ORDER OF EXERCISES

Coastal Carolina University Honors Convocation

Thursday, May 3, 2018 • 6-8 p.m.

Please stand for the Processional
Margaret Fain
Senior Faculty Mace Bearer

Processional
Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble
Matthew S. White
Director of Ensembles, Assistant Professor of Music

Music
“The Star-Spangled Banner”
John Stafford Smith
Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble
led by Kaitlyn Harrison
Margaret Millus Prize for Voice

Welcome
David A. DeCenzo
President, Coastal Carolina University

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Introductions
J. Ralph Byington
Provost and Executive Vice President,
Coastal Carolina University
University College
Sara N. Hottinger
Dean
Interdisciplinary Studies: Robert Holmes

E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration
Barbara A. Ritter
Dean
Accounting: Dylan Boston
Master of Accountancy: Elena Draiss
Economics (B.S.B.A.): Christian Adams
Finance: Patrick Dempsey
Hospitality, Resort and Tourism Management: Bailey Clay
Management: Emily Graham
Marketing: Lisa Saguto
Master of Business Administration: Alex Brinkmeier

Spadoni College of Education
Edward Jadallah
Dean
Early Childhood Education: Holly Hardee
Elementary Education: Caroline Rogers
Master of Arts in Teaching English: Savannah Scarborough
Master of Education-Educational Leadership: Cody Knight
Master of Education-Instructional Technology: Michael Ballard
Master of Education-Learning and Teaching: Whitney Glenn
Master of Education-Special Education: Shayla Anderson
Special Education: Emily Neil
Middle Level Education: Paige Dieter
Physical Education: Ashley Jordan
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Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards
College of Humanities and Fine Arts

Daniel J. Ennis
Dean
Anthropology and Geography: Rachel Whyte
Art History: Darrah Panzarella
Art Studio: Aynslee van Graan
Graphic Design: Andrew Smith
Communication: Megan Foster
English: Madison Rahner
Master of Arts in Writing: Benjamin Counts
History: Carlie Todd
Master of Arts in Liberal Studies: Richard O’Leary
Intelligence and National Security: Madison Nowlin
Political Science: Allie Sheets
Music: Christopher Wright
Musical Theatre: Wesley Williams
Theatre Arts: Korilyn Hendricks
Philosophy: Garland Shrader

College of Science

Michael H. Roberts
Dean
Biochemistry: David Laws
Chemistry: Mallory Byrne
Biology: Emilie-Katherine Tavernier
Computer Science: Junkai Xing
Information Systems: Andrew Lewis
Information Technology: Sean Timmons
Master of Science in Information Technology: Ike Vayansky
Exercise and Sport Science: Alexandra Lucas
Health Administration: Michaela Kaltwasser
Marine Science: Juliane Caughron
Master of Science in Coastal Marine and Wetland Studies: Cathryn Wheaton
Mathematics and Statistics: Jolie Even
Nursing: Lou Miller
Physics: Austin Smothers
Psychology: Lucille Romanik
Public Health: Justin Lowes
Recreation and Sport Management: Noah Lare
Master of Science in Sport Management: Thomas Cocke
Sociology: Judith Roberto
Acknowledgment of Dyer Fellows, Jackson Scholars, Swain Scholars, Teaching Fellows and Wall Fellows

**Dyer Fellows:** Jacqueline Kurlowski  
*Adviser*

Allie Sheets  
Nicholas Smith  
Emily Taylor

**Jackson Scholars:** Nils Rauhut  
*Adviser*

Garland Shrader  
Nicholas Smith  
Carlie Todd

**Swain Scholars:** Sharon Thompson  
*Adviser*

Sydney Brown  
Ashley Lynch

**Teaching Fellows:** Amanda Darden  
*Adviser*

Conner Elms  
Benjamin Flo  
Lindsey Morgan  
Victoria Worley

**Wall Fellows:** Gina Cummings  
*Adviser*

Myles Anderson  
Sean Edwards  
Michael Ford  
Kaylea Gassaway-Rea  
Trevor Greene  
Ross Kunmann  
Sora Lebowitz  
Michayla Smith
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Acknowledgment of Honor Societies

Alpha Kappa Delta, sociology honor society:
  Jason Eastman, Adviser
  Kristi McIntyre, Adviser
  Cynthia Port, Adviser
  Phillip Njoroge, Adviser
  Megan Cevasco, Adviser
  Kayla Johnson, Adviser
  Michael Dunn and Stephen Firsing, Advisers

Alpha Psi Omega, theatre honor society:
  Lindsey Pritchard, Adviser
  Wanda Dooley, Adviser
  Wendy Weinhold, Adviser
  Christopher Gunn, Adviser
  Jeremy Killian, Adviser
  Shannon Stewart, Adviser
  Jonathan Trerise, Adviser
  Ogül Arslan, Adviser
  Suheir Daoud, Adviser
  Andrew Terranova and Marlena Ryba, Advisers
  Anna Oldfield, Cynthia Port and Emma Howes, Advisers
  Ina Seethaler, Adviser
  Brian Roessler and Kyle Holody, Advisers
  Michael Murphy, Adviser

Alpha Sigma Lambda, adult honor society:
  Michael Dunn and Stephen Firsing, Advisers
  Anna Oldfield, Cynthia Port and Emma Howes, Advisers
  Ina Seethaler, Adviser
  Brian Roessler and Kyle Holody, Advisers
  Michael Murphy, Adviser

Beta Alpha Psi, accounting, finance honor society:
  Jeremy Killian, Adviser

Beta Beta Beta, biology honor society:
  Omega Delta Kappa, leadership honor society:
  Phi Alpha Theta, history honor society:
  Omega Eta Sigma, freshman honor society:
  Phi Sigma Pi, national honor fraternity:
  Phi Sigma Tau, philosophy honor society:
  Pi Mu Epsilon, mathematics honor society:
  Pi Sigma Alpha, politics honor society:
  Psi Chi, psychology honor society:
  Sigma Tau Delta, English honor society:
  Triota, women’s and gender studies honor society:
  Upsilon Eta, communication honor society:
  Upsilon Pi Epsilon, computer science honor society:

University Distinguished Undergraduate Student Award

J. Ralph Byington

Undergraduate Research Competition

Robert F. Young
  Director of Undergraduate Research

Oral Presentations: Natural and Applied Sciences

First Place:

Ashley Lynch, Biology Major
  Sydney Brown, Exercise and Sports Science Major
  “Quantifying perceptions of substance abuse: Promoting positive change”
  Faculty Mentor: Sharon Thompson
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Oral Presentations: Business, Education, and Humanities and Fine Arts

First Place: Sydney James, Anthropology Major
“Using Experimental Archaeology as a Tool for Education”
Faculty Mentors: Aneilya Barnes and Carolyn Dillian

Poster Presentations: Physical and Biological Sciences

First Place: Hannah Weinberg, Marine Science Major
“Skin lesion prevalence on bottlenose dolphins (Tursiops truncatus) from coastal waters near Murrells Inlet, S.C.”
Faculty Mentor: Rob Young

Poster Presentations: Health and Behavioral Sciences and Humanities and Fine Arts

First Place: Tavia Sturgill, Psychology Major
“Implications of Racial Tensions on Implicit Biases in Processing Information about Different Races”
Faculty Mentor: Andrew Terranova

Introduction of SGA President

Deborah K. Conner
Vice President, Campus Life and Student Engagement

Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award

D’ Jenique Inge
SGA Executive Vice President

Distinguished Collegiate Adviser of the Year Award

Closing

Please stand for the Alma Mater and remain standing for the Recessional

Alma Mater

Kaitlyn Harrsion

Recessional

Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble
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.

Honors Program Recognition
The primary mission of the Honors Program 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 adviser and a record of academic honors throughout their enrollment at the University.

Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award
The Distinguished Teacher 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.

Distinguished Collegiate Adviser of the Year Award
The Distinguished Collegiate Adviser of the Year award recognizes excellence in advising. A student committee chaired by the vice president of policy of the Student Government Association and composed of two representatives from each of the colleges solicits nominations from students. The leading candidates submit resumes and letters of recommendation, and the awardees are selected by the 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.

Wall Fellows
Founded 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.
**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.

