From the Director

As nineteen of us prepare to go to Tuscany at the end of the month, new brochures for OLLI adventures have arrived. In addition to the trips we have been promoting, we have added the following 2020 options: Collette’s “Spain’s Classics & Portugal” (March), and Premier World Discovery’s “Costa Rica Adventure” (February), “Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park” (June), and “Discover Thailand” (October). So many places to go….so many sights to see. We hope you will join us on at least one of these fabulous trips! (More trips are in the works for 2019/20, so stay tuned.)

The OLLI Board of Advisors is seeking nominations for new board members now that Bert Hayslip has moved to Texas. (Thank you for your service to OLLI, Bert!) If you would be willing to devote your talents to shaping the future of OLLI@CCU, please contact Blake Crawford, Chair of the Board of Advisors. OLLI staff will be happy to share his contact information with you.

We have collected so many treasures for our yard sale thanks to the generosity of our OLLI members! I hope you will invite your friends, neighbors and family to this fundraising event on Saturday, April 6, at 290 Allied Drive. We will organize the items for purchase as we did last year, with goods for 25 cents in room 131, goods for $1 in room 100, goods for $2 in 120, and goods priced $5 or more in room 119. All hardback books and DVDs are $1.00 each, with paperbacks going for a quarter. Larger items will be on the lawn and baked goods will be for sale in the lobby. Doors will not open until 9:00 a.m., so no need to get up early!

Finally, we are currently planning summer courses and excursions for our OLLI members; I’m happy to say many of the day trips will be to brand new destinations. Leave it to Kelli to find the best experiences within a 100-mile radius for the OLLI peeps!

Thanks, Carol
OLLI Spotlight:
Have You Met Sam & Dave & Sue?

Sam Rogers, a native South Carolinian, has been at the Litchfield and Georgetown campuses since January 2017. He came to OLLI from the Georgetown school district. He has worked in facilities/construction since forever; in his spare time, he does “sheetrocking” with his dad. Sam has two children and a wife, upon whom he dotes. He loves good barbecue and will gladly recommend the best places for pulled pork at its finest. He participates in outdoor sports such as fishing and running his dogs (field trials). He says he has to work all the time to support his dog habit. He also enjoys going to campgrounds at the beach and in the mountains with his family. He also revels in doing things around his house with his children, both of whom are still young enough to want to hang with their dad and mom.

Sam is a gentle giant; he has a deft touch at repairs and remodeling, and he also has a wicked, quiet sense of humor. Sam appreciates working with the OLLI program because he likes the students and instructors. He says everyone in the department works together to get things done. Wanda, an administrative specialist at the Litchfield Education Center, says “he’s a real team player; he’s not just a facilities person. He is IN any event we have going beyond what his job title says. Sam takes our summer camp and OLLI catalogs to distribute, he decorates for events, and he has helped with the Christmas tree the last two years. He goes out of his way to help people…I call him the Bounty Hunter.”

Dave Bardi hails from New York by way of New Jersey. As a teen, after he and his family moved to the Adirondacks region, he and his brother built their first family home with the assistance of some contractor friends. This experience piqued his passion for building, remodeling, and other forms of home improvement. He says that over the years, his occupational choices have reflected the desire he has to create and conserve. One of his past employers was a large hospital with a “continuous improvement” program; they required him to keep up with the latest technology in the medical field. This suited Dave just fine. After moving to S.C. in 2010, he began working with CCU in July 2011 at the Myrtle Beach Education Center. Dave says, “I enjoyed the responsibility entrusted to me in caring for the maintenance tasks associated with the building.” He worked at the Myrtle Beach Education Center until shortly before it closed; he returned at that time to main campus. In February, he was given responsibility for the Burroughs & Chapin building, and is thus back with the OLLI program. We were delighted, as was Dave. He says, “Being able to make students, instructors, and the OLLI staff happy is a goal of mine. I like to keep busy; addressing the challenges and opportunities presented me at the new OLLI Location will do so.”
Once a fixture at Myrtle Beach Education Center, Sue Keller now graces the Litchfield community with her presence. OLLI students refer to her as “that nice security lady,” “Security Sue,” or “Security Greeter,” but Sue is far more than our favorite security guard: she is an OLLI student as is her husband Phil. A proud graduate of Pennsylvania State University, she stayed in State College to work with 911 emergency communications until her retirement, when she moved to South Carolina. Sue loves seashells, the beach, cats, and books. In addition, Sue enjoys cooking (and is quite the cook!) and she is devoted to her adorable, sweet, beguiling, nearly two year old granddaughter. It is because “the ocean is my Tara that we moved here” she said. She went on to explain, “my heart is in Pennsylvania with Anya but my soul is at the beach.” Employed by CCU in the Department of Public Safety a month after moving here in 2006, Sue came to the MBEC in 2010 as the full time security guard for the OLLI program and the summer kids camps. Having come from a service-oriented job, she was delighted to be assigned to work with our department. She loves people in general and the OLLI students/instructors in particular. She is very willing to help and as many students and instructors have noted, she goes out of her way to be of assistance. Sue has a flair for organization. If she has a third career, it should be as an organizer as she can fit puzzle pieces together before others even have the pieces sorted.

