Alma Mater
Coastal Carolina

We come to you to lead our search, and learn to reach beyond ourselves – below the earth, beyond the stars – to form our dreams for better years.

Here, green and bronze in nature, light – sweet pine forest that surround us, ocean waters that sustain us – reflect your standards that prepare us.

May we return in thought and care to share your promise of enrichment, and celebrate and sing our praise for Coastal Carolina.

– Bennie Lee Sinclair

The Coastal Carolina University Alma Mater was written in 1994 by the late Bennie Lee Sinclair, the fifth poet laureate of South Carolina, to commemorate the first year of the institution’s status as a university. The original score for the Alma Mater was written by Coastal Carolina University emeritus professor William R. Hamilton.
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Coastal Carolina University Honors Convocation 2020

Welcome
David A. DeCenzo
President, Coastal Carolina University

Academic Awards
Daniel J. Ennis
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs,
Coastal Carolina University

Outstanding Student Award
E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration
Spadoni College of Education
HTC Honors College and Center for Interdisciplinary Studies
Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts
Gupta College of Science

Acknowledgements
HTC Honors College
Dyer Fellows
Jackson Scholars
Swain Scholars
Teaching Fellows
Wall Fellows
Honor Societies

University Distinguished Undergraduate Student Awards
Daniel J. Ennis

Distinguished Professor of the Year Award
Daniel J. Ennis

Closing
Daniel J. Ennis
AWARDS

Departmental Program
Academic Awards
Departmental Awards recognize outstanding academic accomplishments by students as well as contributions to the academic quality of the department. Candidates are nominated and selected by the college faculty.

HTC Honors College
Recognition
The primary mission of the HTC Honors College at Coastal Carolina University is to encourage and assist honors students in developing reasoning, intellectual, leadership, decision-making, organizational, and social skills through high-quality, challenging classroom instruction and participation in community service projects.

Distinguished Student Award
The Distinguished Student Award recognizes outstanding academic achievements by a senior student. Selected by a faculty committee with representatives from each college of the University, candidates have attained the endorsement of a faculty advisor and a record of academic honors throughout their enrollment at the University.

Distinguished Professor of the Year Award
The Distinguished Professor of the Year Award recognizes excellence in teaching. A student committee chaired by the vice president of the Student Government Association and composed of two representatives from each of the colleges solicits nominations from students. The eight leading candidates receive classroom visitations from at least two members of the committee. The final four candidates are interviewed by the entire committee.

Jackson Scholars
Students are chosen every other year for Coastal Carolina University’s two-year Jackson Scholars program, established in 2004 to cultivate and promote awareness in students of the importance of personal and professional integrity.

Dyer Fellows
The focus of the Dyer Institute for Leadership and Public Policy is to engage students in active learning opportunities where they may gain knowledge in various areas of policy research. The goal is to provide students with experience that will connect academic theory to practice as well as foster the importance of civic-minded citizens.

Wall Fellows
Established in 1995, the University’s Wall Fellows program is a unique organization designed to prepare top business, science, and humanities students for high-level careers in major U.S. and international corporations and organizations.

Swain Scholars
Established through the generous donation of Kenneth Swain of Myrtle Beach, this scholarship and credit-bearing program develops students in community health outreach through coursework, training, and internships.
Teaching Fellows
The South Carolina Teaching Fellows program is a scholarship program funded by the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA). The program supports high-achieving South Carolina high school students who wish to pursue a degree in education. Following graduation, scholarship recipients must teach in a state public school for a minimum of three years. The Teaching Fellows receive professional training and serve in leadership roles. CCU is one of only 11 institutions in the state identified as a Teaching Fellows Institution, and is highly competitive in receiving 20-25 students each year.

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ACCOUNTING
Michael Stearns
Michael Stearns is a senior accounting major from Elmira, N.Y. Before transferring to Coastal Carolina University, he attended Corning Community College in Corning, N.Y., for two years. Since transferring to CCU in Fall 2018, Stearns has become a member of Student Executive Leaders and has been inducted into several organizations. These include Beta Gamma Sigma International Business Honor Society, of which he served as president his senior year; Beta Alpha Psi Financial Information Honor Society; Tau Sigma Honor Society for transfer students; and Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity. His post-graduation plans include interning for Ernst & Young in its New York City office over the summer in its forensic accounting program. Upon completion of the internship, Stearns plans to attend graduate school to obtain his Master of Accountancy degree. In five to six years, he plans to have two sets of letters behind his name, CPA for Certified Public Accountant and CFE for Certified Fraud Examiner. Stearns plans to pursue a career on the audit side of accounting and eventually move his career into forensic accounting, a more concentrated area of audit.

APPLIED MATHEMATICS
Jeremiah Dunivin
Jeremiah Dunivin is an applied mathematics major from Woodbridge, Va. Dunivin and his mentor, Professor Debendra Banjade, have conducted research on Nevanlinna-Pick Interpolation on Certain Subalgebras of $H_{\infty}(K(D))$. Their paper on this subject has been accepted and will appear in “Involve: A Journal of Mathematics.” Additionally, Dunivin presented this research at the Mathematical Association of America Conference at Lee University and was awarded the Walt and Susan Patterson Prize for an outstanding presentation. He is a member of the Pi Mu Epsilon Mathematics Honor Society and works as a tutor in Coastal Carolina University’s Math Learning Center. After graduation, Dunivin plans to attend Clemson University and has been accepted with funding into the Ph.D. program for mathematics.

APPLIED PHYSICS
Adam Goga
Growing up in Rochester, N.Y., Adam Goga developed a love for teaching at an early age, and was inspired to attend Coastal Carolina University. Goga is earning dual bachelor’s degrees in applied mathematics and physics. While at CCU, he was named to the President’s List every semester. Throughout his undergraduate career and in preparation for a life of teaching, Goga has tutored, graded, and assisted as an in-class learning assistant. After graduation, he plans to pursue a Ph.D. in order to become a professor.

ART HISTORY
Melissa Hydock
Melissa Hydock has an impressive list of academic accolades, and her dedication to and talent in the discipline of art history prepared her well to serve as the department peer tutor in art history. During Summer 2019, she participated in a research seminar on the Hobcaw Barony art collection, and presented her findings this past February at the fourth Biennial Symposium. For her senior capstone project, she conducted pioneering research into the Fakirs at the Art Student League of New York where she explored how their use of the readymade predated Dada, the movement generally credited with this concept. Hydock has been an active participant in numerous workshops, department clubs, and events, and has contributed to the overall life and quality of the department. Following graduation, Hydock intends to explore graduate studies in library science and archival research.

ART STUDIO
Ramsey Diven
Ramsey Diven is earning her bachelor’s degree in art studio with a double minor in art history and photography. Diven achieved President’s List every semester since she started Coastal Carolina University in 2016. She is the recipient of the Provost’s...
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Scholarship, the Martha Baker Thomas Endowed Scholarship, and the Kathryn Bryan Metts Scholarship in Visual Arts. Having excelled in her research and creative projects, she was accepted as an Edwards College Research Fellow in 2017, a position she has since maintained in order to pursue her own expressive, artistic personality in paint. Diven is among the most dedicated undergraduate artists, and faculty note how she consistently goes above and beyond in all of her endeavors. Diven is a model student whose work ethic extends to the Department of Visual Arts itself, where proactive attitude and extensive knowledge of art materials and supplies made her integral to the success of the department.

BIOCHEMISTRY

Cameron Carroll

Originally from Alton, Ill., Cameron Carroll moved to Murrells Inlet, S.C., during her freshman year of high school, where she attended St. James High School. She came to Coastal Carolina University to earn a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry. Carroll has been involved in Professor Brian Lee’s research on the characterization of RNA structural elements of group A Streptococcus. She has presented this project at various conferences, including the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society (SERMACS) in both 2018 and 2019; South Carolina IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (SC-INBRE) in 2018 and 2019; Coastal Carolina University Undergraduate Research Competition in 2019 and 2020; and South Carolina Academy of Science (SCAS) in 2020. Carroll is also a Student Achievement Funding Research Fellow at the University, a recent graduate from the Jackson Scholar program, and an active member of the Coastal Learning Initiative.

in Molecular Biology (CLIMB). After graduation, Carroll plans to spend time working on research before attending medical school to become a physician.

BIOLOGY

Kyra Ricci

Kyra Ricci came to Coastal Carolina from Montrose, Pa. In addition to completing her Bachelor of Science in biology, Ricci earned minors in chemistry and psychology. She is an HTC Honors College Research Fellow, a member of two national honor societies, and is the current president of the local chapter of the National Biological Honor Society. She has earned three scholarships, including the President’s Scholarship. Ricci has been very active conducting research. For her honors thesis, she is investigating the anti-cancer properties of a fungal compound with Professor Fang Ju Lin. She helped analyze and publish a paper on neurodegeneration in nematodes with Professor Daniel Williams. Additionally, as part of a student research exchange program, she characterized the binding sites of proteins affecting the biological clock in human cells with a biology professor at the University of Zurich. Ricci is currently applying for a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct microbiology research at James Cook University in Australia. Her long-term plans are to earn her doctorate and become a professor.

COMMUNICATION

Madeline Filling

Madeline Filling hails from Baltimore, Md., and is graduating with a major in communication and minors in Spanish and women’s and gender studies. Filling has presented her research on sexual assault in the fraternity and sorority life subculture and on social justice and gender at regional conferences in her field. She completed her capstone thesis research with Professor Deborah Breede in the Department of Communication, Media, and Culture, studying how ambiguous terminology contributes to rape culture in college atmospheres. Filling has been chapter president of Alpha Delta Pi; student coordinator for programming and education in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life; intern for the Student Advocacy and Intervention Team in the Dean of Students office; and Orientation supervisor for the Office of New Student and Family Programs. She is a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society; the National Society for Leadership and Success; Alpha Mu Gamma National Language Honor Society; Lambda Pi Eta National Communication Honor Society; and Triota National Women’s and Gender Studies Honor Society. Following graduation, Filling plans to pursue a master’s degree in student affairs and higher education.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Zhiyong Yang

Zhiyong Yang came to Coastal Carolina University in 2018 from Ruijin, Jiangxi province, China, as a transfer student majoring in computer science. Yang not only earned high grades from Huaqiao University in Xiamen, China, but also was awarded the President’s List and Dean’s List during his two years of study at Coastal Carolina University. Although English is not Yang’s first language, he earned the Certificate of Promotion from ELS Language Centers which approved his English learning ability and communication skills. Following graduation from Coastal, Yang plans to earn a master’s degree in computer science.
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DIGITAL CULTURE AND DESIGN

Royson Laclé

Roy Laclé was born and raised in Oranjestad, Aruba. He has worked on Athenaeum Press projects, utilizing his skills in writing, digital media, and design. He has excelled in the study of and critical making around connections between writing, media, and international experience and travel. In addition to his bachelor’s degree in digital culture and design, he has completed a minor in studio art. Laclé is a member of the International Club and the E-Sports Club. He plans to pursue a master’s degree after graduation.