**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 development and as 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.
SENIOR HONORS

**Alpha Kappa Delta**
*Sociology honor society*
Jason Eastman, adviser
Noel Rapp
Matthew Sherfey

**Alpha Psi Omega**
*Theatre honor society*
Kristi McIntyre, adviser
Alexandra Barrow
Kennedi Brunstad
Izabel Dorst
Ashley Gilbert
Korilyn Hendricks
Sophia Kider
April Pollock
Sydney Simone
Dominique Smith
Benjamin Southerland

**Alpha Sigma Lambda**
*Adult student honor society*
Cynthia Port, adviser
Cori Bell
Joshua Cellucci
Emily Clark
Daniel Cochran
Rebecca Ikeda
Telvin Pearson
Angela Prince
Morissa Robinson
Allie Sheets
Zachariah Tollison
Jessica Vennell

**Beta Alpha Psi**
*Accounting and finance honor society*
Philip Njoroge, adviser
Dylan Boston
Axsel Brown
Nicole Caspersen
Danielle Ferrer
Michael Ford
Anthony Frank
Courtney McKenna
Alessandro Parisi
Nicole Rafferty
Brandi Roger
Reanna Schnubel

**Beta Beta Beta**
*Biology honor society*
Megan Cevasco, adviser
Colton Aksomitus
Breauna Beebe
Alyssa Carolan
KaDeshia Cooper
Kaeli Day
Alexa Federlin
Travia Franklin
Tyla Foster
Savannah Gill
Kylie Haigh
Kamden Hall
Makailla Kastner
Madison Knight
Logan Jarrell
Kelsey Largen
Caleb McCalla
Jordan Matthews
Kaitlin Meriner
Mika Mierzwa
Emily Preseley
Dymara Sáenz
Melinda Tapia
Emilie-Katherine Tavernier
Tess Ward
Hannah Wareheim
Megan Wedekind

**Beta Gamma Sigma**
*Business honor society*
Kayla Johnson, adviser
Andrew Achord
Christian Adams
Myles Anderson
Jennifer Barker
Alexandria Barnhart
Erica Boomhower
Dylan Boston
Noah Breeden
Axsel Brown
Ephren Bryant
Vincent Cannarozzi
Elena Draiss
Jessie Dumas
Christopher Durand
Lauren Durant
Billie Durkin
Emily Eastham
Danielle Ferrer
Michael Ford
Anthony Frank
Carissa Gauthier
Emily Graham
Ashley Grainger
Andrew Harrell
Daniel Hyman
Elizabeth Kahn
Nicole Kelly
Alan Lemons
Xueling Lin
Courtney McKenna
Melissa Neal
Necoda Nealon
Haley Netchaeff
Brittany Newman
Nicholas Orr
Charles Ouverson
Kyle Potkulski
Ashton Rider
Lisa Saguto
Thomas Scheffler
Sebastian Schneider

**Eta Sigma Gamma**
*Health promotion honor society*
Michael Dunn and Stephen Firsing, advisers
Jiahui Che
Breanna Combs
KaDeshia Cooper
Lauren Heald
Brittany James
Kristen Johnson
Autuam Lamp
William McDaniel
Angelina Santoro
Angela Wiper
Ciara Wright

**Kappa Delta Pi**
*Education honor society*
Lindsey Pritchard, adviser
Maria Acosta
Samantha Asbury
Loren Cervenka
Kristine Champlin
Lauren Miller Chapman
Carley Conti
Conner Elms
Amber Gaffey
Holly Hardee
Katelin Hardee
Jessica Hilt
SENIOR HONORS

Kyla Hilty
Jillian Johnson
Katie Kolobielski
Daniele Lardiere
Kacey Lewis
Ashley Masliuk
Jaymie McDowell
Lauren McDonough
Kristina McGinness
Becca Lyn McRobbie
Anna Meece
Melissa Newhook
Kennedy Pearce
Stephanie Piechota
Angela Prince
Christina Pudlo
Courtney Sabo
Kayla Sliger
Mallory Suggs
Kayleigh Williams
Megan Worrell

Nursing Honor Society
Wanda Dooley, adviser
Lou Miller

Omicron Delta Kappa
Leadership honor society
Wendy Weinhold, adviser

Phi Alpha Theta
History honor society
Christopher Gunn, adviser
Jeffrey Bean
Elizabeth Brownell
Jessica Buckley
Daniel Cochran
Ashley Ellis
Larry Erb
Ian Frais
Cheyenne Hardee
Jenna Harris
Timothy Hellaby
Helena Jackson
Ragen Johnson
Kelsey Kerzman
Justin Lesuer
Michael O'Shea
Morissa Robinson
Camren Schildt
Carlie Todd
Chandler Webster
Austin Willett

Phi Eta Sigma
Freshman honor society
Jeremy Killian, adviser
Colton Aksomitus
Ali Andrecavage
Chandler Baldwin
Dayvon Barnes
Dennisha Bellinger
Katie Brooks
Axxel Brown
Daniel Chevalier
Jessica Cozine
Wyatt Davies
Thomas DeReggi
Heath Derrick
Victoria Donaldson
Izabel Dorst
Christopher Durand
Lauren Durant
Taylor Farrow
Kailey Feeney
Carly Fenstermacher
Dominique Forbes
Whitney Forlines
Megan Foster
Kaylea Gassaway-Rea
Courtney Goodwin
Emily Graham
Issia Grate
Tyler Gregory
Danielle Guy
Holly Hardee
Andrew Harrell
Nicole Kelly
Benjamin Kennedy
Akeem King
Leah Kohler
Zöe Lindler
Alexandra Lucas
Brittany McKnight
Olivia Meletes
Taylor Monahan
Allison Moss
Skyler Munson
Claire Poekes
Mikayla Priolet
Christina Pudlo
Haley Ray
Emily Ricardo
Kayli Rohl
Lucille Romanik
Lisa Saguto
Rachel Simons
Ashlynn Solomon
Tyler Sullivan
Reghan Timmons
Kayleigh Williams
Louise Wilson
Paris Winters
Teashia Woodard
Christopher Wright

Phi Sigma Pi
National honor fraternity
Shannon Stewart, adviser
Colton Aksomitus
Alexandria Barnhart
Alexandria Beatty
Olivia Bertelsen
Katie Brooks
Alyssa Carolan
Nicole Casperson
Wyatt Davies
Heath Derrick
Madison Dickman
Morgan Divine
Devann Donovan
Kaela Drake
Lisa DuBois
Amanda Ferrigno
Francesca Galasso
Zoe Gapinski
Kamden Hall
Tamara Hauck
Savannah Harden
Taylor Herrington
Kelly Higgins
Jasmine Holmes
Patty Kramer
SENIOR HONORS

Alexis Mayo
Becca-lyn Mcrobbie
Michael Ossolinski
Darrah Panzarella
Jeannette Pryo
Nicolette Rafferty
Breana Reeves
Stephanie Roa
Jocie Scherkenbach
Kimberly Small
Amelia Smith
Elizabeth Spegar
Shyanne Spivey
Sarina Stasi
Monica Stukes
Ashley Twymon
Jordan Waite
Hannah Wareheim
Hannah Weinberg
Alfred Youngblood

Phi Sigma Tau
Philosophy honor society
Jonathan Trerise, adviser
Colton Aksomitus
Markus Childress
James Cook
Daniel Dobay
Justin Lesuer
Taylor Monahan
Garland Shrader
Carlie Todd
Victoria Worley

Pi Mu Epsilon
Mathematics honor society
Oğül Arslan, adviser
Haley Bass
Shaquille Dixon
Lindsey Doyle
David Eastman
Jolie Even
Dominique Forbes
John Horgan
Alexandra Poulos
Tyler Sullivan

Pi Sigma Alpha
Politics honor society
Suheir Daoud, adviser
Ates Emiroglu
Jake Lucas
Casey Mallon
Taylor Repp
Allie Sheets

Psi Chi
Psychology honor society
Andrew Terranova and Marlena Ryba, advisers
Megan Bennie
Karen Carazas
Bethany Furmanek
Courtney Goodwin
Alan Lam
Casey McAndrew
Shannan McGuigan
Zachery Merkle

Sigma Tau Delta
English honor society
Anna Oldfield, Cynthia Port and Emma Howes, advisers
Tyler Bates
Yvette Curtis
Cheyenne Hardee
Rebecca Ikeda
Kayla Jessop-Jacoby
Marcus Kinley
Donna Lewis
Olivia Meletes
Madison Rahner
Breana Reeves
Lanessa Salvatore
Jocie Scherkenbach
Amy Smith
Mariah Stewart
Sydney Zavadil

