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## NEWS

## News in brief

By Jacob Hensley

### New health college coming in fall 2022

Coastal Carolina University's Board of Trustees approved the creation of a new academic college for health and human performance at the board's Oct. 28 meeting.

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Daniel Ennis said the new college would include the following undergraduate programs: public health, nursing, health administration, exercise and sport science, recreation and sport management, and a master's degree in sport management.

Ennis said the development plan for the new college requires organizing a college formation committee and searching for the new dean of the college. The college will likely begin operations on July 1, 2022.

### CCU administrators address safety concerns

Recent reports of assaults and a violent carjacking at housing near campus sparked students to organize protests calling for enhanced campus security measures. CCU President Michael Benson sent a campus-wide email Nov. 5 addressing students' concerns.

The students' requests include the following: more campus call button lights, improved campus lighting, increased campus security at night, quicker response times for nighttime ride requests, and more cameras in parking lots.

According to Benson's email, representatives from university administration, the Student Government Association, Student Affairs, and the Department of Public Safety encourage students to reach out with suggestions and input.

## Vax to the Max: Big money, low participation

Students hesitant to submit proof of vaccination

By Megan Wallace

More than \$70,000 in scholarships have been awarded this fall to students who have uploaded their COVID-19 vaccination cards to CCU's Vax to the Max Program website, but students have been slow to support the incentive program.

According to Coastal's website, only 38% of students have submitted their vaccination records since the program was established three months ago.

At the beginning of the 2021 school year, Coastal received millions in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) money. CARES funds were given to universities across the country to use on COVID-19 mitigation. There were restrictions on what the money could be used for, so CCU created the Vax to the Max program, which is designed to offer students incentives to get vaccinated. Associate Professor Christina Selby, who has a doctorate in communication, helped survey students to discover why they might be hesitant about receiving the vaccination. Selby said they have only done preliminary analyses on the data thus far. According to Selby, the research showed over 70% of students said they were fully vaccinated.

"I am not certain, but my assumption is more students are out there that are vaccinated who are not participating," said Selby.

There is speculation as to why students might be fully vaccinated but refusing to participate in the Vax to the Max program, but nothing is confirmed yet.

For 10 weeks across both the fall and spring semesters, the program awards four \$2,500 scholarships each week. The program's incentives include 80 of those scholarships and two full-ride scholarships that cover one semester of tuition, room and board. Megan Hood, a CCU junior, said she thinks there might be a couple of reasons why students don't want to register for the program.

"I think that because the probability of winning is so low, because the prizes are so big, that maybe if they were smaller things that they gave away more of, it would help," Hood said.

However, Hood also believes people can be stubborn and just not care about the program nor being vaccinated.

LiveWell Office Director Lee Carter, who has a doctorate, participated in the creation of the "We Will" campaign last fall. This campaign was targeted at increasing people's motivation to follow COVID-19 guidelines. She said they discovered that campaign worked for students.

"We found that it was successful; people who had seen campaign messages were more likely to wear masks in public and have positive perceptions of masks," Carter said.

Although Selby said her research team still needs to fully analyze the data, they do know that students are getting vaccinated, which is the ultimate goal.

"What the survey data does tell us is that the part of the goal is to encourage vaccinations on campus, and our data is showing there is a higher degree of vaccinated students than we may have thought, which is good," Selby said.

There are three weeks left for fall Vax to the Max scholarship winners. The two grand prize winners will be announced Dec. 6.

# President Benson sees CCU's potential to thrive

By Shelbi R. Ankiewicz

Michael Benson has high aspirations for Coastal Carolina University and the local community.

Since Benson became the university's third president in January, he has had the goal of transitioning Coastal into a school that everyone, including locals, wants to attend for higher education. He noticed early on that the university is a good academic institution and deserves more praise than it is given.

"We need to think more highly of ourselves in terms of how good we are," Benson said. "Kids in South Carolina think, 'Well, I want to go to Clemson,' or, 'I want to get away from home.' I understand that, but I also hope that they'll think of us as the university of first choice as opposed to the first or second option."

To grow CCU and expand into the local community, Benson created a "3 R's" motto: Reach, Rigor and Reputation. He said the university must reach the population of everyone represented on campus, create rigorous programs so students are prepared post-graduation, and develop a good reputation so people are drawn to Coastal.

Benson comes from a family of six children. He plays the piano, speaks fluent Italian, and has traveled to five continents (he has yet to visit South America and Antarctica). He spent most of his 20s outside of the United States and lived in London, Jerusalem, Rome, and Washington, D.C. The last place he has yet to live that is on his list is New York City.