ECONOMICS (B.S.B.A.)

Andrew Jones

Andrew Jones is originally from Lancaster, Pa., but now resides in Murrells Inlet, S.C. Jones is an economics major, and his hard work and determination allowed him to achieve Dean’s List for four semesters while attending Coastal Carolina University. He is currently working with a program called Python, a general-purpose programming language, which helps him gather statistics to observe trends around Division I collegiate athletics. Jones is a brother of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. He is pursuing his goal of working toward investments in real estate.

ENGINEERING SCIENCE

Chloe Keller

Chloe Keller is an engineering science and marine science dual degree recipient who is originally from Indianapolis, Ind. While at Coastal Carolina University, she has been active in the research of microfluidics and marsh fauna as well as research in coral reef ecology in Jamaica. Keller was a recipient of the Women in STEM Fellowship and a member of the Anthropology and Geography Club. In addition to achieving the Dean’s List every semester, she was a recipient of the Dean’s Excellence Scholarship, President’s Scholar Award, University Scholar Award, and the Walter T. Berner Jr. Endowed Scholarship. After graduation, Keller plans to pursue a job in underwater engineering, potentially related to artificial reefs.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Kelsey O’Neill

Kelsey O’Neill, from Middletown, N.J., will graduate from Coastal Carolina University with a Bachelor of Arts in early childhood education. She is the vice president of the Rho Chi chapter of Kappa Delta Pi and a member of the Gamma Mu chapter of the Chi Omega Fraternity. O’Neill received the Dalton and Linda Floyd Family Mentoring Program Scholarship and served as a mentor in the program for two years. She has been recognized as a member of the Dean’s List or the President’s List every semester since arriving at Coastal Carolina University. O’Neill is a recipient of the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA) Teaching Fellows Scholarship; the Why I Love CCU Award; and Coastal Carolina University’s Honors Program of Excellence Award. Her honors program work includes a published manuscript in the National Science Teaching Association journal, “Science and Children,” as well as presentations at CCU’s Undergraduate Research Competition, South Carolina Association of Teacher Educators (SCATE) Annual Conference, and the National Association of Teacher Educators Annual Conference. Hinnerschitz has served as the president of the student branch of the South Carolina Education Association and as vice president of Coastal’s Teaching Fellows organization. Upon graduation, Hinnerschitz will be teaching at Waccamaw Elementary School in Conway, and plans to return to Coastal Carolina University to obtain a graduate degree in instructional technology.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Caitlyn Hinnerschitz

Caitlyn Hinnerschitz hails from Myrtle Beach, S.C., and has achieved the President’s List each semester while enrolled at Coastal Carolina University. She is a recipient of the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA) Teaching Fellows Scholarship; the Why I Love CCU Award; and Coastal Carolina University’s Honors Program of Excellence Award. Her honors program work includes a published manuscript in the National Science Teaching Association journal, “Science and Children,” as well as presentations at CCU’s Undergraduate Research Competition, South Carolina Association of Teacher Educators (SCATE) Annual Conference, and the National Association of Teacher Educators Annual Conference. Hinnerschitz has served as the president of the student branch of the South Carolina Education Association and as vice president of Coastal’s Teaching Fellows organization. Upon graduation, Hinnerschitz will be teaching at Waccamaw Elementary School in Conway, and plans to return to Coastal Carolina University to obtain a graduate degree in instructional technology.

ENGLISH

Allison Mitchell

Allison Mitchell of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., is an English major with a minor in new media and digital culture. She has won multiple awards, including the Women in Philanthropy and Leadership (WIPL) Scholarship, the Isaac Case Scholarship, and the Tidelands Health Scholarship. Furthermore, Mitchell has been named a Wall Fellow, an Edwards College Research Fellow, and a Coastal Writes Fellow, and she is the editor-in-chief of Tempo Magazine. Upon graduation, she plans to move to New York City to pursue a career in fashion merchandising and marketing.
EXERCISE AND SPORT SCIENCE

Jenna Thompson

Originally from Fairfax, Va., Jenna Thompson came to Coastal Carolina University to earn her bachelor’s degree in exercise and sport science with a minor in biology. She achieved the President’s List every semester at Coastal Carolina. As an Honors Research Fellow, Thompson has been active in the study of exercise intensity, energy expenditure, and enjoyment during high-intensity exercise in healthy adults. Her work has led to presentations at national and regional annual meetings of the American College of Sports Medicine. Thompson has been active in the Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity and the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, and is a certified phlebotomy technician. Thompson plans to attend graduate school to become a physician assistant.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Nellie Grey Eckert

Nellie Grey Eckert is a double major in graphic design and art studio and a double minor in photography and art history. Eckert was on the President’s List every semester since arriving at Coastal Carolina University in 2015. She has received numerous scholarships, including the Edwards College Dean’s Excellence Scholarship, the Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship, and the Women in Philanthropy and Leadership (WIPL) Scholarship. She will attend graduate school this fall to continue her studies in art and design.

HOSPITALITY, RESORT, AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Lauren Clements

Lauren Clements is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran from Burlington, Iowa. She is a hospitality, resort, and tourism management major and is a member of the Student Veterans Association and the Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honor Society. Clements is the recipient of the Coastal Transfer Scholar Award and the Carolina Trust FCU Annual Veterans Scholarship. Following graduation, she hopes to work in revenue management at the Hilton Revenue Management Consolidated Center in Dallas, Texas.

FINANCE

Sunneva “Sunny” Sigurvinsdóttir

Sunneva “Sunny” Sigurvinsdóttir is from Reykjavik, Iceland. Her major is finance with a concentration in financial management. Sigurvinsdóttir is a member of the Coastal Carolina University women’s soccer team, Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honor Society, and the Finance Club. Sigurvinsdóttir has excelled in both academics and athletics. She achieved the President’s or the Dean’s List for all of her semesters at Coastal Carolina, was on the 2019 All-Conference First Team in the Sun Belt, and was on the 2019 College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District Team. After graduation, Sigurvinsdóttir plans to pursue a master’s degree in business administration at CCU and finish her last season for the women’s soccer team.

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Dipal Parekh

As a first-generation college student, Dipal Parekh arrived in the United States with limited English skills. A current resident of Spartanburg, S.C., she earned her Associate of Science degree from Spartanburg Community College in 2018. Parekh is a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society. A mother of two, she works full-time as a patient access representative in a pediatrician’s office. After graduation, she will be seeking a leadership role in health care administration.

HISTORY

Bailey Gordon

Bailey Gordon, a dual major in history and politics, is from Savoy, Ill. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and has been awarded the President’s Scholarship and the James Branham History Award. Gordon is the vice president of both the Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity and the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, and is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society. She is also a Future Forge Fellow, as well as a member of the Institute for Humane Studies Forum on Liberty and the American Founding. Her political science honors thesis is entitled “Anti-Semitism As A Political Tool For Tyrannical Governments.” After graduation, Gordon plans to pursue law school.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Alexander Heiberg

Alexander Heiberg, from Mountain Top, Pa., attends Coastal Carolina University majoring in information systems. Prior to enrolling at CCU, he earned an Associate of Arts degree from Horry-Georgetown Technical College. Heiberg’s commitment to academics are reflected in his grades and his achieving Dean’s List for several semesters. He has experience as a teen Bible quizzer and board member in 2016 for the Pennsylvania-Delaware Teen Bible Quiz organization. Heiberg also served as
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a mentor for a local organization’s Teen Club program for teens with autism, and he has been involved in a wide variety of benefits including fundraisers and awareness events concerning autism.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Michael Herbst
Michael Herbst resides in Myrtle Beach, S.C., where he graduated from Carolina Forest High School. He will be graduating from Coastal Carolina University in May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science in information technology. During his time at Coastal Carolina University, he has achieved recognition on the President’s List every semester and will continue to maintain academic excellence until graduation. He is interested in continuing his education by enrolling in the Master of Science in information systems technology program with a concentration in cybersecurity and information security.

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Michelle Rashid
Michelle Rashid hails from Williamsport, Pa., and is a member of the HTC Honors College and an Honors Research Fellow. She has achieved the President’s List for four semesters and the Dean’s List for two semesters. She served as vice president and marketing coordinator for Coastal Baptist Collegiate Ministries and is a member of the Arabic Club. Rashid’s scholarships include the President’s Scholar Award, the South Carolina LIFE Scholarship, and the Horry County Higher Education Commission Scholarship. While at Coastal Carolina, Rashid worked as a student videographer in Video Production Services as well as social media intern. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in marketing.

LANGUAGE AND INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

Audrey Oien
Audrey Oien is a double major in languages and intercultural studies and intelligence and national security studies. Oien, who is from Beaver Dam, Wis., is enrolled in the Degree in Three program and became the first student from Coastal Carolina University to study abroad in China through the American Association of State Colleges and Universities’ China Government Scholarship, which fully funded her to complete an intensive immersive Mandarin Chinese program in Fall 2019 in Beijing. She is the vice president of the National Security Club and was awarded the Honors Academic Excellence Award and Scholarship for 2019-2020. Oien has contributed to LIS Department initiatives through her involvement in Russian Club, High School Language Day, and the Chinese Conversation Table.