Triota
Women’s and gender studies honor society
Ina Seethaler, adviser
Katie Brooks
Ates Emiroglu

Matthew Sherfey
Angela Wiper

Upsilon Eta
Communication honor society
Brian Roessler and Kyle Holody, advisers
Megan Foster
Tamara Hauck
Alexis Mayo
Kourtney Mortimer
Victoria Smith
Louise Wilson

Upsilon Pi Epsilon
Computer science honor society
Michael Murphy, adviser
Adam Baumiller
Horace Bookman
Daniel Chevalier
Broderick Daniel
Wyatt Davies
Hao Fang
Seth Gainey
Andrew Giorgio
Andrew Lewis
Leroy Simmons
Jonathan Winters
Heather Wozniak
Junkai Xing

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ART HISTORY
Darrah Panzarella
Darrah Panzarella is originally from upstate New York, but now resides in Murrells Inlet, S.C. She was one of the first students accepted into the new art history program at CCU in 2016. She is currently the president of the Visual Arts student organization CHROMA: The Study of Art & Design, of which she helped facilitate a recent art install at Brookgreen Gardens, and she is a research assistant for the “Statues Speak” project at Duke University. She is a member of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity. Darrah plans to pursue a career in teaching and museum work.

ART STUDIO
Aynslee van Graan
Aynslee van Graan is an art studio major from Cape Town, South Africa. She received a full athletic scholarship to attend Coastal Carolina University as part of the University’s cross country and track and field team. Aynslee has earned All-region honors in both cross country and track and field on multiple occasions. She aspires to become a high school art teacher while pursuing her career as an artist as well as a competitive distance runner.

ACCOUNTING
Dylan Boston
Dylan Boston, from Pawleys Island, S.C., is an accounting major. He has served as president of the CCU chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, an international business honor society; is a Student Executive Leader member; and a member of Beta Alpha Psi, an honorary organization for financial information students. After graduation, he will be interning with Ernst & Young in Hoboken, N.J.

ANTHROPOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY
Rachel Whyte
Rachel Whyte is from North Huntington, Pa., and is a double major in anthropology and geography and in history, also earning a certificate in cultural heritage studies. In addition, she is a member of the Anthropology and Geography Club, has participated in the Waccamaw Pau Wau, and joined in salvage archaeological excavations at the prehistoric shell midden at Edisto Beach State Park. She has also completed two archaeological field schools to excavate a prehistoric Native American site at Waties Island and a historic plantation site at Brookgreen Gardens, and she studied abroad in Trinidad. Rachel frequently volunteers in the archaeological laboratory, and attended the Mid-Atlantic Archaeological Conference this spring. She plans to attend graduate school for a doctorate that will focus on archaeology and cultural heritage.

BIOCHEMISTRY
David Laws
David Laws is a biochemistry major from Sumter, S.C. He served as vice president and president of the Biochemistry and Chemistry Club and worked as a laboratory assistant and learning assistant for the chemistry department. David has researched for two years investigating the synthesis of Phidianidine analogs and presented his research at the South Carolina Academy of Science and the Southeastern Regional Meeting in 2017. The SCAS presented him with the award for Most Outstanding Male Presenter and Most Outstanding Chemistry/Biochemistry Poster. David plans to earn a doctorate in chemistry.

BIOLOGY
Emilie-Katherine Tavernier
Emilie-Katherine Tavernier is a local student raised in Surfside Beach, S.C. She has been an essential member of a research team for the past two and half years working in plant molecular biology. She has completed two REU research projects in plant biology over the past two summers, one at the University of California, and a second at Kettering University. She was chosen to be a part of the Wall Fellows program from 2015-2016; has been the president of Tri-Beta, the biological honor society, for the past year; and has spent most of her senior year working as the prep person for genetics and molecular biology. She has been a recipient the Solid Waste Authority Environmental Scholarship and the Coastal Scholar Award. She has been busy writing her research from Kettering University that will be submitted for publication and is preparing to present this research in Montreal this summer at the National American Society of Plant Biologists conference. She will continue her research in plant biology, specifically in moss biology, as a Ph.D. student at the University of Florida with a full stipend and teaching assistantship.

CHEMISTRY
Mallory Byrne
Mallory Byrne is currently pursuing a degree in chemistry. During her time at CCU, she served as a chemistry tutor and a learning assistant in general and organic chemistry laboratories. Additionally, she has conducted research focusing on the improvement of Prussian Blue electrochemical sensors. She had the opportunity to present her research at S.C. regional meetings as well as the American Chemical Society national meeting in 2018. She plans on pursuing a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry and continuing her research in electrochemical sensors.
COMMUNICATION
Megan Foster
Megan Foster is a senior communication major from Bedford, Pa., with a concentration in public relations and a minor in dramatic arts. She is the first communication Edwards Research Fellow. She has presented original research at multiple conferences, most recently at the Southern States Communication Association annual conference. She has been an active member of the Coastal Activities Board, serving as both the pageant chair and president. She has been inducted into several honor societies, including Order of Omega (Greek life), Upsilon Eta chapter (communication), the national communication honor society, and a member of the Sigma Xi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority. She works as a student writer for the Office of University Communication where she has authored numerous articles and newsletter entries. Off campus, she served as an intern for Habitat for Humanity of Horry County and now spends time there volunteering.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Caroline Rogers
Caroline Rogers is a graduate of CCU from Little River, S.C., with a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education. She was a Research Fellow for the Spadoni College of Education for three years and worked as liaison with the S.C. Teaching Fellows program as a peer mentor. She enjoyed leading seminar classes, team-building activities and attending professional development within the program. Her experience with the S.C. Teaching Fellows program molded her into the teacher leader she is today. She is a reading interventionist at Ocean Drive Elementary School in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., where she completed her student teaching. She plans to return to CCU for a graduate degree in literacy or educational leadership.

COMPUTER SCIENCE
Junkai Xing
Junkai Xing is an international student from Fuzhou City, Fujian Province, China. Junkai completed one year of studies at Huaqiao University in China before coming to CCU and will be graduating in computer science after only two additional years of study. He has served as a tutor and grader for the Department of Computing Sciences for three semesters, and is also the vice president of the Chinese Club. He was inducted into the Upsilon Pi Epsilon International Honor Society in Computing Science. He was awarded the China National Scholarship at Huaqiao University in his freshman year, a further indication of his dedication to the discipline and belief in the importance of a sustained and outstanding work ethic. In the future, he will apply to graduate school for advanced studies in software engineering, after which he hopes to obtain a position in industry where he can apply his skills to improve people’s lives through the systematic and careful design and implementation of large-scale software systems.

EXERCISE AND SPORT SCIENCE
Alexandra Lucas
Alexandra Lucas is an exercise and sport science major from Hanover, Md. She is a member of the CCU Honors Program, the National Society of Leadership and Success, and the Phi Eta Sigma Honors fraternity. She is currently completing her capstone internship at Coastal Orthopedics. She helped coordinate a research project, which resulted in two first author and four co-authored scientific presentations at regional and national conferences of the American College of Sports Medicine. She plans to attend graduate school to pursue a master’s degree in physician assistant studies.

ECONOMICS (B.S.B.A.)
Christian Adams
Christian Adams, from Winston Salem, N.C., is pursuing two undergraduate degrees: one in finance with a concentration in wealth management and another in economics with a concentration in applied economic analysis. He is a member of the CCU men’s basketball team. He is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society and the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, as well as an associate in the Community and Business Engagement Institute, where he has served on various business consulting and research projects for businesses or individuals in the local community. During his time at CCU, he has had the opportunity to intern in a variety of positions in the financial services industry, such as an equity analyst intern with Ameriprise Financial, Inc., a financial analyst intern with The Daily Dirt Nap, LLC, and as a private wealth management intern with Bank of North Carolina. Following graduation, he will begin his career as an investment banking analyst with Stephens Inc., one of the largest privately held investment banks in the U.S.