Look for Benson around campus on Homecoming Weekend. He might tell you about the most recent documentary he's watched or introduce you to his family. Benson will serve as Homecoming Grand Marshall for the parade in

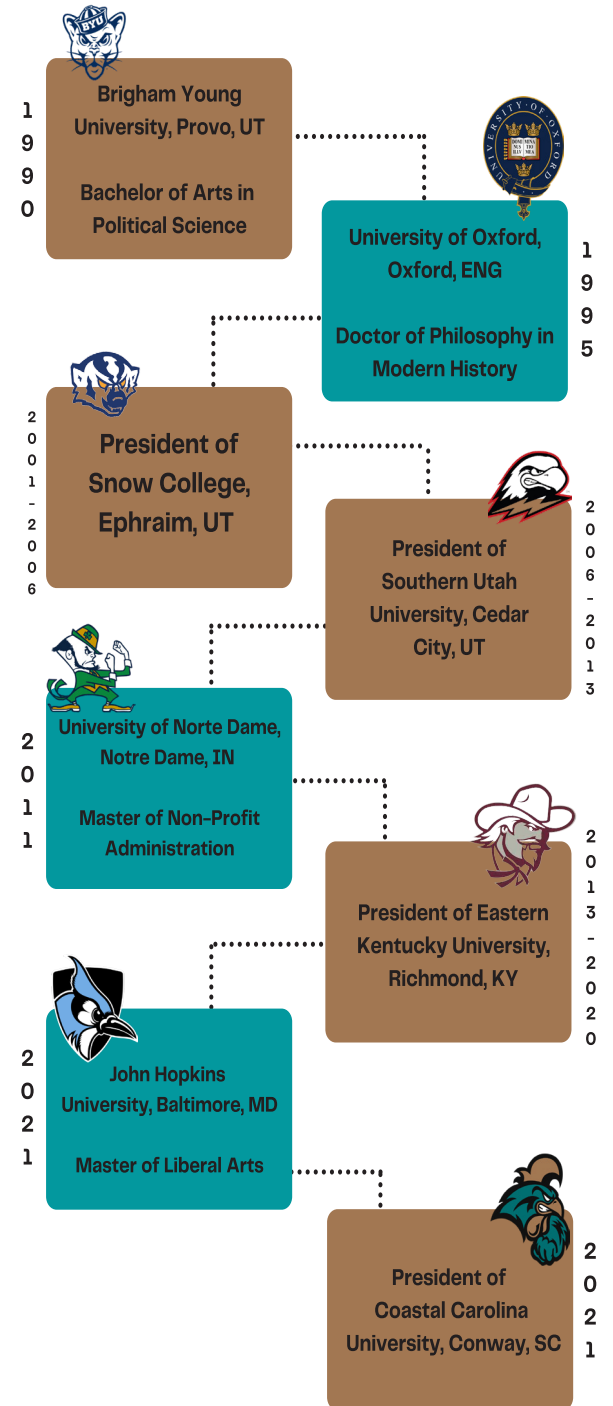
downtown Conway Saturday morning. He loves history and enjoys taking deep dives into topics, such as his past fascinations with the Civil War, architecture, and music composition.

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## Benson's career through the years



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## NEWS

# Sustain Coastal expands on CCU campus

By Emily Worth

Sustain Coastal recently added new staff members as it works to grow its presence on campus. The program was founded in 2005 as an initiative for sustainability at Coastal. Sustain Coastal's campus outreach includes farmer's markets, thrift shops, recycling and waste management programs, and more. Jeremy Monday, senior director of campus environments, said the program's focus is to create a more sustainable and environmentally conscious campus.

"We're here to transition this place into an environmentally sustainable university through operations, curriculum, education and outreach, and also collaboration with the community," Monday said.

The Zero Waste Football program encourages football fans to sort their waste, recycling, and compostable materials inside Brooks Stadium. The program started as an annual event, but Coastal now has a zero-waste initiative at every home football game, including the homecoming game Nov. 13.

Two new staff members, Darcy Coughlan and Cassie Ratliff, were hired this fall to support the program's expansion. Coughlan, the program's new associate director, previously worked with the HTC Honors College where she taught an intro to sustainability course. She was also the adviser for the sustainability and coastal resilience major.

"We all share the same mission and goals," Coughlan said. "We're here because we care about the university and want to make it as sustainable as possible."

Ratliff, a Coastal alum, is the program's new sustainability coordinator. Ratliff, who graduated in 2017, started her work with

Sustain Coastal as an EcoRep leader during her time as an undergrad. Ratliff said she is

excited to work toward expanding the program, especially with the perspective of a previous student, and to ensure students benefit from their experiences with Sustain Coastal.

"I want students to know that they really have the power to be the change," she said.

Teaching the importance of reuse is a big part of teaching sustainability. One event that has gained a lot of attention from students is the Pop-up Thrift Shop.

This event encourages students to buy items second-hand for \$1. Not everyone can afford to go out and spend money on new clothes, especially during college. This gives students access to affordable clothing while helping prevent textile waste in landfills.

A campus salvage program coordinated by Sustain Coastal reduces the amount of waste created during move-out. Every spring, pods are placed outside of residence halls. These bins collect clothing, furniture, appliances, and any other items that students feel they no longer need or do not want to take home.

The Farmers Market held on Prince Lawn continues to excite students and faculty as well. Sustain Coastal has partnered with the

Waccamaw Market Cooperative to hold monthly farmers markets on campus. This encourages students to support local businesses and gives them the opportunity to buy fresh produce and handmade products without having to even step off of campus.

Many efforts have been made within the dining halls as well. Sustain Coastal has worked with the CCU Food Crew to reduce food waste through composting, offer more plant-based options, and reduce the amount of single-use products.

"Meat is one of the most polluting industries," Coughlan said. "If you can't give



PHOTO BY EMILY WORTH

up meat, maybe make a decision to go meatless one day out of the week, or even one meal."

