s Cabinet is able to assist Benson in his transition. She also commented on his efforts to make connections with the campus community.

“Each member of the Cabinet has the ability to share with the president their understanding of the climate on our campus. [And], to have his presence and his willingness to really get on the ground and be connected to people and engaged with people is perfect,” she said.

Director of Athletics Matt Houge gave his input as well.

“We have a lot of folks around the table who have been here for some time and have a very keen understanding of what our community is,” he said. “[Benson] sets an expectation and a tone from an aspirational standpoint for not only how great our University has been in the past, but where it can go from here.”

Visit https://www.coastal.edu/ccufirst100/ to view President Benson’s “interactions with all things CCU during his First 100 Days on campus.”
Predicting fashion trend for 2021

Serenity Silva // Reporter

It's a new year which means new fashion trends are emerging into the fashion world and popping up our social media feeds.

Although what's trending in fashion may not speak to everyone's style, it's good to know how fashion is evolving around us, plus it's fun to try out different looks that can help express ourselves. COVID-19 has been challenging for many of us, especially restrictions on our social norms; however, this pandemic cannot stop the excitement and joy the fashion world has to offer us.

1. Colors

Brown is here to stay! We began to see in fashion, but it also appears that various shades of brown and earthy neutrals are in style now.

Earthy tones are not the only colors we will see this year; there's a rumor that bright colors like bubble gum pink, sunset orange, and lime green will be taking over 2021. Vogue is referring to this colorful selection as "candy" tones in their Spring/Summer 2021 issue. The designer fashion companies that displayed these delicious candy colors on the Spring/Summer 2021 runway show included Chloé, Prada and Chanel. Tom Ford, Versace, Fendi and Burberry included the candy tones for men's fashion as well.

2. Patterns

Another example of history repeating itself in the fashion world is the comeback of sequins and metallics. In the 20s, sequins became popular once people resumed going out after the Spanish Flu pandemic ended.

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4. Styles

Say goodbye to your uncomfortable skinny jeans! Baggy pants and flared bottoms are what’s popular now. It appears that we are choosing more comfortable clothing pieces that are still fashionable for our wardrobe. Who says you can’t be stylish and comfortable at the same time?

On the topic of comfort, we all know we became closely attached to our sweatpants and loungewear during quarantine; however, 2021 fashion is elevating our basic sweats and loungewear with unique graphics and designs. Also, we are going back in time to the 1970s and bringing back the trend of velour track suits. We can at least thank COVID-19 for making our comfy, clothes a stylish trend.

5. Accessories

The last trend prediction for 2021 is a no brainer: face masks! The fashion industry is taking the COVID-19 safety precaution and turning it into a fashion statement. During this pandemic, wearing a face mask has become a major controversy despite the positive medical findings on preventing the spread of the Coronavirus. However, if we can make wearing face masks a trend, we could save lives!

If the trends above did not inspire you, I hope this one does. Happy New Year and good luck with your 2021 wardrobe!
Six Valentine’s Day pieces that will rock your world

Madelyn Sipola // Reporter

Are you looking to spice up Valentine’s Day with a new look? Well, you’re in luck, because I’m going to show you six pieces that will make you look stunning this Valentine’s Day.

1) Pink Flowy Dress

This dress brings an innocent, yet cute, look to Valentine’s Day. The pink, baby doll color paired with flowy, chiffon material makes it both comfortable and stylish.

2) Faux Fur Fluffy Heels

Fluffy heels have been a massive trend that has resurfaced over the past decade. From a style that was first seen in the 90s, to a style that became extremely popular and still is almost 30 years later. The fluffy heel is a gorgeous and fun look to bring into this Valentine’s Day, and one that I personally can’t wait to wear.

3) Classy V-Neck

If you’re looking for a more conservative look, this V-neck gives a sultry, yet classy vibe to an outfit. It can be paired with a plain black pencil skirt, or a pair of nice jeans or slacks.

4) Heart Pants

Are you looking for a bold and fun piece to wear on Valentine’s Day? Try out these pink jeans with red hearts. They’re a massive showstopper and will make you the center of attention.

5) Diamond Clutch

For a more expensive look, try adding a rhinestone encrusted clutch. This accessory will add a posher look but can still be used as a simple addition to your look.

6) Heart earrings

Want to wear a simple and basic outfit, but spice up with your jewelry? Add a pair of big heart earrings to your look to create a bold style. Adding out-of-the-box earrings will bring fun and light to a look, while preventing yourself from standing out too much.

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Senior sendoff: O’Tia’s time

O’Tia Prioleau // Reporter

I am a General and Organizational Leadership Management major with a minor in Journalism. I’ve been a part of The Chanticleer Newspaper for three and a half years and it is time to depart from this chapter of my life.

When I arrived at Coastal Carolina University, I immediately looked for a writing group to join. Prior to Coastal, my only experience with writing was MLA format; AP is not the easiest writing style to learn, but it had to be done.

I started in fall 2017 writing one article at a time because I was new to AP style, but the more I practiced, the better I became. Spring of 2018 came and I began to assign myself more than one article to compose a week. When I starting writing more articles my confidence increased in my writing. Fall 2018 was when I tackled more serious pieces to compile.

The most memorable article I wrote was titled “Safety Accusations,” which was about human trafficking rumors in the area that surrounded campus. I also covered the Florence Aftermath and reviewed how that affected CCU students. This story was when Coastal Carolina University had to move classes online for three weeks and were expecting no more than a week of isolation from campus.

Spring 2019 was when The Chanticleer Newspaper went to New York for the College Media Convention. This opportunity came to me due to the Florence Aftermath; we weren't able to print an article during the three weeks we were off campus, so that allowed a non-executive member, like myself, to join the executive staff in the Big Apple. I took it upon myself to ensure I learned from this experience, so I decided to search for live talk show tapings.