FINANCE
Patrick Dempsey
Patrick Dempsey, from Holbrook, N.Y., is a finance major with a concentration in wealth management and a minor in commercial and investment real estate. He is the president of the Finance Club, a member of the men’s club lacrosse team, and a member of the Wall Fellows. He has held positions with Merrill Lynch and Turner Construction Company, and he will be working this summer for Citigroup in sales and trading located in New York City. After graduation, he intends to continue working in sales and trading or transition to an investment banking role.
DEPARTMENTAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Holly Hardee
Holly Hardee is an early childhood major from Loris, S.C. Holly is currently serving as an after-school director and tutor at Kid Care in Loris. A large focus of her work is with the Loris Fire Department auxiliary board, the Dogwood Hill Baptist Food Bank, as an organizer of the National Fallen Firefighters Annual Memorial Week in Emmitsburg, Md., and also as a volunteer with Loris High School Band. She is a member of Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society. Holly carries eight education-related trainings forward into her career, including CPR/First Aid and Infectious Disease certifications. Holly immerses herself in working with children and the community. She plans to continue to serve the Loris community and beyond by securing a teaching position and continuing to be a positive educational leader in and outside of the classroom.

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Michaela Kaltwasser
Michaela Kaltwasser is a health administration major who currently resides in Murrells Inlet, S.C. Michaela is a native of Germany and moved to the United States 22 years ago. She previously earned her associate in science degree with a health science emphasis from Horry Georgetown Technical College and was a member of Sigma Kappa Delta while enrolled at HGTC. Michaela was a recipient of the Teal Scholarship during her time at Coastal Carolina University. After graduation, she intends to pursue her a career as a licensed health care administrator.

ENGLISH

Madison Rahner
Madison Rahner is an English major from Conway, S.C. A Coastal Carolina University Degree in Three student, Madison served as president of Sigma Tau Delta, the international honors society for students of English, and spent time as a staffer for Archarios, CCU’s award-winning literary and arts magazine. She also worked as a student assistant for the Department of English and in the office of the Dean of the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts. Madison is a talented creative writer who has had several poems published in literary journals such as Grub Street, Oyster River Pages and The Feminine Collective. Additionally, she has completed a draft of a middle-grade novel, which she is in the process of revising. She plans to enroll in Coastal Carolina University’s Master of Arts in Writing program before ultimately pursuing a Master of Fine Arts in fiction writing.

HOSPITALITY AND RESORT TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Bailey Clay
Bailey Clay, from Cleveland, Ohio, is a hospitality, resort and tourism management major. He is a member of the Floyd Family Mentors Club, where he mentors fourth-graders once a week at Waccamaw Elementary School. He has earned the Teal Scholar Award and the South Carolina LIFE Scholarship. Bailey also volunteers at the Myrtle Beach Community Kitchen when he has the opportunity. He currently works within University Recreation as an intramural supervisor and as a guest service associate for Bluegreen Vacations. Bailey hopes to obtain a manager-in-training position in a full-service hotel after graduation.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Andrew Smith
Andrew Smith is a graphic design major from Annapolis, Md., who is pursuing his passion for art and design. He is an award-winning graphic design student and accomplished artist. Andrew has won numerous awards for his work with the Athenaeum Press and Tempo, and his sculptural work was juried into the 2017 Art Fields competition. He recently completed a successful internship for Converse and is now contracted as a brand designer for the company.

HISTORY

Carlie Todd
Carlie Todd, from Charlotte, N.C., is pursuing dual degrees in both intelligence and national security studies and history. She has worked as the project leader for the Athenaeum Press where she assists in research and publications on the Waccamaw region of S.C. She has worked as an archivist organizing and cataloguing various documents and recordings on the lives of African-American soldiers in World War II. This archive is currently being added to the Library of Congress’s archival manuscript collection. During Carlie’s time at CCU, she has engaged in various academic research, including work on servicewomen of World War II, ISIS’s financial infrastructure, and the technological subversion of state and non-state actors in U.S. intelligence. She has served as a campus leader both as a Jackson Scholar and as a senator for the Student Government Association. Her interests include 20th century American history, women’s and gender history, U.S. national security threats, and Sunni Islamic militancy. Carlie plans on pursuing her doctorate in American history.
DEPARTMENTAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Andrew Lewis
Andrew Lewis is an information systems major from Charleston, S.C. He is a returning student who earned his first Bachelor of Science from Campbell University in 2011. He is included on the Spring 2017 Dean’s List and Fall 2017 President’s List. His professional interests include software development and system engineering. After graduation, Andrew plans on entering the workforce to pursue these interests.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Sean Timmons
Sean Timmons will graduate from CCU with a major in information technology and a minor in intelligence and national security studies. Originally from Maple Shade, N.J., he earned his associate’s degree from Burlington County College before moving south to attend CCU. After graduation, he plans to move back up north and begin a career in his field.

INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES
Madison Nowlin
Madison Nowlin is an intelligence and national security studies major and a Russian studies minor from Concord, N.C. While at Coastal Carolina University, she served as the president of National Security Club, the chief financial officer of the Chanticleer Intelligence Brief, and was a member the Coastal Carolina Model European Union delegation. Madison was selected to attend the International Student Festival in Trondheim, and she has been published twice in The Intelligence Review. Her honors capstone thesis is titled How the Cases of Iran and Pakistan Describe Russia’s Foreign Policy Toward North Korea.

MANAGEMENT
Emily Graham
Emily Graham, from Hemingway, S.C., is a double major in accounting and management with a concentration in human resource management. Emily is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society and executive treasurer for Phi Beta Lambda: Future Business Leaders of America. She has demonstrated her knowledge in both of her chosen disciplines by earning first place in both accounting and management concepts competitions at the 2015 and 2016 Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership conferences. Emily is a leader in the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at CCU and volunteers in the community. She currently works with the Office of Training, Development and Service Excellence at CCU and plans to work in human resource management after graduation.

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
Robert Holmes
Robert “Bobby” Holmes is an interdisciplinary studies major from Athens, Ga. He is a member of the Coastal Carolina University baseball team, which won the national championship in 2016. He has been named to the Dean’s List multiple times throughout his time at CCU and volunteers regularly through the athletic department in local schools.

MASTER of ACCOUNTANCY
Elena Draiss
Elena Draiss is a Master of Accountancy student originally from Chelyabinsk, Russia. In her time at CCU, she has been actively involved in the VITA program, Students in Executive Leaders program and Beta Gama Sigma. Elena plans on pursuing a career as a CPA.

MARKETING
Lisa Saguto
Lisa Saguto, from East Berlin, Pa., is a marketing major. She is president of the American Marketing Association at CCU and a member of Beta Gamma Sigma honor society, serving as vice president of marketing and communications. She is a member of Student Executive Leaders, as well as the Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society. She placed first in the Red Ventures Sales Team Contest (personal selling and sales management course), and was the recipient of Knights of Columbus Catholic of the Year Award. Lisa is the recipient of Dean’s Excellence Scholarship, the DeCenzo Endowed Scholarship, the Teal Scholar Award, and the S.C. LIFE Scholarship. Upon graduation, Lisa will be “staying in this beachy area and continue to be an active member of the community,” as she has accepted a position at the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce and Convention Visitors Bureau in the sales and marketing departments.

MARINE SCIENCE
Juliane Caughron
Juliane Caughron, a marine science major with minors in biology and applied mathematics, is from Pylesville, Md. While at CCU, she has received the College of Science Dean’s Excellence Scholarship. She is a member of the University Honors Program and was the recipient of a 2016 NOAA Earnest Hollings Scholarship. Juliane interned with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the National Marine Fisheries Service, in addition to spending a semester studying abroad in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. She has presented research at the Southeastern Estuarine Research Society meeting, the Southern Honors Council conference, the American Fisheries Society Southern Division meeting, and two CCU Undergraduate Research Competitions. She plans to attend graduate school and focus on fisheries monitoring and management.
DEPARTMENTAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

**MASTER of EDUCATION-LEARNING AND TEACHING, LITERACY**

**Whitney Glenn**

Whitney Glenn is a student in the Master of Education in learning and teaching-literacy degree program. She graduated from Clemson University in 2007. Whitney began teaching in Horry County in 2012 at Pee Dee Elementary and has taught both kindergarten and second grade. She is currently the Horry County School District Teacher of the Year. She serves on the board of visitors for the Spadoni College of Education, the EdTech Task Force for Horry County Schools, and the early career educators group for the S.C. Education Association. After graduating, she plans to enter a Ph.D. program in education.