Sophomore Joseph Whitney works in the Sustain Coastal office. Whitney is a biology and sustainability double major. Coughlan recruited him to get involved with the program.

"I wanted to move towards a position on campus that was more towards my major and what I wanted to do in the future," Whitney said.

Currently, Sustain Coastal is working on completing an assessment program that will provide Coastal Carolina with a sustainability rating. The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education STARS assessment, the program administrators anticipate more media attention and resources will follow. The program also plans to complete a greenhouse gas emission inventory by the end of next summer.

# CCU COVID dashboard numbers low

By Alyssa L. Brennan

The Coastal Carolina University COVID-19 dashboard began reporting positive cases on July 29 and is updated every Friday morning.

According to the COVID-19 dashboard on CCU's website, there were three new positive student cases, two new positive employee cases, and no new affiliate cases for the week of Oct. 28 – Nov. 3. The dashboard reports a total of 466 cumulative positive cases at CCU since July.

In comparison, South Carolina's Department of Health and Environmental Control most recent weekly report, issued Friday, Nov. 5, said there were 560 new positive cases in the state that week.

According to SC DHEC, Horry County reported 38 new positive cases, and 35 probable

cases, as of Nov. 3. Associate Professor of Health Administration Stephen Borders explained where the information for the Coastal Carolina University COVID-19 dashboard comes from. Borders said it is important for students to be aware of the dashboard and its purpose.

"There's a lot of people working behind the scenes that input the data.

There are people from Student Health Services, there's people in housing who do a lot of the isolation and quarantine data. Student Health Services provides a lot of the data related to testing and positive cases," he said.

Associate Professor of History Amanda Brian said she has seen lower classroom attendance

this semester compared to past years. "Class attendance has been incredibly poor, and that's certainly related to COVID. It has been one of the worst semesters I've ever seen," Brian said. "I think there's also a general stress level. College is difficult in this moment, and it's just compounding the poor attendance."

Brian said she believes her classroom attendance aligns with what the COVID-19 dashboard is reporting.

"I think students are wanting to be in class. I think it's just that they are overwhelmed," Brian said.

To access the dashboard, go to [http://www.coastal.edu/services/safety\\_and\\_security/covid-19/](http://www.coastal.edu/services/safety_and_security/covid-19/).

# Spadoni college : new identity, new dean

By Shelbi R. Ankiewicz

The Spadoni College of Education and Social Sciences launched this fall, and its new dean, Holley Tankersley, is beyond thrilled.

The Spadoni college is the new home for the social sciences and includes the Department of Policy Research and Evaluation; Department of Anthropology and Geography; Department of Politics; Department of Sociology; Department of Foundations, Curriculum, and Instruction; and Department of Graduate and Specialty Services.

Tankersley said the social sciences now have a place to collaborate and reach out to the local community.

"It is fantastic, I feel great about it," Tankersley said. "It is just so energizing and exciting to have this new college because I think we fill a really important role both on campus and in the community."

Tankersley emphasized the college is important because it allows students to focus on two specific things: people and community connections. First, the college's programs of study highlight understanding humans and how they learn, grow and behave. Second, the college offers students opportunities for involvement with the surrounding community either by internships, local issues, and community service.

She said these are important new features because they are the foundations of what universities are supposed to do.

Since the college is new, Tankersley said her first goal is to focus on laying down the correct foundation. From there, her goal as dean will be to build new programs, specifically those that are future-focused. She intends to encourage students to get involved with faculty research. She hopes to conduct research that is beneficial

to all and creates a strong culture of belonging.

Another thing Tankersley looks forward to is developing programs of human services for graduates. This includes non-profit work, social work and counseling.

"There is a real lack of mental health professionals in Horry County, in the surrounding areas, so that's a real need. That's an area that we can grow," Tankersley said.

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## NEWS

# Homecoming 2021: What to expect this weekend

By Jacob Hensley

A student organizer for the Coastal Activities Board (CAB) said Homecoming is a time for students to get in the school spirit and become more involved on campus.

Nashira Riley, CAB president, helped organize several of the events at Homecoming during the week of Nov. 7 – 13. This year's theme is superheroes. CAB hosts the Talent Show, the Miss Teal and Bronze Pageant, and they will be involved with the Homecoming Parade.

"I believe that it will be different being that, you know we are kind of getting back into, not normal life, but normal life from COVID," she said. "Last year it was – everything was pretty much virtual."

CCU faculty, staff, alumni, and community volunteers will judge organizations competitions. One popular event, the Homecoming Step Show, is at 7 p.m. on Friday in Wheelwright Auditorium.

President Michael Benson will lead the 9 a.m. parade through downtown Conway as grand marshal.

Jessica Combess, the director of student activities and leadership, said homecoming is a time to celebrate the University and what it means to the students. Combess said it's also a time for CCU to welcome back alumni.

"We are a relatively new institution," Combess said. "I think it's very important to get that alumni base here, to celebrate you know, what it means to be a Chanticleer."

Combess said many of the events last year were redirected and adapted to virtual. She said last year for the talent show there were a very limited number of tickets available because of

the social distancing policy on campus, which is no longer in effect.

"We're excited to get back for this year to more of a full scale, even if that is masks - of course safety," she said. "We are here. We want to celebrate."