I was able to go to the Wendy Williams Show on March 7, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. I don't know why I listened to Wendy and wore heels to the show. It was a 22 minute walk from the Marriott and after five minutes into the stroll I had to remove my shoes and put them back on when I was closer to the building. The show was pretty good, but it was very crowded as we were pushed down a ramp. I almost fell several times, but the people causing my claustrophobia kept me straight. The waiting room was more comfortable because we got chairs, some of us, and coffee. Weirdly enough, there were people walking around saying, “Ask Wendy!” and I was like, “Where?” It turns out it was a paper for us to write down personal questions about our problems and Wendy or someone had to pick the best ones to be revealed on the show.

The second taping I went to was Strahan and Sara on March 8, 2019 at 8:00 a.m., and this was a group attendance with other students from the different schools that attended the convention. It was amazing. We first were shown Good Morning America with Ginger Zee and then we were taken upstairs for the Strahan and Sara show. I sat in the second row so I was so close to Strahan. New Kids On The Block, Bellamy Young and Ricky Whittle's were there, so it was even better. During the breaks, Strahan and Sara were jamming out with us to music that their DJ was playing. When there was a chance, Strahan went around taking selfies with people; he even took my phone for a big group one which was awesome. I was so blessed to be able to embark on that experience; I learned a lot.

I continued with the paper and wrote many articles since Spring 2019. Everything came to a halt when Spring 2020 arrived. We all remember it like it was yesterday or like it was ages ago. COVID-19 appeared and challenged us in many ways. No one knew exactly what to expect when CCU and other universities had to send their students home in March. The Chanticleer Newspaper never stopped writing. We resumed writing articles and recommenced developing stories until the spring semester came to an end.

The big question was whether or not we were all returning to school. I knew I wanted to return because after all, it was my senior semester. I just wasn't sure how things would be once scholars arrived back on campus. Coastal Carolina University has done a great job at preparing for students and putting together virtual learning, along with face-to-face learning opportunities, but we all still hold on to the concerned issue of, “When will this Pandemic end?”

Things happen for a reason and we have to embrace that “Things happen for a reason.” This pandemic was not a punishment, it was an opportunity to bring about change in our lives. I just want everyone to know that you still have purpose and it might not seem like things will work out because of where you are in this situation, but you need to realize that you can change this situation into a success story. Stay safe and keep on social distancing.

"Whoever heeds discipline shows the way of life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray." - Proverbs 10:17
Goodbye, Teal Nation!

Eden Alon // Photographer

If you were to tell me that my final semester in CCU would be during a pandemic a year or two back, I would call that lunacy and say that if that were the case, then it would be one weird semester. But that was indeed the case this semester.

As a photographer for The Chanticleer, I find it jarring that most of CCU were pretty much-lacking in activity during the fall semester due to COVID-19. Before COVID-19, I was able to photograph many events in CCU from 2019-2020. I took photos of a talent audition, farmer’s markets, stock photos of the buildings in CCU, taking a photo of an Alligator in Wally’s pond (FYI: that is my favorite photo I took in CCU), and the Fall Destrestival in Fall 2019. I even got 3rd place in the South Carolina Press Association within the “photograph” category!

I had many wonderful opportunities to take photos of the many events that went on in CCU. In Fall 2020, however, my photo opportunities were considerably much less than in previous semesters. Thankfully, I was able to adapt somewhat to this new “normalcy” by taking pictures of inanimate objects like COVID-19 signs, social distance markers, and an almost barren hallway in Edwards College.

Even with this unorthodox semester aside, I will still remember my best times at CCU including the many students and faculty that I have chatted with.

The strength of CCU lies within the diversity of ideas and people it has able to attract. Before I came to CCU, my ideas of the world were rooted in ignorance. Thanks to the wonderful professors and students of CCU, including those in the Chanticleer, who helped me get out of my ignorance and try to be at least open-minded about different ideas.

Being a photographer in a student newspaper has certainly help me with being more open-minded due to the many events I visited. I will take what I learned in CCU and apply it outside of college.

If I have any advice for those who will eventually graduate from CCU, it is to try to take advantage of the many events and resources on campus. You will never know what kind of people you will come across.

Take care and good luck Teal Nation!

Trivia?

1. I am the building block of life and the fabric of humanity, I am electric. What am I?

2. Which country invented tea?

3. How many of Snow White’s seven dwarfs have names ending in the letter Y?

Answers:

1. Cells
2. China
3. Five: Dopey, Grumpy, Sleepy, Happy, Sneezy
Chants,

Welcome back! Another semester is upon us and it’s time to get back to work. Hopefully, this semester will be even smoother than last now that we are getting the hang of this “new normal.” During this time, it’s so important to try to look at the bright side of these major life changes. While I miss campus life and in-person classes, at least I can avoid morning traffic and attend class from my couch. Last semester this was all so new, and it felt like the days were all blurring together. It was difficult to keep up and keep track of obligations and assignments. This semester I’m trying a new approach, and have already marked down all the assignments and due dates in a planner for all five of my classes. I’m hoping that will pay off and keep me on task and on time this semester. Doing this simultaneously made me feel more organized and confident, and overwhelmed about the semester ahead.

However, during this time, it is still so important to stay informed, involved and connected which is what we do here at The Chanticleer. If you’re looking for a way to be involved with campus life and make lasting connections with others, look no further! Join us for staff meetings held via Zoom on Mondays at 6 p.m. Feel free to email me at albrennan@coastal.edu for more information.
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