MANAGEMENT

Ja’Quan Beckett
Since arriving at Coastal Carolina University in 2016, Ja’Quan Beckett has achieved the President’s List for four semesters and the Dean’s List for three semesters. He began his freshman year with a desire to refine his leadership and interpersonal skills, and his successes in this endeavor have been highlighted in his academic achievements throughout his management curriculum. Beckett is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society and the National Society of Leadership and Success. After graduation, he plans to return home to work in banking while building the resources necessary to fulfill his entrepreneurial goal of opening his own shoe store.

MARINE SCIENCE

Cori Carlston
Cori Carlston arrived at Coastal Carolina University from Leesburg, Va., and in only three years, earned a Bachelor of Science in marine science with a minor in biology. Carlston achieved the President’s List for four semesters and the Dean’s List for one semester. In her freshman year, she immediately became involved in field-based research by assisting in the Phytoplankton Monitoring program. As a sophomore, Carlston was active in independent research with biology Professor Doug Van Hoewyk and marine science Professor Juliana Harding, and she continues to participate in research on marine invertebrates. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. Carlston plans to earn a master’s degree and a doctorate degree and to continue to engage in research on the effects of climate change on marine plants.
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MARKETING
Stephanie Henning
Stephanie Henning moved from her hometown Åre, Sweden, in 2016 to pursue a bachelor’s degree in marketing and represent the CCU women’s golf team. Since then, she has excelled both on and off the golf course. Some of her accolades include achieving President’s List every semester, being the Women’s Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar, and being on the Sun Belt Conference Commissioner’s List for outstanding work in the classroom three years in a row. She also served on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) from 2016 to 2017. Henning is an active volunteer for the Grand Strand Miracle League program, a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma International Business Honor Society, and of the Student Executive Leaders program at Coastal. To complement her studies in the classroom, Henning has completed two internships in the Myrtle Beach area over the past year. In 2018, she also helped her team win the Sun Belt Conference Championship by 34 shots. This summer, she plans to pursue her dream of becoming a professional golfer and eventually play on the LPGA tour while also running her own business as a marketing consultant.

MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION
Rachel Abarbanell
Rachel Abarbanell is originally from Chicago, Ill. She previously earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from Coastal Carolina University, and prior to that attended Aynor High School. Abarbanell is graduating with a Master of Arts in communication with a concentration in communication leadership. She is the administrative coordinator for the Auxiliary Enterprises at Coastal Carolina University. After graduation, Abarbanell plans to further her career in higher education.

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY
Anna Howard
Anna Howard hails from Southern Maryland outside the Washington, D.C., area. After dancing throughout her youth, she continued her post-secondary education at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, Pa., where she graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in dance, a Bachelor of Science in sports, arts, and entertainment management and a minor in business management. After graduation, Howard worked in the dance industry for a number of years, and in 2017, she decided to return to school to pursue her Master of Accountancy at Coastal Carolina University. While at Coastal, she was a member of Student Executive Leaders and Beta Gamma Sigma International Business Honor Society, and had the honor of being the first recipient of the Dr. Karen Maguire Memorial Scholarship. Currently, Howard is working to complete the requirements to become a Certified Fraud Examiner as well as a Certified Public Accountant. In the future, she hopes to have the opportunity to work as a forensic accountant.

MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES
Hattie Jordan
Hattie Jordan earned her B.S.B.A. in economics from Coastal Carolina University, graduating summa cum laude in 2017. After earning her bachelor’s degree, she began to pursue advanced study in the Master of Arts in liberal studies (MALS) program in 2018, devoting herself to full-time graduate study while also working as the program assistant in the Grant Center for Real Estate and Economic Development in the Wall College of Business. Jordan has integrated her wide range of interests into a piece of original scholarship culminating in her capstone project, drawing on her skills working with the Athenaeum Press, research in communication activism, study of gender and economic theory, and documentation of local history. In this way, Jordan’s work represents the spirit of interdisciplinarity that is at the heart of the MALS program. She has presented her work at the Second Annual International Gullah Geechee and Afrtican Diaspora Conference held on the CCU campus in March 2020. She looks forward to applying her skills to a career in public history and film.

MASTER OF ARTS IN MUSIC TECHNOLOGY
Timothy Hardwick
Timothy Hardwick, a native of Aynor, S.C., completed an undergraduate degree in guitar performance from Coastal Carolina University. He returned to Coastal Carolina to pursue a master’s degree in music technology. Hardwick’s thesis project showcases his work as a composer, recording engineer, and performer. He has worked as an engineer in the Wheelwright recording studio, producing recordings for the Athenaeum Press and Brookgreen Gardens. He has released numerous albums as a leader and sideman and is an active performer in the southeast. He plans to teach music.

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING
Martin Dolly
Martin Dolly hails from Lanoka Harbor, N.J. In 2014 he completed his undergraduate degree at Coastal Carolina University. In 2019, he returned to Coastal Carolina University and enrolled in the Master of Arts in
Teaching program so he could pursue a career as a high school science teacher. He has accepted a teaching position at Carolina Forest High School where he will start his teaching career in Fall 2020.

**MASTER OF ARTS IN WRITING**

**Madison Rahner**

Madison Rahner is a graduate student in the English department’s Master of Arts in Writing program. Originally from Conway, S.C., Rahner has recently published a poem in “The Three Penny Review.” Currently, Rahner is the managing editor of Coastal Carolina University’s literary journal, “Waccamaw,” the president of the Coastal Writers Society, and a mentor in the Coastal Writes Initiative. After graduation, Rahner will be moving to Duluth, Minn., to work on her second novel.

**MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Savannah Campbell**

Savannah Campbell, from Charleston, S.C., joined the CCU MBA program from the College of Charleston where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in biology. Since joining the Wall College, Campbell has pursued her MBA with a focus in health care administration. She is one of only seven students in the state to be selected to join the South Carolina Medical Device Alliance pilot program as a business student intern, where she is working together with engineering students from other universities to develop medical device products to bring to market. Campbell has also been the recipient of the Wall College of Business Board of Visitors Scholarship to pursue study abroad. This August, Campbell will begin her medical degree at the Medical University of South Carolina and plans to practice in primary care.

**MASTER OF EDUCATION EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

**Alicia Strickland**

Alicia Strickland comes from Conway, S.C., where she completed her K-12 education. Her journey led her to join the Coastal Carolina University family when she completed her bachelor’s degree in early childhood education and her master’s degree in educational leadership. Her dedication and commitment to the world of education, teaching, and leadership is reflected in her academic performance, and she is constantly striving to grow as an educator and a leader for her students and colleagues. Strickland was recently elected by her professors and her peers to be a representative on the Graduate Council for the educational leadership program. She recently designed a school improvement plan for a school in the community in an effort to achieve several goals the school had set and manage its discipline process. She strives to become a school administrator and continue to influence every student who walks into her school after graduation.

**MASTER OF EDUCATION LANGUAGE, LITERACY, AND CULTURE**

**Earth Wactor**

Earth Wactor is a student in the Master of Education in language, literacy, and culture program. She graduated from Francis Marion University in 2016 with a degree in elementary education. As an undergraduate at Francis Marion University, she received an award for the student teacher who best embodied the six Teaching Children of Poverty Standards. She has taught both third and fifth grades, and currently is a fifth-grade English language arts teacher at Loris Elementary School. After graduating, Wactor plans to continue to inspire children to read and write. She hopes to serve as a school literacy coach in the near future.

**MASTER OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Kevin Rigopoulos**

Kevin Rigopoulos will graduate with a master’s degree in special education with a focus on learning disabilities. From Athol, Mass., Rigopoulos completed a bachelor’s degree in physical education from Hofstra University in 2012, then relocated to Myrtle Beach. Rigopoulos has worked in Horry County Schools for seven years (two as a special education paraprofessional, and five as a physical education teacher at the Therapeutic Learning Center). During his time there, he won Support Staff of the Year in 2015, and was named Teacher of the Year at the Therapeutic Learning Center for academic year 2019-2020. After completing his master’s degree, Rigopoulos plans to move from teaching physical education to teaching special education at the elementary level.
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COASTAL MARINE AND WETLAND STUDIES
Madison Fink
Madison Fink is earning her master’s degree in Coastal Carolina University’s coastal marine and wetland studies program. Originally from Williamsport, Pa., Fink is a 2018 graduate of Bucknell University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental geosciences. Her master’s thesis project seeks to reconstruct historic sea level in Winyah Bay, S.C., using sediment cores and historic tide gauge records. For her work, Fink was awarded an M. K. Pentecost Ecology Fund Grant as well as a Geological Society of America Research Grant. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in science policy.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT
Stratford Slater Jr.
After completing his bachelor’s degree in history at the University of Virginia, Stratford “Ford” Slater came to Coastal Carolina University to earn a master’s degree in sport management. During his time at Coastal Carolina, Slater served as a graduate assistant for intramural sports which included supervising more than 60 students and coordinating six athletic training facilities. In addition, Slater completed an internship as a coordinator for the City of Loris Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department. He completed a special project with KingOne Realty and has led projects aimed at making neighborhoods more eco-friendly. Slater has accumulated many academic awards and honors throughout his academic career. Upon completing his master’s degree, Slater plans to work in the area of city recreation.

MUSIC
Ian Mahaffey
Ian Mahaffey is a native and a current resident of Myrtle Beach, S.C. He is a senior music education major at Coastal Carolina University. Mahaffey currently performs with various musical ensembles on campus such as Percussion Ensemble, World Percussion, various jazz combos, Wind Ensemble, and the CCU Big Band. Mahaffey has also represented the University by performing at various conventions and conferences such as Percussive Arts Society International Convention, South Carolina Music Educators Association, and Percussive Arts Society South Carolina Chapter “Day of Percussion.” While at CCU, Mahaffey has performed with guest artists such as Jeff Coffin, Victor Provost, Steve Bailey, Liam Teague, Andy Harnsberger, Becca Stevens, and Scott Kettner. Outside of his responsibilities on campus, Mahaffey is a gigging musician and educator in the Myrtle Beach area specializing in drum set, orchestral percussion, and marching percussion. After graduation, he plans on pursuing his master’s degree in percussion performance.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY
Michael Bunker
After working in the geographic information systems (GIS) industry for 20 years, Michael Bunker decided to pursue a Master of Science in information systems technology degree at Coastal Carolina University. Bunker completed his master’s thesis in collaboration with Professor William Jones in the Department of Computing Sciences, Professor Susan Bergeron in the Department of Anthropology and Geography, and Professor Stephen Borders in the Department of Health Sciences studying demographic factors and the distribution of medical-use opioid analgesics in North and South Carolina. He plans to pursue a career combining his experience with GIS and data analytics.

MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION
Jillian Kucic
Jillian Kucic is from Clayton, N.C. Since transferring to Coastal Carolina University from a community college, she has been on the President’s List every semester. Kucic received the University Scholar Award and Coastal Transfer Scholar Award, and is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She is a middle level education major, and will become a licensed middle school teacher in the content areas of English and social studies for grades 5-8. This coming fall, Kucic has decided to stay in Horry County and accepted a middle school teaching position at North Myrtle Beach Middle School. She would like to become certified to teach gifted and talented students, and possibly in high school English/language arts so she could teach English I for high school credit to advanced students at the middle school level. Kucic also has plans to continue her professional growth by pursuing a master’s degree in the near future.
DEPARTMENTAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

MUSICAL THEATRE (B.F.A.)
Chloe Belongilot
Chloe Belongilot is originally from Atlanta, Ga., where she attended Alpha Omega Academy. She is graduating this year with a B.F.A. in musical theatre. Belongilot appeared on the President’s List four different semesters, and the Dean’s List three different semesters, and was accepted into the HTC Honors College. She has served the Department of Theatre as a student recruitment coordinator, and performed leading and supporting roles in over six mainstage plays and musicals while enrolled at Coastal Carolina.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Andrew Lovell
Andrew Lovell, from Aynor, S.C., is the physical education outstanding student for 2020. He grew up with a heart condition that taught him perseverance, dedication, and the value of a healthy and physically active lifestyle. He is a volunteer/motivational speaker for the American Heart Association and has presented at the state physical education conferences in both South Carolina and Georgia. Lovell has been an active member of the Physical Education Teacher Education Club acting as vice president. He has also been involved with his profession and community as a junior varsity and varsity baseball coach at his alma mater, Aynor High School. He is currently completing an internship at South Conway Elementary School where he has been recognized as a dedicated, hardworking teacher who cares for his students. He plans to live close to home and has already secured a physical education teacher position at Waccamaw Elementary School.

PHILOSOPHY
Lauren Palazuelos
Lauren Palazuelos is from Bellingham, Mass. She is a philosophy major with a minor in English, and she is a member of the HTC Honors College. Her honors thesis analyzes the ethics of oppression and privilege. While at Coastal, Palazuelos completed the Jackson Scholars program, served on the Dean’s Student Advisory Council in the Edwards College, and is currently the editor of Archarios magazine. After graduating this May, she plans to work with the Peace Corps in Morocco. She plans to pursue graduate work in philosophy.

POLITICAL SCIENCE
Isiuwa Oghagbon
Isiuwa Oghagbon, from Haymarket, Va., is a senior political science major with a minor in international business. She has been quite active while at Coastal Carolina University, participating in the political science honor society Pi Sigma Alpha; the Forum of Liberty and the American Founding, a scholarly circle led by professors Kimberly Hale and Drew Kurlowski; and as a fellow at the Dyer Institute for Leadership and Public Policy. Oghagbon has appeared on the President’s List four times, and has previously received awards from the Department of Politics for her outstanding academic profile. Outside of academics, she is a scholar-athlete, participating as a member of the women’s basketball team. Upon graduation, she plans on attending law school.

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PSYCHOLOGY
Hannah Cherewko
A native of Bluffton, S.C., Hannah Cherewko earned her bachelor’s degree in psychology in just three years. Every semester, she achieved either the President’s List or the Dean’s List. Cherewko is a member of the international psychology honor society Psi Chi, a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, and president of the women’s club lacrosse team. As a research assistant in the Department of Psychology, she worked in labs with three different professors. Her senior thesis centered on the influence of cellphone attachment on mood. After graduation, Cherewko plans to attend graduate school for clinical psychology, eventually earning a Ph.D. Her goal is to work in underserved rural areas of the South to increase mental health awareness.
DEPARTMENTAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

PUBLIC HEALTH
Erica Richardson
Since arriving from South Lyon, Mich., in 2017, Erica Richardson has been named to the President’s List for three semesters and the Dean’s List twice. Richardson has a knack for balancing academics with campus and community initiatives and activities. She is the co-founder of Birds and Bees, a sex-education club on campus, and has served in the capacity of president and vice president. During her time at Coastal Carolina, Richardson has collaborated with faculty on public health and psychology research, conducted sex education workshops on campus, and was awarded the Dyer Fellowship. Following graduation, Richardson plans to pursue a master’s degree in social work.

SOCIOMETRY
Nickolis Winslow
Hailing from Leesburg, Va., Nickolis Winslow attended Heritage High School, where he was inducted into the National Honor Society and received a presidential scholarship. Winslow came to Coastal Carolina University to pursue a bachelor’s degree in sociology. He has been named to the Dean’s List and was a member of the Anthropology Club. His senior thesis research was in the area of computer-mediated communication (including text messaging, social media, and the internet) and how it affects interpersonal relationships. Upon graduation, Winslow intends to utilize the sociological teachings in a career in business (marketing, economics, and finance) and information technology.

RECREATION AND SPORT MANAGEMENT
Brenden Reeverts
Brenden Reeverts came to Coastal Carolina University from Byron, Ill., seeking a bachelor’s degree in recreation and sport management. Throughout his time at Coastal, he successfully balanced both academic and professional achievements, being named to the President’s List and Dean’s List. While enrolled at CCU, Reeverts served as the director of sports development intern for the Rockford Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. In addition, he has served as a recruiting intern for Coastal Carolina University football and worked and volunteered in a variety of other areas, including Special Olympics, CCU Athletics, and the Rockford Ice Hogs.

THEATRE (BA)
Jimmy Jester
Jimmy Jester is originally from Rock Hill, S.C., where he attended South Pointe High School. He is a theatre arts major who has focused on stage management. Jester made the President’s List six different semesters and the Dean’s List one semester, and was accepted into the HTC Honors College. Jester stage-managed and designed costumes for several productions in the Department of Theatre at CCU, and engaged in professional summer theatre work at Opera Steamboat in Colorado.

SPECIAL EDUCATION, MULTI-CATEGORICAL
Morgan Elliott
Morgan Elliott hails from Nichols, S.C. She will graduate from Coastal Carolina University with a Bachelor of Arts in multi-categorical special education. She is a recipient of the Merit Scholarship, as well as the South Carolina LIFE Scholarship. While in the education program, she has been on the President’s List in 2017, 2018, and 2019. In addition, Elliott is a member of the Council for Exceptional Children. After graduation, Elliott plans to teach special education in Horry County at Green Sea Floyds High School.

THEATRE ARTS (B.F.A.)
Lillian Shoji
Lillian Shoji is originally from the northern suburbs of Atlanta where she attended Blessed Trinity Catholic High School. She is a theatre arts B.F.A. student with a physical theatre concentration. While at Coastal Carolina University, Shoji appeared on the President’s List five different semesters and the Dean’s List two different semesters. She was accepted into the HTC Honors College and presented a research paper at the Southern Regional Honors Conference in 2017. Shoji has performed in numerous Department of Theatre productions, and was a creator of the devised theatre piece “Putt Putt.” Shoji looks forward to traveling and continuing to create new devised pieces of theatre as her career moves forward.
The HTC Honors College congratulates its students graduating with University Honors. Each student has completed a rigorous curriculum consisting of at least 24 credit hours of honors courses while maintaining at least a cumulative GPA of 3.5. Each honors student also completes a final honors thesis or project, which is presented in a public forum such as a conference or in another public forum. Congratulations to the class of 2020!

Molly Aeschliman
is a marine science major and geology minor from Somerville, N.J.

Lauren Alcorn
is a political science major and intelligence and security studies minor from Cape May Court House, N.J. While at Coastal Carolina University, she participated in the Chanticleer Intelligence Brief, United Nations Youth Corps internships program, and the Society for Collegiate Leadership and Achievement. After graduation, Alcorn's plans are to pursue a job and graduate studies in Philadelphia.

Cora Allard
is a communication major with minors in psychology and women's and gender studies from Marlborough, Mass. While at Coastal Carolina University, she has been named to the President's List and Dean's List. Allard is a member of the communication honor society Lambda Pi Eta and the Greek life honors society Order of Omega. Some of her involvement on campus includes service as a resident adviser, Orientation leader, and a sister of Alpha Delta Pi. After graduation, Allard plans on pursuing a career in her field.

Daniel Baker
is a marine science major with a minor in chemistry from Chattanooga, Tenn. While at Coastal Carolina University, he was named to the President's List and the Dean's List. He was awarded the President's and University Scholar awards. Baker attended the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society where he presented on Prussian Blue Biosensors. After graduation, his plans are to pursue a career in hydrography.

Olivia Barbeau
is an economics major from Aynor, S.C.

Freya Bennett
is an applied mathematics major and marine science minor from Chapin, S.C. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the Dean's List and was awarded the LIFE, LIFE Enhancement, and President's Scholars Award scholarships. Bennett's honors thesis is titled “Lattice Paths in Diagonals and Dimensions,” which was presented to a body of mathematicians. After graduation, her plans are to pursue data and GIS analytics with a technology development company.

Michael Bogush,
originally from East Setauket, N.Y., is in the PGA Golf Management Program pursuing a degree in business management with a concentration in entrepreneurial management. He is also currently pursuing a blockchain, cryptocurrency, and law certificate at the University of New Hampshire. While at Coastal Carolina University, Bogush was named to the President's List and Dean's List. He was named a student executive leader and was offered the Women in Philanthropy and Leadership (WIPL) Entrepreneurial Scholarship. Throughout his college experience, he has held several executive leadership positions with the Community and Business Engagement Institute, the Cannabis Business Organization, and the Bitcoins Tactics Club, as well as serving as the scholarship chair for his fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta. After graduation, he plans to get a year's worth of work experience, which will help him determine the correct graduate program.