Combess said this homecoming will hopefully get students involved who have never had the chance to experience a complete school year at CCU.

Other offices on campus are also getting involved in the celebration of CCU spirit.

Matthew Barnes, telecommunications and cable TV technician, said his office is getting involved by decorating in a Daily Bugle style – following the superhero theme. Barnes said the office of Information Technology Services (ITS) created a newspaper that reports ITS saves homecoming.

"We're doing pretty much everything Marvel basically," Barnes said.

He said his office plans on placing printouts of the newspaper around campus. This is a way for them to celebrate along with the students and alumni. Barnes said also that ITS will be making a short commercial containing clips from Marvel movies that they will be projecting in their office.

Riley said things will be different this year, and safety measures will still be followed.

"Social distancing and masks are still required inside the buildings," Riley said. "But outside the buildings we will still be promoting it and advertising that."



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# CCU reports record-breaking numbers in freshman class

By Alyssa Brennan

With a total of 2,518 incoming students, the freshman class of Fall 2021 is the largest in Coastal Carolina University's history.

University administrators said despite record freshman enrollment, the amount of student resources remains unaffected.

Vice President for Student Success James Solazzo said the freshman class size should have no negative impacts on the amount of campus resources available to each student.

"The good news is financially, no issues. The amount of money we have really is based on the number of students. So, financial aid, tuition, room and board, and things of that nature, shouldn't be, at least for this semester, directly affected by the number of students," he said.

Solazzo said English 101 classes are usually capped at about 20 students, and even with the number of incoming students this semester, the small class sizes remained unaffected.

Freshman Rue Blaine, who is currently in an English 101 course, said this has been his experience.

"Everything has been good. No problems. My classes have been smaller [than 20 students]," Blaine said.

Solazzo said there is reasoning behind this sudden increase in applications and acceptances.

"One thing is, we had a spectacular year last year in football, and folks in the United States really love college football. The football team being undefeated, up until the bowl game was exciting for people. And, then at the same

time, we had a new president coming in who is very outgoing, interested in meeting the students, making videos, and reaching out to people," he said.

Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Amanda Craddock said past class sizes, and enrollment numbers during the COVID pandemic also played a role.

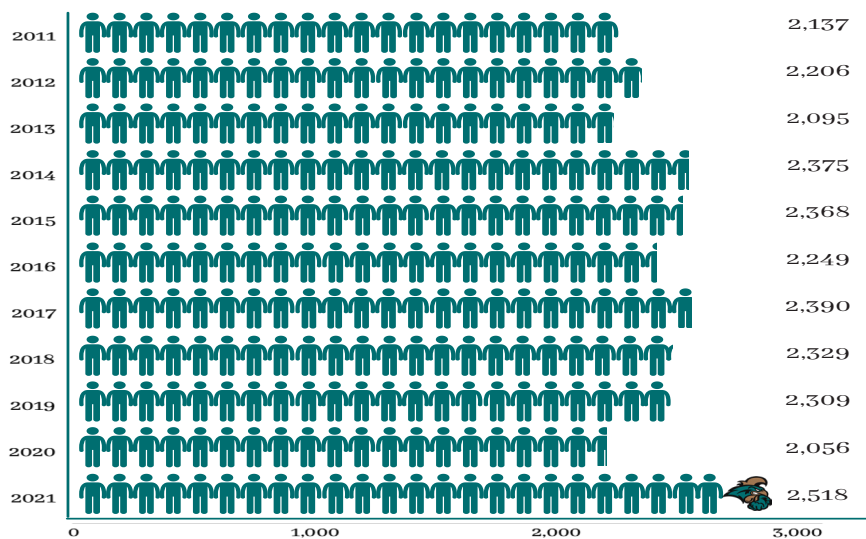
"Prior to this year, the largest freshmen class was in Fall 2017. Most of those students graduated this past May, and the freshmen classes after Fall 2017 were smaller. This means that we have a smaller group of continuing students (sophomore, juniors, and seniors)," Craddock said.

*"When students are choosing Coastal to be the place they go, that's an exciting thing because that means the individuals are deciding that this is the place they want to call their home."*

With a smaller group of continuing students, and lower enrollment last year due to COVID-19, the total enrollment is up by four percent. Vice President for Executive Initiatives and Chief of Staff Travis Overton said this is an exciting time for CCU.

"When students are choosing Coastal to be the place they go, that's an exciting thing because that means the individuals are deciding that this a place they want to call their home. And, we want to make sure we are able to support them in that decision," he said.

## 10 years of freshman Chanticleers



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## CULTURE

# Edwards celebrates 20th anniversary all semester long

Nov. 12 schedule of events includes performances, lectures, TED Talks, recitals, readings, and more

By Shelbi R. Ankiewicz

This is an exciting year for the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts because it is the college's 20th year anniversary.

Edwards Dean Claudia Bornholdt said it is special because the college will be able to give thanks to Robins Edwards, the woman whom the Edwards College is named after. Bornholdt encouraged all Edwards faculty to redirect classes on Friday, Nov. 12, so students and staff can participate in the events commemorating the college.

