### About the Center

The primary focus of the Jackson Family Center for Ethics & Values is to cultivate awareness throughout the academic and surrounding communities of the importance and lifelong rewards of personal and professional integrity. In order to achieve its goals, the Jackson Center sponsors four cornerstones: the Jackson Scholars; the Ethics Fellow; the Visiting Ethicist; and our schedule of events and community outreach projects, aimed at improving awareness of current ethical issues and fostering inclusive conversations on them. In this, we aim to recognize and celebrate the rich history and example of Mary Emily and Nelson Jackson, and their family.

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values is to create opportunities for open conversations about how ethics and values affect the individual, the university, the region and the world.

### Vision Statement

The vision of the Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values is to inspire individuals to make ethical and value based decisions, and thus live lives of courage, compassion and integrity.
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Events

Fall 2016

Tea and Ethics – 4 Events

Topic: First Generation College Students: Challenges and Opportunities
Speaker: Panel Discussion
Date: Thursday, September 07
Time: 4:30 pm
Venue: Johnson Auditorium, Wall 116
Attendance: 85

Topic: Are We Better Off Without Religion? The Harms and Benefits of Religious Beliefs
Speaker: Christian Miller Ph.D., Wake Forest University
Date: Thursday, September 28
Time: 4:30 pm
Venue: Wall 222, Boardroom
Attendance: 140

Topic: Artificial Intelligence and the Ethics of Future Warefare
Speaker: Panel Discussion
Date: Thursday, October 05
Time: 4:30 pm
Venue: Johnson Auditorium, Wall 116
Attendance: 115

Topic: Interfaith Dialogue: The Story of Abraham
Speaker: Panel Discussion
Date: Thursday, November 02
Time: 4:30 pm
Venue: Johnson Auditorium, Wall 116
Attendance: 70

Philosopher’s Corner – 1 event

Topic: Can Vindictiveness Be a Virtue?
Speaker: Kevin Guilfoyl
Date: Thursday, October 19
Time: 4:30 pm
Venue: Wall Boardroom, Wall 222
Attendance: 45
Spring 2017

*Tea and Ethics – 2 Events*

**Topic:** Race at CCU: What are our Experiences?
**Speaker:** Panel Discussion
**Date:** Thursday, January 25
**Time:** 4:30 pm
**Venue:** Johnson Auditorium, Wall 116
**Attendance:** 30

**Topic:** Transgender and College Life
**Speaker:** Panel Discussion
**Date:** Thursday, April 05
**Time:** 4:30 pm
**Venue:** Johnson Auditorium, Wall 116
**Attendance:** 35
Philosopher’s Corner – 2 Event

**Topic:** Thinking About the Gap in Tillich’s God  
**Speaker:** Markus Weidler, PhD, Columbus State University  
**Date:** Thursday, February 08  
**Time:** 4:30 pm  
**Venue:** Johnson Auditorium, Wall 116  
**Attendance:** 55

**Topic:** Why Read Fiction? A Philosophical Defense  
**Speaker:** Sarah Worth, PhD, Furman University  
**Date:** Thursday, March 15  
**Time:** 4:30 pm  
**Venue:** Wall Boardroom, Wall 222  
**Attendance:** 48

Visiting Ethicist Presentation – 1 event

**Topic:** Self-Transcendence and the Meaning of Life  
**Speaker:** Jennifer Frey, PhD, University of South Carolina  
**Date:** Thursday, April 19  
**Time:** 4:30 pm  
**Venue:** Wall Boardroom, Wall 222  
**Attendance:**

### Spring 2018 Event Attendance Averages

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Jackson Scholars

2017 Class

Kaitlyn Dallis  Communications
Emily Thibeault  Communications
Krystina Millar  Sociology

2018 Class

Lauren Palazuelos  English/Philosophy
Cameron Carroll  Psychology
Kyeonna Singletary  Psychology
Anaiya Moore  Business Management/HRTM
Armia Shell  History

Breakdown of 2017 Jackson Scholar Applicants:

Freshmen: 6  Sophomores: 9  Juniors: 1

COHFA Majors: 9

Interviewed: 11 (5 COHFA)

Accepted: 6 (2 COHFA)
Women In Leadership and Philanthropy

On February 6, 2018 six Jackson Scholars – Krystina Millar, Carlie Todd, Kaitlyn Dallis, Anaiya Moore, Armia Shell, Kyeonna Singletary, Cameron Carroll, Lauren Palazuelos – attended the Women in Leadership and Philanthropy (WIPL) conference at the Myrtle Beach Convention center. The six current scholars were joined by recent Jackson Scholar graduates Carlie Todd and Yaicha Ocampo, who were participating as scholarship recipients. We were proud to have three generations of Jackson Scholars representing the Jackson Center at the event and of the accomplishments of our graduated scholars. All of the Scholars were able to attend presentations from varying influential, local and national women. A variety of topics were discussed, ranging from effective involvement with philanthropic organizations in the Myrtle Beach area, to how to translate their skills and training in ethics and leadership to contexts beyond the college campus.

Community Conversations Initiative

This year the Center has overseen a new directive called the Community Conversations Initiative. The Community Conversations Initiative is an outgrowth of the 2015-2017 Lackey Chapel Social Justice meetings facilitated by Marva Lackey. Sara Sanders graciously helped to facilitate the Fall 2017 meetings. During the fall we met to discuss Healing the Heart of Democracy by Parker Palmer. Gina Markland graciously helped to facilitate the Spring 2018 meetings. During the spring we met to discuss Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes are High by Kerry Patterson, Joseph Grenny, Ron McMillan and Al Switzler. Together the group’s discussion and reading of the book has led to fruitful strategies for holding difficult conversations. In addition, several speakers were invited to speak to the group, during the spring, to about their personal experiences with having crucial conversations at home, in public and in the workplace. Those speakers were Dr. Sally Hare, the founding director of the Center for Education and community at Coastal Carolina University; Dr. Debbie Conner, Coastal’s vice president for campus life and student engagement; and Caroline Fairless, ordained Episcopal minister and author. For more information about each of these speakers please visit our Spring 2018 Newsletter which can be found on our webpage at https://coastal.edu/jacksoncenter/newsresources/newsletters/.
The annual Ethics and Leadership Academy took place on January 29, February 5, and February 12. Current Jackson Scholars welcomed rising sixth graders from eight local middle schools to campus. This year’s theme was sustainability. The topics of discussion were well received by the students. On February 5, guest speaker, Professor Dan Abel from the Department of Marine Science presented to the students about his experiences studying sharks and the effects that sustainability can have on our world and its ecosystem. On February 12 the students enjoyed a campus tour and received certificates for the participation in the Ethics and Leadership Academy Program.