Krystal Bonaccorso
is an applied mathematics major from Myrtle Beach, S.C. She has been awarded the Subhash Saxena Scholarship, the Teal Scholar Award, and the South Carolina LIFE Scholarship. Her honors thesis is entitled “Singular Value Decomposition,” which was presented in the math suite at Coastal Carolina University. After graduation, Bonaccorso plans to go into the Master of Arts in Teaching program at CCU to pursue a career as a high school math teacher.

Kylie Bostick
is a marine science and biology major from Alexandria, Va. She is a member of the Coastal Carolina University women's soccer team and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. She was named to the President's List and Dean's List, as well as named to the Google Cloud Academic All-American third team for academic and athletic achievement. Her thesis is about the impact of ocean acidification on sharks and the waters of the Grand Strand, which she plans to expand on after graduation as she pursues a master's degree in marine biology.

Shannon Brophy
is a languages and intercultural studies major with a minor in global studies from Anderson, S.C.

Marissa Bryan
is a political science major with double minors in pre-law and women's and gender studies from Suffolk, Va. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was
consistently named to President’s List or Dean’s List every semester and her research has been published in the academic journal, “Voegelin View.” Bryan’s honors thesis is entitled “Mao Zedong and the Cultural Revolution: in Theory and Impact.” She was president of her sorority, Alpha Xi Delta, and is a member of the honors fraternities Order of Omega and Phi Alpha Delta. After graduation, her plans are to pursue law school and become a criminal defense attorney.

Abigail Buchanan
is a public health major from Wrentham, Mass. She was named to the President’s and Dean’s List while competing on Coastal Carolina University’s women’s Division I lacrosse team. Buchanan’s honors thesis was focused on the nutritional dietary intake of female athletes. After graduation, she will pursue a job in the public health field or start working toward a master’s degree in education.

Sarah Buddelmeyer
is an interdisciplinary studies major with focuses in public health and graphic design from Leesburg, Ohio. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to both the President’s List and the Dean’s List. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi and Order of Omega honor societies. Buddelmeyer was also the art director for CCU’s Tempo magazine and graphic artist for the Office of Training, Development, and Service Excellence. After graduation, her plans are to pursue a job in her field.

Shaughnessy Burns
is a Bachelor of Arts theatre major with a minor in creative writing from Socastee, S.C. While in attendance at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the Dean’s List and President’s List several times. She also was on the council of Upstage Company, CCU’s only officially recognized theatre club on campus (and also one of the oldest). Burns’ honors thesis was a student-directed production of “The Women of Lockerbie” by Deborah Brevoort, presented through the Department of Theatre’s Second Stage production series. After graduation, she plans to work, save, and apply to several theatre companies and positions, and is considering pursuing graduate school.

Joseph Cain
is an intelligence and national security major and Spanish minor from Springfield, Ky. While at Coastal Carolina University, he was named to the President’s List and Dean’s List and awarded a Dyer Fellowship. Cain was an officer in the Chanticleer Intelligence Brief, where he focused on Latin American affairs. He has participated in a Spanish immersion internship at the Early Childhood Development and Literacy Center on campus. His honors thesis focused on U.S. foreign policy regarding Venezuela. After graduation, he plans to pursue graduate studies in diplomacy and international relations.

Emily Calderon
is an exercise and sport science major from Barnegat, N.J. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List or Dean’s List for every semester. Her honors thesis is entitled “Correlations Between the Amount of Injuries in Division I Collegiate Athletes and Their Physical Activity Level,” which was presented at CCU Honors Symposium. After graduation, Calderon plans to pursue graduate studies in athletic training.

Meghan Chavis
is an intelligence and national security studies major and criminology minor from Winthrop, Mass. During her time at Coastal Carolina University, she has been named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List. Her honors thesis assesses the methodological approaches used to psychologically profile foreign political leaders. She is currently co-writing a scholarly article on the same topic with professor Jonathan Acuff, which will be submitted to an academic journal in August. After graduation, Chavis intends to further her education by enrolling in a graduate studies program.

Kristian Clark
is an anthropology and geography major with a minor in geographic information systems from Taneyville, Mo.

Megan Colagrande
is an accounting major from Manville, N.J. During her four years at Coastal Carolina University, she was named on both the President’s and Dean’s List. She served as the vice president of finance and the vice president of pledge education for Delta Sigma Pi Sorority, a member of Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honor Society, a student executive leader, and a CoBE associate in the Wall College of Business. After graduation, Colagrande will be a financial services office tax intern for Ernst & Young LLP.

Chase Cortese
is biology major and chemistry minor from Conway, S.C. While at Coastal Carolina University, Cortese was named to the President’s List and served as the founder and president of Molecular Biology Club. He worked on research projects with bacteriophage detection in the waterways and on the genetic basis of Alzheimer’s disease. This research has been presented at multiple conferences throughout the state, and was performed during his time as a research fellow for the HTC Honors
College and the Gupta College of Science. After graduation, Cortese’s plans are to pursue further studies at medical school.

**Cheyenne Cudd**  
is a double major in sociology and intelligence and national security studies from Bear, Del. While at Coastal Carolina University, she has been on the Dean’s List. Her honors thesis is entitled “Serial Killers Portrayal in Film: A Comparative Content Analysis.” After graduation, Cudd’s plans are to pursue graduate studies in forensic and legal psychology.

**Sydney Davis**  
is a marine science major and biology minor from Smithsburg, Md. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to Dean’s List every semester. She participated in the coral reef ecology Maymester program in Jamaica and worked on SharkCam data as independent research with Professor Erin Burge. After graduation, Davis plans to pursue graduate studies in marine conservation ecology.

**Dakota Dobrzynski**  
is a psychology major and criminology minor from Bridgeport, Ohio. She is a member of Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology. Dobrzynski was named to the Dean’s List and was the awarded the University Scholar Award and the Nucor Foundation Scholarship. After graduating, she plans to move to Arizona and pursue a master’s degree in substance abuse counseling.

**Emily D’Orsaneo**  
is a biology major from Centreville, Md. While pursuing her degree in biology, she also played lacrosse at the University. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and has been awarded the Provost Scholarship and the University Scholar Award. D’Orsaneo’s honors thesis is entitled “The Effects of Varying Levels of Melatonin on Cisplatin Toxicity.” After graduation, her plans are to pursue a coaching position at the college level and to become a paramedic.

**Nellie Grey Eckert,**  
from Durham, N.C., has earned a Bachelor of Arts in studio art, a Bachelor of Arts in graphic design, a minor in photography, and a minor in art history – every faction of visual art that the Edwards College offers. As the proud recipient of the Palmetto Fellows, Strom Thurmond, Ocean View Memorial, Dean’s Excellence, Alumni Endowed, and Women in Philanthropy and Leadership scholarships, she attended Coastal Carolina University on full academic scholarship. Despite the heavy course load that double-majoring and double-minoring requires, she consistently earned placement on the President’s List and maintained her status as a member of the HTC Honors College. After graduating, Eckert plans to pursue a Master of Fine Arts in photography.

**Katina Hope Eckert**  
is an art studio and graphic design double major from Durham, N.C. While attending Coastal Carolina University on full academic scholarship, Eckert has been included in the President’s List and Dean’s List consistently, and has also been recognized as the Outstanding Sophomore and Junior of the Edwards College Visual Arts Department for 2017 and 2018. She has taken many of her visual arts classes as honors courses, and, after graduation, plans on pursuing graduate studies in the fine arts.

**Makhiya Eure**  
is a psychology major and exercise science minor from Longs, S.C. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and Dean’s List and has been awarded the South Carolina LIFE Scholarship and the Coastal Scholar Award. Eure’s honors thesis is entitled “Psychological Skills Training and Collegiate Basketball Shooting Performance,” which was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, her plans are to pursue graduate studies in psychology.

**Erica Evans**  
is a biology major from Atlanta, Ga. She will graduate with minors in both chemistry and mathematics. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to either the president’s list or the dean’s List each semester of her undergraduate career. She was a contributing leader on the women’s track and field team and recognized on the Sun Belt Conference Commissioner’s List for her outstanding academic performance as a student-athlete. Evans worked as a member of Professor Paul Richardson’s research lab, where she contributed to the Arbovirus project. She presented her research at the 2018 SC INBRE Science Symposium in Columbia, S.C. She is a member of the class of 2020 Wall Fellows program and served as president to Teal Goes Pink, a women’s empowerment organization on campus. After graduation, Evans plans to serve as a volunteer in Costa Rica before pursuing her medical school studies in the Fall 2021.

**Sean Ference**  
is a communication major and journalism minor from Willington, Conn.
Valentina Fernandez
is an economics and finance major from Bogota, Colombia. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President's List and the Dean's List multiple times. She was awarded the CCU Freshman Success Award and has been invited to several honor societies. She has taken active leadership roles at Coastal Carolina University by being part of the Peer Leader and the Student Executive Leader programs. After graduation, Fernandez plans to move to New York City to pursue a career in the wealth management/investment banking field.

Amber Fields
is an intelligence and national security studies major and geographic information systems minor from Collegeville, Pa. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President's List and the Dean's List and has been awarded the Dean's Excellence Scholarship all four years. Fields' honors thesis is entitled “Trends in Climate Change Security Threats: Implications for the United States,” which was presented at CCU’s Undergraduate Research Competition. Throughout her time at CCU, she held leadership roles for the Coastal Carolina University women’s club soccer team and graduated as an analyst for the Chanticleer Intelligence Brief. After graduation, her plans are to pursue a career in the intelligence community for the United States government.

Bailey Gordon
is a political science and history major from Savoy, Ill. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President's List and the Dean's List and has been awarded the President’s Scholarship and the James Branham History Award. Gordon was the vice president of both the Phi Sigma Pi National Honors Fraternity and the Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Fraternity, and is a member of the National Honors Society for Political Science, Pi Sigma Alpha. She was also a Future Forge Fellow, as well as a member of the Institute for Humane Studies Forum on Liberty and the American Founding. Gordon’s political science honors thesis is entitled “Anti-Semitism as a Political Tool for Tyrannical Governments.” After graduation, Gordon plans to pursue law school.

Nicholas Govostes
is a marine science major from North Reading, Mass. While at Coastal Carolina University, he was named to either the President’s List or Dean’s List for each semester and was an Honors Research Fellow. Govostes’ honors thesis is entitled “Is anyone home? Year Round Site Fidelity vs. Temporal Territories in Estuarine Blennies,” which was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition and the Benthic Ecology Meeting. After graduation, his plans are to pursue graduate studies in bioacoustics.