**MASTER of ARTS IN WRITING**

**Benjamin Counts**

Benjamin Counts is a graduate student in the Master of Arts in writing program. Originally from Myrtle Beach, S.C., he is an avid writer of fiction, as well as a political researcher. He is currently seeking an agent for his first novel and plans to extend his graduate education in the Master of Fine Arts in Writing program at George Mason University in the fall.

**MASTER of BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Alex Brinkmeier**

Alex Brinkmeier is a Master of Business Administration student from Pearl City, Ill. She graduated summa cum laude from Southern Illinois University earning two degrees: business marketing and hospitality and tourism administration. After studying abroad in Europe, she came to CCU to complete the one-year MBA program. In her short time here, she has become a member of the Student Executive Leaders and Beta Gamma Sigma honors society. After graduation, Alex plans to pursue a career in corporate event coordinating.

**MASTER of ARTS IN TEACHING**

**Savannah Scarborough**

Savannah Scarborough is a Master of Arts in teaching English candidate from Murrells Inlet, S.C. She has participated in research with her professors examining how to best facilitate Socratic seminars in the classroom and online. She presented this topic at the S.C. Council for the Social Studies. Her undergraduate degree includes a business degree from the College of Charleston and extensive English coursework from CCU. After completing her degree, she plans to pursue a career as a high school English teacher.

**MASTER of EDUCATION-EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

**Cody Knight**

Cody Knight has been a teacher at Britton’s Neck Elementary School in Marion County, S.C., since August of 2012. He has taught physical education, kindergarten, second grade and third grade. He was named Teacher of the Year for his elementary school during the 2015-2016 school year. He has served on many different leadership committees, such as the district curriculum writing team, school improvement council, and serving as one of the district’s Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) coaches. He achieved his mentor training accreditation in the state of South Carolina to help guide educators new to the profession.

**MASTER of EDUCATION-INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY**

**Michael Ballard**

Michael Ballard is originally from Weaverville, N.C. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his teaching certification in history from the University of North Carolina at Asheville. He has been teaching for 21 years, the last 12 of which have been at Black Water Middle School in Conway teaching South Carolina history. He has served a variety of roles in the past, including football coach, chair of the multicultural committee, and as a mentor teacher. Michael began working on his master’s degree in instructional technology during the spring of 2017. He committed himself to finishing his course of study in the spring to graduate with the group he began with. After graduation, Michael intends to use his technology training to assist teachers and students in his school as well as apply it to his own classes.
DEPARTMENTAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COASTAL MARINE AND WETLAND STUDIES

Cathryn Wheaton

Cathryn Wheaton, from Georgetown, Bahamas, is a graduate student in the Department of Coastal and Marine Systems Science. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Eckerd College in marine science with a focus in geology. As an intern, she studied the impacts of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon blowout on sedimentation. From there, she went to the U.S. Geological Survey Coastal and Marine Science Center in St. Petersburg, Fla., as a research technician and scientific diver. At CCU, Cathryn was appointed as the 2017-18 graduate student representative. She received grants from the M.K. Pentecost Ecology Fund, the Douglas D. Nelson Fellowship and the Southern Association of Marine Laboratories toward her research. After graduation, she plans to work for a year to continue for a Ph.D. in coastal geology/geophysics.

MATHEMATICS

Jolie Even

Jolie Even is an applied mathematics major from Conway, S.C. In the summer of 2017, Jolie participated in an REU at N.C. State University where she helped to develop a pharmacokinetic model for water contaminants. She presented the research at the Joint Mathematics Meeting in 2018. While at Coastal Carolina University, she worked as a mathematics tutor and grader, volunteered for the humane society, and worked at Ripley’s Aquarium. Jolie has additionally been an active member of the mathematics societies Pi Mu Epsilon and Math Alliance. All of this was done while maintaining academic rigor as evidenced by regular appearances on the President’s List. Jolie has received admission to the College of Charleston’s Master in Mathematics program.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

Ike Vayansky

Ike Vayansky is a Master of Science in information systems technology student from Pittsburgh, Pa. He previously graduated from CCU with a Bachelor of Science in information systems and a minor in applied mathematics. While enrolled, his achievements while being part of the master’s degree program have resulted in some of his research being published to scientific journals. Ike has been a member of the Coastal Activities Board and Colleges Against Cancer. He plans to continue his education to earn a Ph.D. in computer science. His goals are to work in medical research to design prediction models and artificial intelligence for accurate and precise medical diagnosis.

MASTER OF EDUCATION SPEICIAL EDUCATION

Shayla Anderson

Shayla Anderson is a student in the Master of Education in special education program, with a concentration in severe disabilities. She is from White Plains, Md. In May 2017, she earned a Bachelor of Arts in special education from Coastal Carolina University. As an undergraduate student, she was active in campus activities and with the LIFE Program. Currently, she is a graduate assistant for the LIFE Program. After earning her master’s degree, she plans to go to Florida for six weeks for an internship at Island Dolphin Care, a facility that provides dolphin-assisted therapy. Following her internship, she hopes to have a job or begin a Ph.D. program with transition and international services as her focus.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT

Thomas Cocke

Thomas Cocke is completing his Master of Science in sport management. He graduated from CCU with an undergraduate degree in recreation and sport management. After completing his undergraduate work, Thomas went on to be the assistant director of intramurals and club sports at the University of Virginia. He then worked with the Department of the Navy Fleet Readiness Division, where he served as the morale, welfare and recreation director on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower serving 3,000 personnel. Upon completing his master’s degree, he is entertaining a position in student affairs while possibly pursuing his Ph.D.

MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION

Paige Dieter

Paige Dieter is earning a degree in middle level education. Originally from North Huntingdon, Pa. Paige is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, Order of Omega honors fraternity, National Society of Leadership and Success, and Math Teacher Circles. She has served as a student representative on the Academic Integrity Committee and an intern in the Coastal Office of Online Learning. Paige is a middle level education major, minoring in mathematics. She will become a licensed middle school teacher in the two content areas: grades 5-8 in the content area of social studies and grades 5-12 in the content area of mathematics. She is currently completing her internship in a seventh-grade mathematics classroom at Forestbrook Middle School, where she is teaching seventh-grade mathematics, pre-algebra and algebra for high school credit. This coming fall, Paige has secured a middle school mathematics teacher position in the Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland. She plans to seek a master’s degree in instructional technology.
LEXINGTON, S.C. — Wesley Williams is a B.F.A. musical theatre major from Lexington, S.C. He is a recipient of the Visual and Performing Arts Merit Award. Wesley has had the privilege of performing in six productions while attending Coastal Carolina University in addition to appearing in Schadenfreude with visiting guest artists of The Collective NY. In the spring of 2014, he participated in a cooperative education program, working full-time at Walt Disney World as a character performer. He has also worked as a scenic carpenter for the entirety of his time here at CCU, assisting in the construction process of 16 productions produced by the Department of Theatre. After graduation, he intends to move to New York City to begin working toward his dream of performing professionally full time.

Christopher Wright
Christopher Wright is a piano music performance major with a minor in French. He has lived in Myrtle Beach, S.C., for the past five years, originally from Denver, Colo. While at Coastal Carolina University, he has presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition on Bach’s Well-Tempered Clavier. He has received the Michel Block award for pianistic excellence several times. Last year, he received the award for outstanding junior in the music department and this year he has received the award for outstanding senior. He plans to attend graduate school at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he will continue his studies in piano performance. He hopes to teach, perform and live in France, where he will focus his studies on French piano literature.

Lou Miller
Lou Miller will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in nursing. She has lived in Georgetown County, S.C., all her life. She started her nursing career in 1981 as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) and worked at Tidelands Health in Georgetown, and also worked in home health care. Since 2014, Lou has been a school nurse in the Georgetown County School District. She epitomizes community health and completed a teaching project for healthy hydration for young athletes in Spring 2017. She completed her leadership project on developing an effective orientation for new school nurses and recently completed an independent study on dental caries and dental visits in children.

Garland Shramer
Garland Shramer is a philosophy major and religious studies minor from Myrtle Beach, S.C. He has completed the Jackson Scholar program, served as a philosophy tutor, and is currently president of the CCU chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, the national honor society in philosophy. While at CCU, He received both the Joseph K. East Scholarship and the Jacie Hyatt Endowment Scholarship. He plans to pursue graduate work in philosophy or theology.