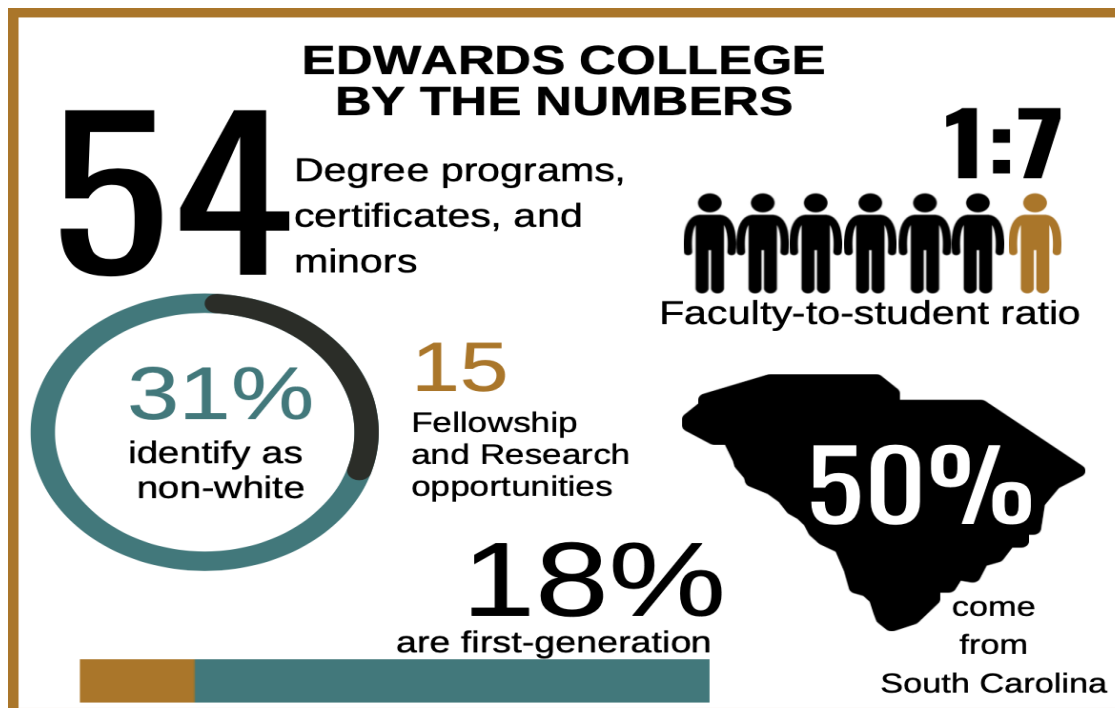
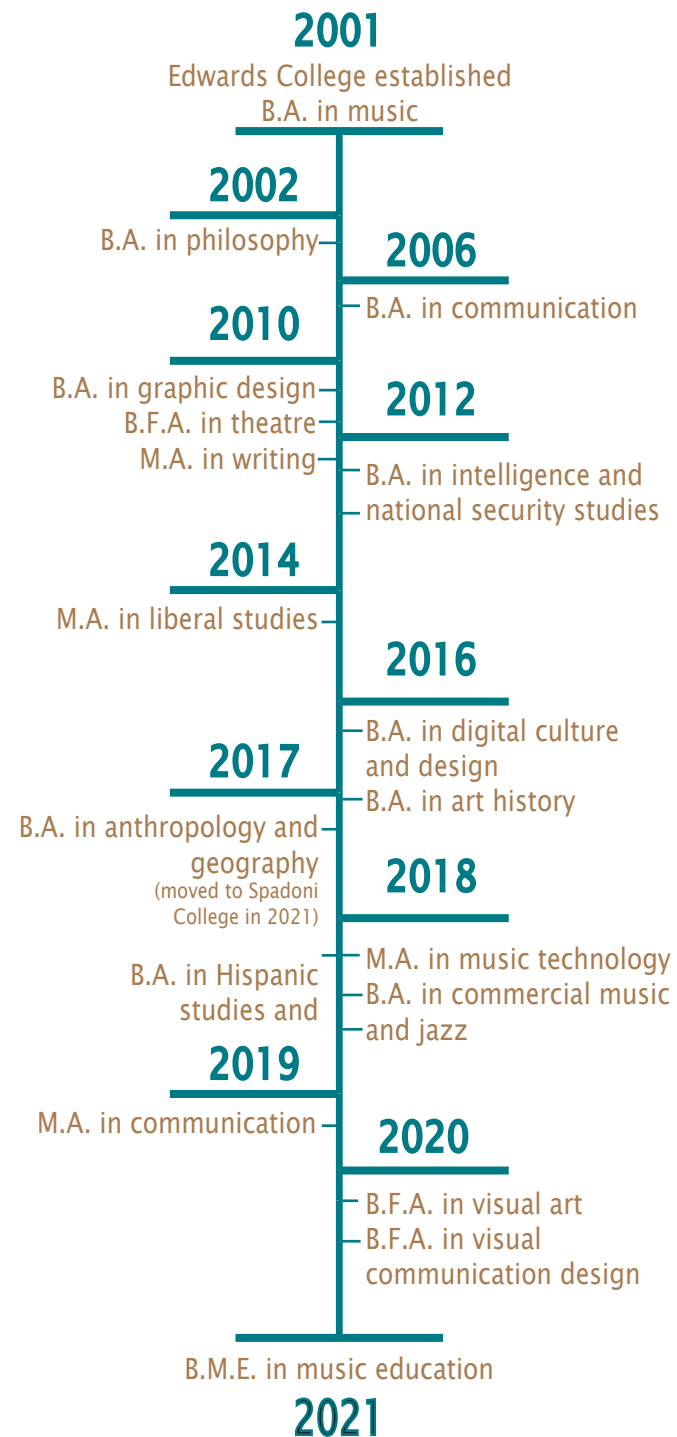
Bornholdt said the day will be a big party highlighting students' work from across Edwards. The series of events on Nov. 12 will start at 9 a.m. and go until 9 p.m. One-hour sessions throughout the day offer people the opportunity to learn about dance, theatre, communications,