Reagan Grossoehme
is a forensic psychology major and Spanish minor from Blair, Neb. During her time at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President's List and the Dean's List for several consecutive semesters, and served as a member of Psi Chi International Honor Society. Her honors thesis, entitled “College Students’ Expectations for Tipping and Behavioral Practices,” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. Upon graduation, Grossoehme plans to pursue a career in federal law enforcement.

Jasmine Harley,
from Mullins, S.C., is a communication major with a concentration in journalism and a minor in business administration. While enrolled at CCU, she has been named to the Dean’s List several times, and will graduate a semester earlier than originally planned. She is actively involved with WCCU radio station, and has received the Palmetto Fellows and South Carolina LIFE scholarships. After graduation, Harley plans to move out of South Carolina and start her own television show or network.

Jordan Harrell
is a biology major from Pasadena, Md. During her time at Coastal Carolina University, she has been named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List multiples times. She was awarded the President’s Scholar Award and the University Scholar Award. She was also a member of the CCU women’s lacrosse team for two years. After she graduates a semester early in December 2020, Harrell’s plans are to attend medical school and pursue a degree in orthopedic medicine. She is interested in common athletic injuries and sports epidemiology.

Kaleb Harvey
is a graphic design major with a minor in web application development from Rock Hill, S.C.

Megan Harvey
is a biochemistry major from St. Louis, Mo. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and was also awarded the Presidential Scholarship. She was elected to be the president of her honor fraternity, Phi Sigma Pi. Her honors thesis was written about how melatonin can affect the cytotoxicity of chemotherapeutics when treating human breast cancer cells. Her research was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition in Spring 2020. After graduation, Harvey plans on pursuing graduate studies in biochemistry.
James Heldmann
is a biochemistry major from Richmond, Va. He was an executive board member of the Biochemistry and Chemistry Club, the vice president of fundraising in the Molecular Biology Club, and a part of the Solar Ambassador team at CCU. He has been named to the President’s List or the Dean’s List every semester and is an undergraduate research assistant working on organic synthesis projects under Professor Bryan Wakefield. After graduation, Heldmann plans on pursuing a doctorate in pharmacology after traveling the world.

Kylee Hill
is an exercise and sport science major with a minor in psychology from Galax, Va. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List, and was vice president of the women’s club rugby team. She received the Virginia State Golf Association Scholarship, Peggy Kirk Bell Golf Scholarship, and the Coastal Carolina Presidential Scholarship. Her honors thesis, entitled “Kinesthetic Aftereffects and Anticipation Timing of a Weighted Bat Warmup in Softball Players,” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition in Spring 2020. After graduation, Hill plans to attend graduate school for physical therapy.

Caitlyn Hinnerschitz
is an elementary education major from Myrtle Beach, S.C. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List each semester and was awarded the Teaching Fellows Scholarship and Why I Love CCU Scholarship. During her sophomore year, she served as vice president for the Teaching Fellows program at CCU. She also served as president for the Student-South Carolina Education Association’s chapter on campus during her junior year. Hinnerschitz presented research at the S.C.A.T.E Conference in 2017 and 2018, CCU’s Undergraduate Research Competition in 2019, and the A.T.E. Conference in 2020. Her honors thesis is currently in the process of being published by the National Science Teachers Association for their journal, “Science and Children.” Upon graduation, she plans to teach in the Horry County School district where she can give back to the community who gave so much to her growing up.

Riley Hobbs
is a communication major and hospitality, resort, and tourism management minor from Doylestown, Pa. She has been named to the Dean’s List and President’s List, and received the President’s Scholar Award and the University Scholar Award. She has been an honors student for the duration of her time at CCU. Hobbs was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority and served as their Greek Week/Homecoming chair for the 2020 school year. After graduation, Hobbs plans to pursue a career with the Walt Disney World Company.

Chloe Horton
is a marketing major from Camden, S.C. During her time at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and Dean’s List, and has been awarded the Dean’s Excellence Scholarship. Horton participated in the Degree in Three program and the Wall Fellows program, and has worked as a CoBE associate in the Wall College of Business. She was also a brother of Delta Sigma Pi, a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, and a student executive leader. After graduation, her plans are to pursue a master’s degree in business administration.

Lauren Hribar
is a psychology major and a pre-law minor from Myrtle Beach, S.C. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and has been awarded the Coastal Carolina Palmetto Scholarship as well as the President’s Scholar Award. She has held multiple leadership roles as a sister of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. Her honors thesis, entitled “Inclusion of Mental Illness on Juror Sympathy and Empathy,” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. Following graduation, Hribar plans to attend law school.

Megan Hunt
is a marketing major and Spanish minor from Virginia Beach, Va. During her time at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List or the Dean’s List every semester, as well as receiving the Honors Academic Excellence Award. Hunt has participated in several programs within the Wall College of Business, including the CoBE Institute, the professional, fraternity Delta Sigma Pi, the Student Executive Leader program, and Beta Gamma Sigma. After graduation, Hunt will enter the professional work field with a career focused on marketing.

Raymond Jefferis
is an intelligence and national security major and criminology minor from Springfield, Pa. While at Coastal Carolina University, he was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List. He was awarded the Sophomore of the Year Award for the Department of Politics’ intelligence and national security studies major. After graduation, his plans are to pursue a career in the U.S. intelligence community.

Max Jennings
is a biology major from Algonac, Mich. He is also a business administration minor and has been on the Dean’s List.
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His honors thesis is titled “Invertebrates of Horry County.” After graduation, Jennings plans to work for Naval Information Warfare Center in Charleston, S.C.

Ivan Jermyn
is a theatre arts major from Montpelier, Vt.

James Jester
is a B.A. theatre major from Rock Hill, S.C. While at Coastal Carolina University, he was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List. His honors thesis, “What is the Function of Theoretical Theatre Ideas, Given the Content Presented in Modern Theatre?” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition at CCU. After graduation, Jester’s plans are to work as a freelance stage manager.

Julie Kavjian
is a marine science major from Annandale, Va. She is a participant in the Degree in Three program and has been named to the President’s List each semester. Her honors thesis, “Distribution of Microfibers in Myrtle Beach Surface Waters and Sediments,” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. This past May, she participated in a course and internship abroad in Costa Rica focused on sea turtle biology and conservation. After graduation, Kavjian plans to pursue a career in marine conservation.

Maria Khomchenko
is a marketing major from Moscow, Russia. While at Coastal Carolina University, Khomchenko was named to the President’s List or the Dean’s List every semester, and played on the Coastal Carolina University tennis team. After graduation, her plans are to do Optional Practical Training in marketing, which will allow her to hone her practical skills here in the United States before returning home to Russia.

Haleigh Klatka
is a marketing major from Wadsworth, Ohio.

Valerie Knowles
is a marine science major and environmental science minor from Sterling, Va. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List. She was a member of the Rotaract Club and worked as a house manager for Ticketing and Patron Services at CCU. Her honors thesis focused on seasonal infaunal bivalve density and richness in North Inlet Estuary, S.C. After graduation, Knowles plans on attending graduate school.

Morgan Labbree
is a communication major with a concentration in public relations and a minor in English from West Deptford, N.J. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the Dean’s List, was named Freshman of the Year by the Edwards College, and was a recipient of the Teal Scholar and University Scholar awards. She has had the honor of being vice president of the CCU chapter of A Moment of Magic, a charity that organizes special events for sick children. Labbree’s honors thesis is entitled “Effectiveness of Pediatric Cancer Awareness Advertisements,” and was presented at the Women in Scholarship: The 2019 Undergraduate Communication Thesis and the Undergraduate Research Competition at Coastal Carolina University. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in the public relations field.

Sarah Lauer
is a public health major and psychology minor from Winchester, Va. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and Dean’s List and was the ritual chairman in her sorority. Her honors thesis is entitled “The Bystander Effect in Relation to Fentanyl Overdose on a College Campus” which was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, Lauer plans are to continue her education at the University of South Carolina in their Master of Social Work program.

Alyssa LeClaire
is a marine science major and biology minor from Peachtree City, Ga. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and Dean’s List. She was a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and captain of the women’s cross country team. LeClaire’s honors thesis is entitled “Evaluation of boat wakes on oyster biology and natural reef structure in North Inlet Estuary, S.C.” which was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition and at the Benthic Ecology Meeting. After graduation, her plans are to pursue graduate studies in fisheries management.

Christina Lefebvre
is a marine science major and graphic design minor from Carvel Beach, Md. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the Dean’s List, a member of the Order of Omega, the National Society of Leadership, and the success and personnel chair of Chi Omega. After graduation, Lefebvre plans to pursue a master’s degree in algal biofueling and work to develop a sustainable method for using algae as a fuel alternative.

Ilyssa Liberto
is a biology major from Sewell, N.J. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List. Liberto was a member of TriBeta, CLIMB, and the CCU club swim team. After graduation, her plans are to enter a physician’s assistant graduate program.
Caleb Lindaberry is an accounting major focused in tax from Myrtle Beach, S.C. He has been named to the Dean’s List and President’s List throughout his collegiate career. He was a member of a couple of honors groups, such as Beta Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma Sigma, and the Student Executive Leaders program. After graduation, he plans to get a job in tax, go on to earn a master’s degree in accountancy, and obtain his CPA license.

Taylor Little is a graphic design major with minors in art history and marketing from Oxford, Pa. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was initiated as a charter member of the Gamma Mu Chapter of the Chi Omega Fraternity, a resident adviser for University Housing, and the art director for The Chanticleer. She was also named to both the President’s List and Dean’s List during her academic career. After graduation, Little’s plans are to move back to the Pennsylvania area and pursue a career in graphic design.

Joshua Mallon is a history major with a minor in political science from Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Devin McClure is a computer science major and web application development minor from Myrtle Beach, S.C. While at Coastal Carolina University, he was named to the President’s List and awarded the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, as well as the Presidential Scholarship. After graduation, McClure plans to pursue a career in programming or game development.