Austin Smothers
Austin Smothers is an applied physics major from Myrtle Beach, S.C. He is a leader to his peers in the program. As the president of CCU’s chapter of the Society of Physics Students, he helps the group to sponsor engineering design projects and high school outreach in physics and engineering. Combining his interests in physics and biology, Austin plans on attending graduate school for biomedical engineering.

Ashley Jordan
Ashley Jordan is a physical education major from Conway, S.C. She earned an associate degree in 2007 from Clarendon College in Texas, where she was a student athlete in volleyball. In 2010, she entered into the military and became an aviation mechanic. After one year of service, she was injured in a physical training session and had to rethink her career choice. Ashley moved to S.C. and became an ACE certified trainer. She has worked at the Conway Recreation Center in this capacity for three years. She has been head junior varsity coach at North Myrtle Beach High School and as a club coach for Grand Strand juniors. She is an executive member of the Physical Education Teacher Education (PETE) Club. In conjunction with the athletic department’s Hurricane Harvey relief efforts, she led the Spadoni College of Education faculty and students in a supply drive for teachers and students in Houston, Texas. She has been a volunteer in the Dalton and Linda Floyd Mentoring program and Teal Youth Days over the past two years. She is currently completing her internship at North Myrtle Beach Middle School. She intends to seek employment as a physical educator.

Ashley Jordan
Ashley Jordan is a physical education major from Conway, S.C. She earned an associate degree in 2007 from Clarendon College in Texas, where she was a student athlete in volleyball. In 2010, she entered into the military and became an aviation mechanic. After one year of service, she was injured in a physical training session and had to rethink her career choice. Ashley moved to S.C. and became an ACE certified trainer. She has worked at the Conway Recreation Center in this capacity for three years. She has been head junior varsity coach at North Myrtle Beach High School and as a club coach for Grand Strand juniors. She is an executive member of the Physical Education Teacher Education (PETE) Club. In conjunction with the athletic department’s Hurricane Harvey relief efforts, she led the Spadoni College of Education faculty and students in a supply drive for teachers and students in Houston, Texas. She has been a volunteer in the Dalton and Linda Floyd Mentoring program and Teal Youth Days over the past two years. She is currently completing her internship at North Myrtle Beach Middle School. She intends to seek employment as a physical educator.

Allie Sheets
Allie Sheets is a political science major from King, N.C. As a student fellow in the Edgar Dyer Institute for Leadership and Public Policy, she researched the inequalities that arise from the cash-based bail bond system. Through this research, she made policy suggestions that improve our communities and promote equality in the criminal justice system. Allie is a member of the national political science honor society, Phi Sigma Alpha, and the national honor society for adults returning as students to higher education, Alpha Sigma Lambda. Upon graduation, she will attend graduate school in pursuit of a doctorate in political science.
DEPARTMENTAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

**PSYCHOLOGY**

Lucille Romanik

Lucille Romanik, a native of Winston-Salem, N.C., is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in psychology and a Bachelor of Arts in studio art. She is a member of the University Honors Program, a student mentor at a local middle school, and an arts program volunteer at a local youth center. As a research assistant in the Department of psychology, she was co-author for four presentations at two professional psychology conferences and was part of a research team selected for a regional research award. Her senior thesis investigated the effects of art therapy exercises on aggressive behavior and mood in at-risk youth and college students. After graduation, Lucille plans to attend graduate school in art therapy and Counseling, eventually earning a Ph.D. in clinical psychology so she can practice art therapy.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Justin Lowes

Justin Lowes is a public health major from Conway, S.C. He has been named to the President’s List each semester at Coastal Carolina University. He entered the University as a Palmetto Fellow, an award he has maintained throughout his college career. He holds membership in Eta Sigma Gamma, an honor society for the public health field. Justin was invited to participate in the TEAL Nutrition program, where he demonstrated professionalism in dealing with clients, enthusiasm for helping campus and community members improve their health, a positive attitude, and a strong work ethic. He was also one of the student leaders who participated in the Council on Education for Public Health accreditation process for the public health program. Justin is currently fulfilling the requirements to be a physician assistant, and after graduation, he intends to take the GRE and attend a physician assistant program.

**SOCIOLOGY**

Judith Roberto

Judith Roberto is a sociology major with a concentration in social justice. She earned an associate’s degree in applied science-human services from Horry Georgetown Technical College before transferring to CCU. She is a member of the Social Justice Research Initiative (SJRI), a member of the National Organization for Human Services and Alpha Sigma Lambda, and former secretary of Tau Upsilon Alpha National Organization for Human Services Honor Society. Judith plans to attend Rutgers University for a master’s in social work in the fall of 2019 and will pursue a career as an early intervention professional, helping families adjust to life after an autism diagnosis. Her Ph.D. aspirations are to study the intersectionality of race, disability and social inequality.

**RECREATION AND SPORT MANAGEMENT**

Noah Lare

Noah Lare is a recreation and sport management major with a marketing minor. He has been in the Honors Program and has worked and volunteered in a variety of areas while balancing his academic pursuits. He served as the event director for Howl-O-Scream, which is an annual Halloween event for 4,000 local children. He also has worked with Manzer Basketball Academy, Coastal Carolina University Athletics and volunteered as a mentor for the LIFE Program. Noah has recently completed his honors research thesis and plans to continue his scholarship in graduate school.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Emily Neil

Emily Neil is a special education major from Little River, S.C. She has completed graduate courses to prepare her to teach students with the most significant disabilities. After graduation, she plans to seek a position as a special education teacher in Horry County Schools.

**THEATRE ARTS**

Korilyn Hendricks

Korilyn Hendricks is a senior B.F.A. theatre arts major with a concentration in physical theatre originally from St. Charles, Mo. In her junior year, which was spent studying abroad in Arezzo, Italy, she won recognition as the outstanding junior of her BFA class. She is currently serving as the treasurer for Coastal Carolina University’s chapter of the honors fraternity Alpha Psi Omega, and recently collaborated with a small ensemble of fellow theatre majors to write, direct, produce, design and stage manage a devised performance based upon the text of her poetry. In the fall of 2017, she won the inaugural CCU International Poetry Slam. Post-graduation, she intends to move either to Chicago or back to Europe to pursue a career as an actor and writer. Korilyn wants to publish a book of poetry that will act as an accompaniment to a touring performance devised from the text, which will hopefully change with every new ensemble and cross cultural, lingual, racial and gender boundaries in order to highlight the flexibility of artistic interpretation and the diverse yet universal nature of the human experience.
Christian Adams
from Winston Salem, N.C., is majoring in finance with a concentration in wealth management and in economics with a concentration in applied economic analysis. While at CCU, Christian has been named to the President’s List every semester and received a full athletic scholarship as a member of the CCU men’s basketball team. He is also a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society and the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). Additionally, Christian is an associate in the Community and Business Engagement (CoBE) Institute, where he has served on various business consulting and research projects for businesses or individuals in the local community. Christian has had the opportunity to intern in a variety of positions in the financial services industry, such as an equity analyst intern with Ameriprise Financial, Inc., a financial analyst intern with The Daily Dirtnap, LLC, and as a private wealth management intern with Bank of North Carolina. Additionally, Christian presented his honors thesis, Applying Factor-Based Investment Strategies in a Quantitative Model, at the Undergraduate Research Competition. Following graduation, he will begin his career as an investment banking analyst with Stephens Inc., one of the largest privately held investment banks in the U.S.

Lauren Angello
is a biology major from Egg Harbor Township, N.J. Lauren is a member of Alpha Delta Pi and Order of Omega. She completed two internships during her time at CCU and was named to the Dean’s List five times and to the President’s List twice. She is also involved in Michelle Parker’s research of the plant plastid protein Maturase K. CCU awarded her upon entry with the University Scholar Award and the Provost’s Scholarship. For her last semester, Lauren was awarded the J. Ralph and Ami S. Byington Annual Scholarship. Lauren was recently nominated for “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges,” as well. After Coastal, she plans to continue her education toward a career in the biomedical field.

Myles Anderson
is a finance major with a concentration in wealth management from Rochester Hills, Mich. Myles is in the Wall Fellows program and is a member of the Rugby Club. His presentations have included Market Research/Market Entry to an Icelandic Furniture Distributor.