languages, creative writing, intelligence studies, sculpting and more.

One highlight of interest to fans of *The Chanticleer* and local journalism is a panel at 10 a.m. on the Edwards courtyard stage. Panelist include journalism faculty, students, and WPDE Chief Meteorologist Ed Piotrowski. At 3:30 p.m. there will be a live bronze casting in the Edwards back courtyard where students can watch a sculptor pour 180 pounds of melted bronze and cast sculpture.

Opportunities for people who want to express their creativity are abundant on Friday. For more information about Friday's locations, times and events, check the full schedule online at <https://tinyurl.com/suyv695k>.

## Edwards' major growth



# Dean Bornholdt discusses hopes for Edwards College

By Shelbi R. Ankiewicz



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Claudia Bornholdt came to Coastal Carolina University as the Dean of the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts in June of 2019, but she is still a relatively new face on campus due to COVID-19.

A cheerleader, advocate and spokesperson are what Bornholdt considers herself to be for the Edwards College. She said she has spent a lot of time advocating for the Center of Inclusive Excellence and is proud to be the first CCU college with its own Diversity, Equity and Inclusion effort plan.

Bornholdt's goal for the college moving forward is to grow the established programs and interdisciplinary collaboration. She also wants to spread awareness of how beneficial a liberal arts degree is to a community.

"[The arts] are essential for a society to function, and also have a tremendous impact financially on the country," Bornholdt said. "Nobody has an idea how much money the arts for example [bring in]. It's almost a trillion dollars a year the arts sector contributes to the

American economy, and no one knows that."

Bornholdt is originally from Northern Germany. She moved to the United States in 1995 when she was a transfer student at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. From there she moved to Indiana, then Illinois, then Washington D.C., until she eventually landed in Myrtle Beach.

Bornholdt said during her time at Coastal thus far, she has witnessed some amazing things happen, even during COVID-19.

"We managed, and that's probably what I am most proud of. That we made it through this virtual pandemic so well, and actually, really, we didn't lose students, we gained students over the years," Bornholdt said.

Bornholdt led the college to collaborate with nearby cities to expand students' expertise into the local community. Some of these include the Teal Alley Mural painted in downtown Conway and the newly acquired theatre located in the heart of Myrtle Beach. Bornholdt hopes to hold the first theatre performance in 2023.

Aside from being on campus, Bornholdt enjoys traveling with her husband, gardening, and walking on the beach. She also calls herself "an avid boogie boarder."



# Stamps introduce Chinese culture

By Celina Decordova

Coastal Carolina has found a way to merge students into the Chinese culture like never before with Chinese name stamps.

Teaching Associate Shu-Chien Yang stumbled upon the idea when she learned Kimbel Library has a makerspace with 3D printers and laser cutters. She said it is very common for people in East Asian countries like China and Taiwan to have a stamp that represents their name or family.

"Twenty years ago, if you go to a bank and you open a bank account, you certainly need to have a seal, so it's really a part of our culture," Yang said.

Yang coordinated with Tristan Daniels, the academic engagement librarian, to begin the project. Daniels said the project was a great way to immerse language students into the Chinese culture.

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Nowadays, name stamps are only used in important documents. Most people use signatures like in the United States.

Each stamp made in the library was created with a laser cutter. It takes six to seven minutes for the laser machine to engrave Chinese characters, so students were able to bring home their finished product the same day it was created.

Tyrese Anderson, a biochemistry major and member of the Chinese club, said his Chinese name translates to "lucky home."

"It was really cool to sort of take something from a language and then combine it with something that you would find in a technology or science class," Anderson said.

Yang said she will be doing more activities like this to her future teaching. Her plans for next year are to create something, maybe a souvenir, related to the Chinese New Year, which will be the year of tigers.

## CULTURE

# Hiking trails in Conway

## Enjoy the Fall weather

By Katie Stoneking

As fall approaches, South Carolina is reaching its peak weather for outdoor activity. While the leaves will take a little longer than usual to turn colors, the natural flora and fauna of the state can still be enjoyed at a comfortable temperature.

For those seeking a natural getaway, Conway offers a variety of local parks and reservations free of charge to its visitors. These parks include the Waccamaw Wildlife Refuge, Cox Ferry Recreational Park, and the popular Conway Riverwalk.

Each of these locations offers a diverse sense of wildlife within South Carolina. From swamplands, forests shaded by Carolina pines, and even ebony colored intercoastal waterways. Along with this, each location is within a 10-minute radius of Coastal's campus--making them extremely accessible to college students in need of some nature.