Brooke McIntyre is an early childhood education major from Myrtle Beach, S.C. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was the service coordinator for Delight College Ministries, the vice president of her sorority, Alpha Delta Pi, and the president of the Rotaract Club. She was also a member of Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society. McIntyre was named to the President’s List or the Dean’s List every semester of her college career and was granted the Coastal Carolina University Academic Honors Excellence Award for being one of the top eight honors students during her sophomore year. She has received the President’s Scholar Award, Ceilia Hopkins Endowed Scholarship, the DeCenzo Family Second President Scholarship, and the Dan & Toni Moore Endowed Scholarship. After graduating from CCU with her teaching certification, McIntyre will be moving to Columbia, S.C., to pursue a career in education.

Erin McQuade is an accounting major with a minor in commercial and investment real estate from Sayreville, N.J. She has been awarded the Grant Center Estate and Economic Development Scholarship from 2017 to 2020. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List six times and studied abroad at Deakin University in Melbourne, Australia. After graduation, McQuade plans to pursue obtaining her CPA license.

Brianna Meitzler is from Fair Lawn, N.J. She is a special education major with a severe disability certification add-on. She has been named to the Dean’s List while at Coastal Carolina University. Her honors thesis is entitled “Preparedness of Student Interns to teach in an Inclusive Setting” and was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, Meitzler plans to return to New Jersey to pursue a career in teaching and take classes to learn sign language.

Ezekiel (Zeke) Meyers is a marine science major from Knoxville, Tenn. While at Coastal Carolina University, he was named to the President’s List each semester. He worked with Professor Till Hanebuth as an undergraduate associate on the Georgetown Silting Project, including presenting research at the Georgetown Wooden Boat Festival and a poster presentation at the 2020 GSA Conference. Meyers was awarded the Gupta College of Science Study Abroad and the HTC Honors College Global Engagement Award scholarships to participate in the Maymester Biology of Sharks course in Bimini, Bahamas. His honors thesis is entitled “Silting Dynamics of the Sampit River/northern Winyah Bay Region,” which was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, he plans to continue his education and pursue graduate studies in marine science.

Nicole Michael is a psychology major from Westminster, Md. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and received the University Scholar Award and Presidential Scholarship. Starting her freshman year, she was a research assistant for Professor Jonghan Kim and presented their work at the Association for Psychological Science Convention in Washington, D.C. She plans to write her honors thesis in the fall and present it at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, Michael plans on pursuing a graduate degree as a physician assistant.

Leah Miller is an intelligence and national security studies major and computer science minor from Clayton, Del.
McKayla Mills
is a psychology major from Nescopeck, Pa. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and was awarded both the Dean’s Excellence Scholarship and the Women in Philanthropy and Leadership Scholarship. Mills’ honors thesis is entitled “Juror Perception in Sexual Assault Cases,” which was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, her plans are to pursue graduate studies in psychology and law.

Jenna Mize
is a psychology major from Myrtle Beach, S.C. While attending Coastal Carolina University, she was named to both the Dean’s List and the President’s List and received the HCHEC Honors Excellence Scholarship, the President’s Scholar Award, and the SC LIFE scholarship. Her honors thesis is titled “The Colors of Music: Art and College Students,” which she presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, Mize plans to attend Horry-Georgetown Technical College to pursue a career as an RN.

Brooke Musmeci
is an English major with minors in French and philosophy. She is from Marlboro, N.Y. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was on both the President’s List and the Dean’s List, as well as a member of Alpha Mu Gamma, Golden Key, and Sigma Tau Delta honor societies. After graduation, Musmeci will be studying literature in Paris, France.

Allison Myers
is a music major from Conway, S.C. During her time at Coastal Carolina University, she has been a drum major for the Chanticleer Regiment, a student conductor for the pep band, and a peer leader in the Edwards College. Academically, she has been named to both the President’s and Dean’s Lists, as well as studied abroad in Trinidad and Tobago. Myers has been the principal flute and piccolo player in the Coastal Wind Ensemble and has been named to the SC Intercollegiate Honor Band. She is the recipient of the SC Palmetto Fellows scholarship, the CCU President’s Scholar Award, and the Chanticleer Band Program Award. Upon graduation, she will be continuing her education and pursuing a master’s degree in teaching at Coastal Carolina University.

Amanda Neudenberger
is a marine science major from Knoxville, Tenn. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List. Her honors thesis is titled “The Effects of Salinity on the pH of Two Blackwater Rivers (The Little River and Waccamaw River) in South Carolina,” which was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, Neudenberger’s plans are to pursue graduate studies in marine science and specialize in phytoplankton and coral reef ecology.

Madeline Nicosia,
from Montgomery, N.Y., is a communication major focusing in public relations with double minors in marketing and women’s and gender studies. While at Coastal Carolina University, she has been a peer leader, a presidential ambassador, vice president of Lambda Pi Eta, and a member of multiple clubs. After her freshman year, she was granted the Freshman Success Award, and has been on the President’s List and Dean’s List. After graduation, she plans to move back to New York and work in the city.

Cameron O’Connell
O’Connell is a psychology major and business administration minor from Netuchen, N.J.

Amanda O’Donnell
is a public health major with a business administration minor from Somers Point, N.J. While at Coastal Carolina University, she has been named to the Dean’s List, was awarded the Teal Scholar Award and the University Scholar Award, was the vice president of the CBO Club, and was actively involved in Alpha Xi Delta for the last three years. O’Donnell’s honors thesis titled “The Effects of 4 Weeks of Static Stretching and Foam Rolling on Range of Motion and Leg Stiffness” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, her plans are to pursue a career in the public health field.

Isiuwa Oghagbon
is a political science major from Haymarket, Va. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List. She was also named Political Science Student of the Year in 2018 and a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honors society. She was a fellow in the Edgar Dyer Institute for Leadership and Public Policy. During her time at CCU, she was a part of the CCU women’s basketball team. After graduation, Oghagbon plans to attend law school with a desire to study business/corporate law.

Blake Osting
is a marketing major with a minor in new media and digital culture from Ridgeland, S.C. Osting has been named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List while at CCU. He’s worked in athletics on the digital initiative team as a marketing and public relations assistant since his junior year. After graduation, he plans continuing his career in sports marketing and earning his master’s degree in digital media.
Lauren Palazuelos is a philosophy major with a minor in English from Bellingham, Mass. During her time at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List; completed the Jackson Scholars program; and received the Joseph K. East Endowed Scholarship, the Women in Philanthropy and Leadership Annual Scholarship, and the dean’s Excellence Scholarship for out-of-state students. Palazuelos was the editor-in-chief of Archarios Literary Art Magazine, an Edwards College peer leader, and participated in the Coastal Writes Fellowship program. She served on the dean’s Student Advisory Council for the Edwards College and was named the Department of English’s Outstanding Sophomore in 2018. She was the recipient of the philosophy department’s Outstanding Junior Award in 2019 and Senior Award in 2020. Her honors thesis is entitled “Intersectionality, Complex Social Identities, and the Ethics of Privilege.” After graduation, Palazuelos plans to serve in the Peace Corps and she has plans to leave for Morocco in early September.

Kayla Patrick is an exercise and sport science major from Baltimore, Md. During her time at Coastal Carolina University, she has been named to both the President’s List and the Dean’s List. She has also been awarded the University Scholar Award as well as the Provost’s Scholarship. Her honors thesis, entitled “The Effect of Two Balance Training Protocols on Lower Extremity Injury Prevention: A Comparison of Stable and Unstable Surfaces,” was completed alongside faculty mentor Kathryn Courtney and will be presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. For the spring semester of 2020, Patrick completed her internship at Rock Steady Boxing of the Grand Strand, where she was able to help coach individuals with Parkinson’s disease. Shortly after graduation, she will be attending the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the University of Maryland- Baltimore in her hometown.

Victoria Peck is a double major in history and anthropology and geography from Cary, N.C. She also has certificates in cultural heritage, applied archaeology, and geospatial technologies. She has been named to the Presidents List or Dean’s List her whole college career. She has been awarded the Waddell History Faculty and Alumni Scholarship, the Waccamaw Center Scholarship in History, an Edwards College Research Fellowship, and was given the Emerging Scholar Award by the CCU history department. Peck is also the current president of the Anthropology and Geography Club. She had received travel funds and accommodations to present “Reacting to the Past’ and Public History: Teaching Historical Contestation through Immersive Game Play” with history department faculty member Katie Clary at The National Council of Public History’s annual meeting in 2019. She has also presented the “Student Perspective on Printing the Past: SC in 3D” at the Reconstructive and Experimental Archaeology Conference with a fellow student. After graduation, her plans are to pursue graduate studies in public history.

Meredith Persin is an English major and women’s and gender studies minor from Myrtle Beach, S.C. Persin is a Degree in Three graduate and plans on pursuing a graduate degree program in English/composition and rhetoric. In the last three years Persin has published works in Tempo Magazine and Archarios Literary Arts Magazine; joined the Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society and the Triota Women’s and Gender Studies Honor Society; been a tutor in the Writing Center for the last two years; and been a Dialogue Fellow and Coastal Writes Fellow. Persin has also been president of the student-run activist club Students Advocating Gender Equality since 2018 and was bestowed a Social Justice Activism Award by the women’s and gender studies department in 2019.

Michelle Rashid is an interdisciplinary studies major with a marketing concentration from Williamsport, Pa. During her three years at CCU, she has been named to the President’s List three times and the Dean’s List twice. She has been awarded the President’s Scholar Award, SC LIFE Scholarship, and the HCHEC Why I Love CCU Scholarship. Rashid served as vice president and marketing coordinator for Coastal Baptist Collegiate Ministries and was a member of the Arabic Club and an Honors Research Fellow. She is in her third year as a student videographer in CCU’s Video Production Services. She also served one year as a social media intern in CCU’s social media department. Upon graduating, Rashid plans on pursuing a career in marketing.

Kyra Ricci is a biology major with minors in chemistry and psychology from Montrose, Pa. During her time at Coastal Carolina University, she received the President’s Scholarship, the Gupta College of Science Dean’s Excellence Scholarship, and the Honors Excellence Award, as well as being named to the President’s List. She held the offices of both treasurer (2018) and president (2019-2020) of CCU’s chapter of Beta Beta, the National Biological Honor Society. Ricci participated in the research labs of Daniel Williams and Fang Ju Lin at Coastal Carolina University and in the lab of Steven Brown at the University of Zurich in a semester internship abroad.
After graduation, she plans to take time off before pursuing graduate studies in microbiology.