Morgan Benson
is an exercise and sport science major and psychology minor from Myrtle Beach, S.C. Morgan plans to present her academic work at the Southeast Regional Expo. Her research is titled Physical Activity Levels in College Students, and she completed this research under the advisement of Will Lyerly. Morgan was named to the President’s List and has been awarded the President’s Scholar Award. After graduation, Morgan plans to attend graduate school.
Olivia Bertelsen  
is a marine science major from Rock City, Ill. She is a brother of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity and served on the executive board as the Initiate Advisor for the 2017-2018 school year. She is a member of the CCU Club Quidditch and Southern Storm Quidditch teams. She was named to the Dean’s List on multiple occasions throughout her career at CCU. She was the recipient of the President’s Scholarship, the Honors Program Study Abroad Scholarship, the College of Science Dean’s Study Abroad Scholarship, and other external scholarships. She presented academic work at the Marine Science Undergraduate Research Symposium, as well as the Undergraduate Research Competition. The title of her honors thesis is *An evaluation of ghost crab (Ocypode quadrata) territoriality and the role humans play at two location on the northern South Carolina coast*, which was completed under the advisement of Eric Rosch.

Frances Bozak  
is a marine science major with a biology minor from Avon, Ohio. While at CCU, Frances presented academic work at the Undergraduate Research Competition and Celebration of Inquiry. After graduation, she plans to work at a national or state park as an interpretative ranger.

Kennedi Brunstad  
is an acting major with a minor in Linguistics from Greenville, S.C. While at CCU, Kennedi was involved in Alpha Psi Omega, Upstage, and Inclusive Theatre Group. She performed in various productions through the theatre department and has been awarded the Provost’s Scholarship. After graduation, she hopes to continue to acting and travel as much as she can.

Marissa Cain  
is an exercise and sport science major from Ipswich, Mass. She is on the track and field team as a javelin thrower and is a member of the National Honors Society of Leadership and Success. She has been named to the President’s List seven out of the eight semesters she has attended CCU. Marissa’s honors thesis is titled *Directional Bias in the Healthy Population*, which she completed with mentor MacGregor Hall. She is planning on publishing this piece as well as presenting it at the Undergraduate Research Competition in the spring of 2018. After graduation, she plans to continue her education in a doctoral program for physical therapy.

Juliane Caughron  
is a marine science major from Pylesville, Md. While at CCU, Juliane presented work at the Undergraduate Research Competition, the Southeastern Estuarine Research Society meeting, the Honors Council Conference meeting, the NOAA Education Symposium, and the American Fisheries Society Southern Division meeting. Juliane was named to the President’s List and has been awarded the Dean’s Excellence Scholarship and the NOAA Hollings Scholarship. Juliane’s honors thesis is titled *Assessing trends in size, catch, abundance, and ecological impacts in ornamental fishes of the Florida Keys*. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school to focus on fisheries monitoring.

Abigail Chaney  
is a marine science major from Fallston, Md. While at CCU, Abigail presented academic work at the Southeastern Estuarine Research Society, Southern Regional Honors Council, and the Undergraduate Research Competition. Abigail was named to the President’s List for all semesters she attended Coastal. Her honors thesis is titled *Evaluating Biotic and Abiotic Factors Influencing Temperature Profiles of Nesting Leatherback Sea Turtles (Dermochelys coriacea) on Pacuare Reserve, Costa Rica*. After graduation, she plans to get an internship/job working on a sea turtle nesting project.

Madeline Collins  
is an economics major from Bel Air, Md. While at CCU, Madeline became highly involved in Greek life. She served as both the Panhellenic delegate and finance and operations vice president for Alpha Xi Delta. In the Honors Program, she has served as an Honors Fellow since her freshman year and is president of the Honors Student Council. Madeline was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and has been awarded the Provost’s Scholarship. After graduation, she plans to work as a budget analyst for CERDEC, STCD.

Kelsey Corbin  
is a psychology major from Gallipolis, Ohio. While at CCU, Kelsey presented academic work at the Undergraduate Research Competition. Kelsey was named to the Dean’s List and had been awarded the Provost’s Scholarship, as well as the Southern Ohio Agricultural and Community Development Foundation Education Grant. After graduation, she plans to continue her education by pursuing a master’s degree.

Justin Daniels  
is a marine science major with a chemistry minor from Powhatan, Va. While at CCU, Justin was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List. He also served as Interfraternity Council Recruitment chair for two years, and one year on Sigma Phi Epsilon’s executive board. His honors thesis is titled *Migration of coastal stocks of Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphins (Tursiops truncatus) based on primary productivity*, and it was presented at the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic Marine Mammal Symposium. After graduation, he plans to attend graduate school.
**Kaeli Day**
is a biology major with a minor in medical humanities from Meyersdale, Pa. While at CCU, Kaeli was the president of the Doctors of Coastal Pre-Med Club and the secretary of the National Biological Honors Society, βββ. She was also named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List. She presented her honors thesis, *Understanding the bacteriophages population in the ponds and streams of Coastal Carolina University* at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Association of Southern Biologists. After graduation, she plans to attend medical school at the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in Spartanburg, S.C.

**Erin Dempsey**
is a marine science major and a biology minor from Centreville, Va. While at CCU, she presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition, became a member of the National Society for Leadership and Success, was an athletic tutor, a research fellow, and attended the CINO Ignite leadership conference. She was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List. Erin worked with professor Dan Abel on her honors thesis titled *As the tide turns: Tidal Influence on relative abundance of shark species in Winyah Bay, S.C.* After graduation, she plans to become an aquarist and obtain a master’s degree.

**Lauren Durant**
is an exercise and sport science major from Aynor, S.C. While at CCU, Lauren has gained leadership experience through presenting academic work at the American College of Sport Medicine conference and by becoming a fitness instructor at the HTC Center. Lauren has been named to the President’s List and awarded the Dean’s Excellence Scholarship. She worked with MacGregor Hall on her honors thesis, *Pain Expectations and Perception in Chronic Pain versus Non-chronic pain subjects*. After graduation, she plans to pursue a doctorate of physical therapy.

**Jolie Even**
is an applied mathematics major born in Iowa City, Iowa. While attending CCU, Jolie was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List, and has been awarded the President’s Scholar Award. She attended a Research Experience for Undergraduates at N.C. State University, where she did research in industrial applied mathematics and modeling. She presented this research at the 2018 Joint Mathematics Meeting in San Diego, Calif. After graduation, she plans to enter a graduate program in mathematics.

**Casey Fleck**
is a computer science major from Conway, S.C.

**Rebecca Ford**
is a marine science major from Powhatan, Va. While at CCU, Rebecca was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and was awarded the Dean’s Excellence Scholarship. She worked for CCU’s sustainability office as a member of the Green Team. She presented her honors thesis, *The Impact of the Clean Air Act on Ozone Pollution in Los Angeles, CA* at the Marine Science Undergraduate Research Symposium under Angelos Hannides. After graduation, she plans to find a job in public education.

**Kaylea Gassaway**
is a business management major from Pamplico, S.C. While at CCU, Gassaway was in the Wall Fellows program, Delta Sigma Pi and a Refuge team leader. Gassaway presented academic work in Iceland. She was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and has been awarded the S.C. LIFE Scholarship, the Teal Scholar Award, the Wall Fellows Scholarship, the E.C. Wall Endowed Scholarship, and the Christ United Methodist Church Annual Scholarship. Gassaway’s honor thesis is titled *Florida Villas Market Research*. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school.

**Emily Graham**
is a business management and accounting double-major from Hemingway, S.C. While at CCU, she served as treasurer of Phi Beta Lambda for one year and was a leader in Baptist Collegiate Ministry. She won the 2014 Big Read Essay Contest, the Accounting Principles competition at the 2015 PBL National Leadership Conference, and the Management Concepts competition at the 2016 PBL National Leadership Conference. She was also selected to receive the award for 2018 Outstanding Student in the Department of Management and Decision Sciences. Her thesis is titled *Applying Best Practices to a Family-Owned Restaurant: A Case Study*. After graduating, she plans to pursue a SHRM certification and a master’s degree.