## HIKING TRAILS

★ **Waccamaw Wildlife Reserve**  
*Gray Lake Blvd, Conway*

★ **Cox Ferry Recreational Park**  
*West Cox Ferry Rd, Conway*

★ **Conway Riverwalk**  
*Waccamaw Drive, Downtown Conway*



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## CULTURE

# Two ocean clubs relaunch at Coastal Carolina University

By Samantha Popovics

## Love Blue cleans up

The COVID-19 pandemic did not stop Love Blue from its commitment to keeping the beaches along Myrtle Beach clean.

The CCU chapter of Love Blue was started in 2019 by the class of 2021's business management major, AJ Caruso who has since continued his mission along the Jersey Shore. The non-profit organization has collected a total of 10,869 pounds of waste and plastic collected from both the Myrtle Beach and Jersey Shore areas where Love Blue chapters operate.

According to junior business marketing major and club Vice President Bree Puterio, everything collected during the weekly beach clean-ups in Myrtle Beach is being repurposed, and the club has been meeting weekly since it begins. During a clean-up, volunteers sort through buckets of the collected waste which are predominately cigarettes and straws.

"My experience with Love Blue has been nothing but amazing!" freshman Tegan Swope said. "The environment at the beach cleanups is always fun and inclusive. My friends and I started going to get involved on campus and have loved the excuse to go to the beach! It's a great way to meet new people and give back to the community!" Puterio said the club's current mission is to create a cleaner and healthier beach and ocean for local tourists of Myrtle Beach.

## Surf club rides the waves

The CCU Surf Club has attracted more than 200 members since it started meeting this fall after more than a year of inactivity.

COVID-19 halted any travel plans for the club's surfing activities last fall. According to club Vice President Hadley Leishman, the club was founded in 2015 to bring like-minded people together who are interested in surfing, whether that be at a beginner or advanced level.

"Everyone is always so happy to be getting out in the ocean and surfing together, no matter how good you are," President Maya Meehan said. Meehan said she has no regrets since joining the surf club and that she has become a much better surfer.

"Since I joined surf club, I've been in love with it. It's such a fun and laid-back environment to learn how to surf," Meehan said.

Before COVID-19 Leishman said members went on yearly trips to beaches of either North Carolina or Florida filled with surfing, camping, and bonfires, which they are excited to plan for next semester.

Weekly surfing lessons take place on Sundays at the Springmaid Pier in Myrtle Beach taught by group members who encourage all levels of experience to come out. Dues of \$100 cover weekly surfing fees as well as the annual surfing trip.

# New Chauncey statue at CCU

By Joshua Carroll

Two of the minds behind the Chauncey statues cheered the growth of public art on Coastal's campus.

Logan Woodle, an associate professor of visual arts, said his experiences working on the first Chauncey statue, which was installed at the entrance of the TD Sports Complex in 2015, laid the groundwork for the even larger Chauncey statue that was installed by Brooks Stadium this September.

While he designed the first statue, Woodle said his involvement with the latest project was more hands-off. Woodle said he was involved with interviewing and selecting the artist, sculptor Bryan Rapp, who spearheaded the newest project.

Woodle said they wanted to make sure Rapp was able to execute his own vision for the statue. Woodle noted how important the building of the first statue was for the visual arts department. He said it was a valuable learning experience for students.

"I believe experiential learning is one of the strong points on this campus," he said.

Easton Selby, an Edwards College associate dean and professor of visual arts, said it was thanks to the efforts behind the first statue that they had the equipment for the latest one.

"We could knock out 6-foot statues like nobody's business these days," he said, "but 12-foot is a whole different story."

Despite the newest statue posing a greater challenge, it was more of a natural progression after the growing pains of working on the first.

Both Woodle and Selby seemed open to the prospect of future sculpture projects of this scale. The value of giving students hands-on experience was evident from both the new and old Chauncey statues.

"We're more than happy to work on projects when focusing on the students," Selby said.



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# *The Chanticleer* is back and better than ever

By Shelbi R. Ankiewicz, *Editor-In-Chief*

We know you have not seen us for the past few months, but do not worry, we have not been hiding, we just have not been here physically.

The Chanticleer printed our last print issue in April of 2021. As we were preparing for our May issue, we were told by the company that held our print contract, it would not be able to continue printing for us. This took us by surprise, so we had to figure out what to do next.

Then came more changes in June when journalism Associate Professor Wendy Weinhold was named The Chanticleer's new faculty adviser.

Now we were in a predicament. We had a new adviser, no printing contract, and a very small returning staff for the Fall semester. As soon

as August came, we put on our game faces. We reached out weekly to university administrators, newspaper publishers, and other sources to secure a new printing contract.

The executive staff and I came up with weekly plans to build the newspaper and gain as much traction as we could to our website, but it was hard because our website, whose provider we are also in the process of changing, does not work well with smart phones, which meant a lot of people were not able to read our stories.

Finally, six months later, we have secured a new printing contract with the Charleston Printing Authority, the printing company owned by The Post and Courier.

So, what I am trying to say is: We apologize for not being able to be with you all physically

for so long. We were asked many times, and we genuinely tried the best we could, but the important part is we are back now.