Sam, Dave and Sue are unique pieces of our OLLI program and we are fortunate they have been loaned to our department from facilities and public safety.

**It’s Time for the OLLI Yard Sale!**

This Saturday from 9 am. to 1 p.m., we will hold the second annual OLLI Yard Sale at the Conway Education Center (290 Allied Dr.).

We have received many donations from our generous students over the past month and hope you will find your next treasure at the event. Items are grouped by price, with a 25 cent room, a dollar room, a two dollar room, and a room devoted to very precious items priced at $5 or more. Baked goods will also available for purchase.

We look forward to seeing everyone bright and early (but not too early) this weekend!

**ATTENTION OLLI INSTRUCTORS:**

In addition to offering some excursions during the summer months, we are also accepting proposals if you would like to offer an OLLI class this summer at the Conway, Litchfield, or Georgetown Education Centers. These classes will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays since we will be working with the Coastal Carolina Kids' Camps as well.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Kelli Barker (843-349-5002) or Lisa Rickenbrode (843-349-6584) for more information.
Registration for our 2019 Kids' Camps has begun!

Coastal Carolina University will be offering camps this summer at both the Conway Education Center (290 Allied Dr., Conway, SC 29526) and Litchfield Education Center (14427 Ocean Highway, Litchfield Landing, Pawleys Island). Some of our new camps this year include Drumagination Rythmplay, Calling All Inventors, S.T.E.M. Dancing Robotics, and Coding Games just to name a few. We will have some old favorites returning this year such as Superhero Academy, Mosaic Madness, Comic Book Adventures, Just Dance, Jurassic Dinosaur Adventure, Calling All Authors, Math Mania, and many more! Sponsored by Coastal Carolina University's Office of Academic and Community Outreach, Coastal Carolina Kids' Camps are offered for children ages 6-10 of age.

Please follow this link to be taken to the online registration. You can also call the Conway Education Center (843-349-5002) or the Litchfield Education Center (843-349-6584) for more information.
On the Road to being Woke  
Thursday, March 28, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Avery Research Center, College of Charleston  
Students will travel to the Avery Research Center for African American Studies and the African Diaspora for a day-long program on civil rights activism in South Carolina.

Ella Baker Day – Keynote Address  
Tuesday, April 9, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Johnson Auditorium, Wall 116  
In celebration of the life and legacy of Civil Rights Activist, Ella Baker, the 6th annual Ella Baker Day celebration features Blair Imani. Blair Imani is a writer, mental health advocate, and historian living at the intersections of Black, Queer, and Muslim identity. The presentation will be followed by reception for invited students, faculty, and guests in Wall Boardroom, Wall 222.

Brave Girl Rising: A Call to Action  
Wednesday, April 10, 4:30 p.m.  
Coastal Theater, LJSU  
Two short films will be shown - "Brave Girl Rising" and "Period. End of Sentence." Both films are about womyn's empowerment and a call to action for the audience. The films will be followed by a panel discussion with CCU faculty, staff, and students.

Student Poster Presentations  
Thursday, April 11, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Student Union Rotunda  
In commemoration of the annual Ella Baker Day celebration at CCU, students from the Social Justice and Women’s and Gender Studies classes will present poster presentations entitled, “Rise Up: Youth on the Front Lines of Social Justice.”

Speaking Truth to Power  
Friday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.  
Johnson Auditorium, Wall 116  
Calling all artists, poets, and creative souls who want to speak power to their truth through open mic or slam poetry. Jay Ward, 2018 Grand Slam Champion and National Slam Poetry Winner, will emcee the event, and several spoken word artists from the Carolinas will perform. If you want to speak your truth, leave it all on the stage, or share the power of words with others, email Dr. Tiffany Hollis at thollis@coastal.edu before April 5, 2019.

Hosted by the Social Justice Research Initiative and in collaboration with Intercultural and Inclusion Student Services, Women’s and Gender Studies, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and the College of Education.  
Contact Dr. Deborah Perkins for more information. dperkins@coastal.edu
As part of a unique program designed to promote accessibility and engagement with communities throughout the state, the high court will hold court at CCU.

This is a rare opportunity for CCU students to observe the judicial process at the highest level in the state. Each day, five state Supreme Court Justices will hear oral arguments on as many as three cases.

Please allow additional time for parking and security checkpoints.

Parking is available in the YY lot across from The Cove on S.C. 544. Shuttles will provide free transportation to Wheelwright Auditorium.