Christy Leigh Salinari
is a political science major with a double minor in history and American studies from Myrtle Beach, S.C. While at Coastal Carolina University, she served as president of Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honors Society from 2018 to 2020. She also served as vice president of Phi Alpha Delta Professional Law Fraternity from 2018 to 2020. She is a member of three other National Honors Societies including Phi Alpha Theta, Order of Omega, and Phi Eta Sigma. Salinari has remained on the President’s List and Dean’s List throughout her four years at CCU. She was named “Most Outstanding Freshman” of the Department of Political Science in 2016. She has been awarded six scholarships throughout her undergraduate career including: The Horry County Higher Education Commission Leadership Award, Dean’s Excellence Scholarship, Palmetto Girls State Scholarship, Teal Scholar Award, Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts Board of Visitors Annual Scholarship, and the South Carolina LIFE Scholarship. After graduation, Salinari plans on attending law school in the Fall 2020 to pursue a career as an attorney.

Jessica Sanders
is a marine science major from Murfreesboro, Tenn. While at Coastal Carolina University, she worked for two years as a resident advisor for the SEA Floor, and was also named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List. For her senior thesis, Sanders developed a set of curriculum modules designed for high school marine science classes entitled “Fish Population Data Analysis.” Upon graduation, she plans to pursue a master’s degree in teaching with a concentration in middle level biology and chemistry.

Bennett Schroeder
is an interdisciplinary studies major focusing in administration in higher education with a women’s and gender studies minor from Brevard, N.C. While at Coastal Carolina University, he was named to the Dean’s List and served as an Orientation leader and a resident advisor. Schroeder is a member of honor societies including Triota and NRHH. After graduation, his plans are to pursue graduate studies in student affairs.

Victoria Schuyler
is an accounting major from Manville, N.J. During her time at Coastal Carolina University, she has been named to the President’s List for five semesters. She was also involved on campus as a building manager at the Lib Jackson Student Union and as the treasurer of the women’s club rugby team. After graduation, Schuyler plans on continuing her education at CCU by enrolling in the Master of Accountancy program.

Lillian Shoji
is a theatre arts major with a minor in languages and intercultural studies from Woodstock, Ga.

Nia Smalls,
is a political science major with a concentration in domestic politics from Conway, S.C. She also minors in criminology. Smalls was in many organizations including the NAACP, WOC, Coastal Activities Board, and Pi Sigma Alpha. She served as an Orientation leader in 2019. After graduation, Smalls plans on attending law school to work as a trial attorney for the state.

Kassidy Smith
is a biology major with minors in chemistry and psychology from Collinsville, Ill. While at Coastal Carolina University, she has been named to the Dean’s List, the Sun Belt Conference Commissioner’s List, and the Sun Belt Conference Academic Honor Roll. She has also been named a NFCA Academic All-American. Smith was awarded the Kenneth E. Swain Scholarship and was a member of the Swain Scholar program during her junior and senior academic years. Smith’s honors thesis is entitled “The Breaking S.A.D. (Suicide and Depression) Initiative: Determining the Relationship Between Screen Time and Suicidal Thoughts and Depression in Undergraduate Students.” Her research was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition, American College Health Association 2020 Conference, 2020 Anxiety and Depression Association of America Conference, and the Posters on the Hill 2020 Conference. Smith served as the president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, co-president of the Honors Student Council, a member of the Honors Research Fellows, a Sun Belt Conference ambassador, and a CCU softball student-athlete. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in the medical field.

Andrew Southard
is an accounting major from Toronto, Canada. While at Coastal Carolina University, he was named to the President’s List six times and was a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society. Southard was also as a part of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee as he is a member of CCU’s track and field and cross country program. After graduation, he has an internship lined up with Ernst & Young and hopes to pursue future years with the company.

Abigail Spangler
is a marine science major from Hershey,
Lindsey Stang

is an intelligence and national security studies major with minors in geographic information systems and political science from Springfield, Va. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List every semester and is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, and the National Society of Leadership and Success. She has also worked for University Recreation as a lifeguard and auditor for three and a half years and was named Instructor of the Year in 2019. Her honors thesis is titled “Economic Underdevelopment and the Rise of Islamic Terrorism: Analysis of the Sahelian Region of Africa.” After graduation, Stang plans to move to Miami, Fla., to pursue her career working for the federal government.

Sophie Sumpter

is a public health major and political science minor from Little River, S.C. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and Dean’s List and became a member of the United Nations Youth Corps through her internship at Georgetown County Environmental Services. During her time at CCU, she also received the Dean’s Excellence Scholarship. For her honors thesis, she researched the overlap of FEMA flood maps in Horry County with social determinants of health to identify vulnerable communities in Horry County who may require more post-flood recovery resources. After graduation, Sumpter plans to pursue graduate studies in public policy.

Alana Tellier

is an intelligence and national security studies major and criminology minor from Barkhamsted, Conn. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List. Her honors thesis assesses the impact of nation identity on post-Soviet democratization. After graduation, Tellier plans to pursue a career in intelligence analysis.

Abbey Thomas

is a marine science major with a minor in psychology from Pickerington, Ohio. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List, and was awarded the Coastal Carolina Alumni Scholarship and the Women in Philanthropy and Leadership Scholarship. Her leadership roles included being on the executive board for Coastal’s Baptist Collegiate Ministry for four years, an Honors Research Fellow for two years, and a resident adviser for two years. Her honors thesis is entitled “Behavioral Ecology of Territorial Aggression in Uca pugilator and Uca pugnax,” which was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, Thomas plans are to pursue graduate studies in marine biology.

Jenna Thompson

is an exercise and sport science major with a biology minor from Fairfax, Va. While attending CCU, she has been named to the President’s List every semester and was awarded the President’s Scholar Award, University Scholar Award, and the 2020 Exercise and Sport Science Departmental Award. She was an Honors Research Fellow and honors Orientation leader. She was a brother of the Zeta Xi chapter of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity and held the vice president, brother-at-large, and scholarship co-chair positions. Her honors thesis is focuses on comparing the physiological and psychological responses to variable-intensity interval, high-intensity interval, and moderate-intensity continuous exercise. Thompson’s research has been presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition and the American College of Sports Medicine national conference. After graduation, she plans on pursuing her masters to become a physician assistant.

Sahmyah Tittle

is a marine science major from Teaneck, N.J. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the Dean’s List and has been awarded the Provost’s Scholarship, Marine Science Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Gupta College of Science Study Abroad Scholarship, and the HTC Honors College Study Abroad Scholarship. Tittle’s honors thesis is entitled “Where do you come from, cotton-eye tunicate? An attempt to resolve the cryptogenic origins of the ascidian Molgula manhattensis,” which was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition and at the Benthic Ecology Meeting in Wilmington, N.C. After graduation, her plans are to pursue a career in conservation as well graduate studies in fish, wildlife, and conservation biology.

Lauren Tyndall

is a psychology major from Little River, S.C.

Nicole Van Dzura

is an exercise and sport science major from Monroe Township, N.J. While attending Coastal Carolina University, she was named to either the President’s List
or Dean’s List each semester. She worked on campus as a student tutor assisting student athletes in one on one sessions on a weekly basis. Van Dzura shadowed multiple athletic trainers on campus and most recently completed an internship with the football athletic trainer during her senior year. She is the recipient of both the Coastal Scholar Award and University Scholar Award. After graduation, she plans on pursuing a master’s degree in athletic training with the ultimate goal of becoming a certified athletic trainer and become a certified personal trainer.

**Elizabeth Vermont**

is a history major German minor from Pawleys Island, S.C. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List. Her senior thesis is entitled “The Bosnian Civil War and the Influence on White Nationalism,” which was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition and at the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference. After graduation, Vermont’s plans are to pursue a graduate degree.

**Hannah Von Zup**

is a communication major with a minor in English. She is originally from the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania, but now resides in Pinehurst, N.C. She is a very active student worker with the Chanticleer Sports Network, and she directed the first all-female, all-student ESPN+ production back in February. Von Zup hopes to continue to work for CCU Athletics after graduation.

**Kayla Washington**

is a senior at Coastal Carolina University working on a Bachelor of Science in marine science with a minor in applied mathematics from Manassas Park, Va. During her years at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s and Dean’s Lists and has been awarded the Dean Excellence Scholarship. Her honors thesis is entitled “Using foraminifera to identify overwash deposits in St. Vincent Island, Florida in the wake of Hurricane Michael” which she presented at the Geological Society of America Northeast and Southeast joint conference. After graduation, Washington plans to work on research with a focus in marine science.

**Savannah Watson**

is an elementary education major from Syracuse, N.Y. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the Dean’s List. She has presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition, as well as at the SCATE Conference and the ATE Conference. After graduation, Watson plans to become a teacher.

**Olivia Winstead**

is a communication major and marketing minor from Anderson, S.C. While attending Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List. She has been a part of the National Society of Leadership and Success, the Degree in Three program, and the communication honors society Lambda Pi Eta. Winstead is also a Board of Trustees Award recipient. Her honors thesis is entitled “The Effects of Incomplete Marketing About Dieting Trends.” After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in public relations.

**Eric Winter**

is a dual degree recipient, majoring in intelligence and national security studies and information systems from Greenville, S.C.

**Sarah Wood**

is a marketing major with an international business minor from Hilton Head Island, S.C. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List for her academic achievements. She has also been awarded the South Carolina Life Scholarship and the Coastal Scholars Award. Wood is a part of the National Honor Society for Leadership and Success and Beta Gamma Sigma (business honor society). Wood was also the president of the club tennis team at Coastal Carolina University. After graduation, her plans are to pursue graduate studies in business administration.

**Kayla Zeppieri**

is a finance major and pre-law minor from Clifton Park, N.Y. She was a part of the CoBE Fellows program and served as the associate director of recruitment for two years. In addition, Zeppieri served as the treasurer of her sorority Chi Omega, and she has been named to the Dean’s List every semester since attending CCU. After graduation, Zeppieri will move to Florida to work for a finance company.
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