We hope you enjoy our first, big issue of the school year. This one very near and dear to our hearts because of all our hard work reporting and redesigning, so we hope you enjoy it — we sure are proud of our new paper.

Lastly, a huge thank you to everyone who made this issue possible. To our reporters for meeting deadlines, our photographers for their creativity, our designer and her amazing first newspaper design, and our adviser for all her dedication.

Go Chants and stay safe everyone.

# Humanities degree have value

By Alyssa L. Brennan, *Assistant Editor*

Whenever someone finds out I'm an English major, the response is always the same: "What are you going to do with that? Teach?"

While it's an option, it's not the only one. An English degree can help open opportunities in a variety of fields outside of teaching such as publishing, editing, business and law. Associate Professor Christian Smith, who has a doctorate, said an English degree prepares students for many different things.

Unfortunately, there are a lot of negative stereotypes associated with pursuing a humanities degree, even though books, films, video games, music, and art are the things people like to fill their free time with. Smith said our culture plays a role in creating a stigma surrounding humanities.

"In our culture, the heavy emphasis on business or STEM degrees does not necessarily represent

the whole story. This is a dominant cultural narrative, but like many dominant cultural narratives, does not really express or reflect what's out there," Smith said.

Associate Professor Kate Oestreich, who has a doctorate, said the negative take is the biggest challenge that comes with studying the arts. "That stigma makes me angry. I don't know where it started because there certainly isn't any data to back it up," she said.

Professor Dan Albergotti, who has a doctorate, encourages students to "follow their bliss" and ignore the negativity if it's something they are passionate about.

"People that enter the humanities just want to explore questions and dwell in the mystery of everything and ask deeper questions. There's never a finish line. People in the humanities are really looking to stimulate intellectual curiosity,

and thought, lifelong," Albergotti said. The stigma surrounding humanities isn't necessary. Art will always have value in society because whether they realize it or not, people consume it every day.

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## SPORTS

# Fall 2021 sports highlights

## Chanticleer staff report

### Women's basketball

The women's basketball team has their next game on Nov. 13, against South Carolina State in Orangeburg. The team's second home game of the semester is against Erskine at 6 p.m. on Nov. 16.

### Men's basketball

The men's basketball has their next game on Nov. 18 against UNC Wilmington at 7 p.m. in Wilmington. Then they will compete in the Baha Mar Nassau Championship over Thanksgiving break in Nassau, Bahamas.

### Volleyball

CCU volleyball is ranked 16-8 overall and 10-4 in Conference play. The team plays Appalachian State on Nov. 11, in Boone at 5 p.m. Then they play Appalachian State again at home on Nov. 14, 1 p.m. The home game will air on ESPN+ and serve as the team's Senior Day. Then the team will enter the Sun Belt Championship in Foley, Alabama.

### Cross country

CCU's cross country teams will compete in the NCAA Southeast Regional on Nov. 12 in Lexington, Kentucky. Then they compete in the NCAA Championships in Tallahassee, Florida on Nov. 20.

### Men' Soccer

Men's soccer is ranked 6-4-4 overall and 3-1-4 in conference play. The team is playing in the semifinals of Conference USA Championship in Charlotte on Nov. 12 at 4:30/7 p.m.

### Photos page 14-15 clockwise:

1. Number 25, Christian Malloy, catches a throwing pass.
2. The CCU regiment and marching band stand in formation ready to perform.
3. CCU football players check in with each other between plays.
4. CCU cheerleaders wave to crowds to gain interaction for chants.
5. Chauncey hypes up the crowd with his teal energy.
6. Fans came out to fill the stands and cheer on their Chanticleers.



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## SPORTS

# Chants looking for homecoming win

By De'Anthony Cox

Coastal looks to continue its winning streak for the 2 p.m. Homecoming football game Nov. 12 against the Georgia State University.

The Chanticleers (8-1, 4-1) play host to the Panthers (4-5, 3-2) for a Sun Belt Conference matchup.

The Chanticleers are currently ranked No. 21-22 nationally. In addition to Homecoming, this game is also Coastal's Hall of Fame Weekend.

The Chanticleers-Panthers matchup is currently tied 2-2 in conference play with Coastal getting the last victory 51-0 in 2020.

While his playing status was unknown at press time, quarterback Grayson McCall leads the Chants offense, averaging 275 yards per game. His top receiving targets, Jaivon Heiligh and Isaiah Likely, both have caught passes of more than 600 yards this season. Heiligh has scored 5 touchdowns, and Likely has scored 8.

This season, the Chants have rushed the ball efficiently, with Shemari Jones leading the charge with 89 rushing yards per game and 9 touchdowns.

Silas Kelley leads the Chants defense with 65 tackles, and Jeffrey Gunter leads in sacks with 6 on the season.

The game will be broadcast live on ESPN+.

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## GAME TIME

Coastal Carolina plays the Georgia State Panthers at 2p.m. in Brooks Stadium on Nov. 12.

## TAILGATE

Chant Zone Student Tailgate starts at 12:30 p.m. across from Brooks Stadium on University Boulevard.

## RECORD

The Chanticleers are 8-1 on the season and 4-1 in the Sun Belt Conference.

## RANKING

CCU is ranked 21st in both the USA Today Coaches AFCA and the Associated Press 25 Polls.