**Danielle Guy**
is a marine science major minoring in biology from Lancaster, Pa. While at CCU, Danielle presented academic work at the Undergraduate Research Symposium and the Undergraduate Research Competition. Danielle was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List, was a member of the honor society Phi Eta Sigma, and was awarded the President’s Scholarship. Danielle’s honors thesis is titled *Seasonal Perkinsus marinus prevalence and intensity in North Inlet, SC Grassostrea virginica* and was done under the advisement of Juliana M. Harding. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in marine mammal rehabilitation.
Lezah Hanna
is a marine science and biology double major with a math minor from Greenville, S.C. While at CCU, Lezah presented academic work at the Marine Science Research Symposium. Lezah was on the President’s List or Dean’s List each semester and has been awarded the South Carolina LIFE Scholarship and the President’s Scholar Award. Lezah’s honors thesis is titled Effects of Loxothylacus panopaei on the survival of Eurypanopeus depressus during starvation and exposure to Fundulus heteroclitus.

Savannah Harden
is a communication major with a minor in journalism from Washington, Pa. While attending CCU, Savannah presented academic work at the Celebration of Inquiry. She was named the 2017 Outstanding Sophomore of Communication, Media and Culture. She has been named to the Dean’s List every semester in attendance at CCU. Savannah is an active member in her social Greek sorority, Sigma Sigma Sigma, as well as her honors fraternities, Phi Sigma Pi, Lambda Pi Eta, and Sigma Tau Delta. She is also a member of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. Savannah has been the student assistant for the Office of the Provost for more than three years at CCU. Savannah’s honors thesis is titled Compassion through Fashion. After graduation, she plans to teach in Horry County while working toward a master’s degree in literacy.

John D. Horgan
is an applied mathematics major from Little River, S.C. While at CCU, John was the secretary and treasurer of Pi Mu Epsilon, an honorary mathematics society. John’s research included the study of regression models. His honors thesis is titled All models are wrong, but some are useful, a quote from the famous statistician George Box. John was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and was awarded the President’s Scholar Award.

Colin Hildebeidel
is a marine science major from Bel Air, Md. While at CCU, Colin was vice president of the Wizards of the Coastal Game Club and named to the Dean’s List. His thesis is titled Fiddler Crab Species Distribution by Vegetation with Eric Rosch as his adviser.

Kyla Hilty
is an early childhood education major from Broomfield, Colo. While at CCU, Kyla has been named to both the President’s List and Dean’s List and has been awarded the Dean’s Excellence Scholarship, President’s Scholar Award, University Scholar Award and CCU alumni association endowed scholarships. Kyla is an active sister in Sigma Sigma Sigma; she served on the executive board as the scholarship chair and in Kappa Delta Pi as the vice president. She is also a member of Order of Omega. Kyla’s honors thesis is titled The Impact of Brain Breaks in the Early Childhood Classroom. After graduation, she plans to teach in Horry County while working toward a master’s degree in literacy.

Logan C. Jarrell
is an anthropology and geography major from Brookeville, Md.

Eric Rosch
examines the workings of Allion models. His research thesis, under the guidance of Archarios, includes the study of regression models. His honors thesis is titled All models are wrong, but some are useful, a quote from the famous statistician George Box. John was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and was awarded the President’s Scholar Award.

George B. Hyde
is a political science major and business minor from Olney, Md. He is a member of the Phi Sigma Pi Honor fraternity, as well as the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He has remained on the Dean’s List for all semesters at Coastal except for one, which he achieved President’s List. He was awarded the Provost’s Scholarship and has maintained its requirements throughout his time at CCU. He plans to attend law school after graduation. His honors research thesis, under the guidance of Mikel Norris, examines the workings of presidential unilateral action.

Samantha Ikner
is a psychology major from Socastee, S.C. While at CCU, Samantha presented academic work at the Undergraduate Research Competition and is a member of Psi Chi. She received the President’s Scholarship while at CCU. She presented poetry at Sigma Tau Delta’s open mic night, and has had her work published in Archarios. After graduation, her plans are to attend a graduate program and earn her Ph.D. in cognitive neuroscience.

Erin Hurley
is an anthropology and geography major from Charleston, S.C., and start a job in public relations and marketing.
Sophia Kider
is a B.F.A. musical theatre major from Warren, N.J. During her time at CCU, Sophia has been secretary of the Upstage Theatre Club, a sister of Sigma Kappa, and a member of Alpha Psi Omega. She was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and has been awarded the President’s Scholar Award and the University Scholar Award. Recently, she was seen on stage portraying the role of Helen Sinclair in CCU’s production of Bullets Over Broadway. Additionally, she performed in CCU’s productions of Oklahoma!, How to Succeed in Business..., Spring Awakening and She Loves Me. In March, Sophia and other senior B.F.A. theatre performance majors presented their senior showcase for industry professionals in New York City. After graduation, She plans on moving to the Big Apple to continue pursuing her passion.

Leah Kohler
is a graphic design major with a minor in dramatic arts from Warrington, Pa. While at Coastal Carolina University, she has been an active member of Alpha Delta Pi, holding leadership positions such as recruitment and marketing vice president and new member coordinator. Leah was a peer mentor for University College First-Year Experience students, and she served as art director for Archarios, the University art and literary magazine. She received the Linda and Dalton Floyd Scholarship for her commitment to the Peer Leader program, a Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship, Visual Arts Award, Dean’s Excellence Scholarship and University Scholar Award. Leah has been accepted to travel with the international leadership program Up With People upon graduation, where she has the opportunity to travel around the world, perform for thousands, and impact communities through volunteerism and cultural exchange.

Noah Lare
is a recreation and sport management major and marketing minor from Perkasie, Pa. While at Coastal Carolina University, Noah has worked with the CCU athletic ticketing department, was a mentor for the LIFE Program, worked as an information specialist for CHANT411, and was a basketball operations intern for Manzer Basketball Academy in Myrtle Beach. Noah’s honors thesis is titled On Campus, Off Campus, and In-between and looks at the factors that influence student attendance at college football games; it was presented at the College Sport Research Institute Conference. Noah was named to the President’s List or the Dean’s List throughout his four years at CCU. After graduation, Noah plans on attending graduate school.

Alan Lemons
is a business management and marketing double major with a specialization in PGA golf management, originally from Appleton, Wis. While at CCU, Alan worked in leadership roles in the Office of Admissions as a Teal Trailblazer (tour guide). Alan has also been named to the President’s List every semester and has been awarded several scholarships, including the University Scholar Award, Dean’s Excellence Scholarship, and the Dean’s Wall College of Business Fund Scholarship. Upon graduation, Alan will be working as the first assistant golf professional at Grandfather Golf & Country Club in Linville, N.C.

Alexandra Lucas
is an exercise and sport science major from Baltimore, Md. While at CCU, Alex presented academic work at Southeast Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine conference and at the ASCM annual meeting. She was named to the Dean’s List on multiple occasions and is a part of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honors Society. She worked at the HTC Center for three years as a supervisor and tutored anatomy and physiology for the biology department. Her honors research equivalent was completed with Will Lyerly on the correlation between a Garmin watch and a metabolic cart. After graduation, Alex plans to pursue graduate school to become a physician’s assistant.

Jake Lucas
is a political science major with a minor and intelligence and national security studies from Rockaway, N.J. While at CCU, Jake served as a resident adviser with University Housing, a building manager with student life, and an Honors Research Fellow with the Honors Program. Jake was named to both the Dean’s List and the President’s List. Jake’s honors thesis is
titled *Reducing Crime in Inner Cities* with credit to adviser Pam Martin. After graduation, Jake plans on working in law enforcement.

**Christina Lunetta**

is an early childhood education major from Myrtle Beach, S.C.

**Ashley Lynch**

is a biology major from Baltimore, Md. In her first two years at CCU, Ashley was a member of the women’s soccer team as well as secretary of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. In her final two years at CCU, she became a member of the Swain Scholars Program, receiving a scholarship and devoting much of her time to researching the heroin epidemic in our community. This research, which she used for her honors thesis, is titled *Quantifying Perceptions of Substance Abuse: Promoting Positive Change*. Ashley presented her research at the Undergraduate Research Competition in 2017 and 2018, as well as at the 2018 Women in Philanthropy Luncheon and the American College Health Association 2018 research conference. She was named to the either the President’s List or Dean’s List in all eight semesters and has been awarded the following scholarships since the spring of 2015: President’s Scholar Award, University Scholar Award, and Honors Excellence Award. From the spring of 2016, Ashley has been a recipient of the Women in Philanthropy and Leadership Annual Scholarship as well as the CCU Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship. She has also applied to receive the Rotary Global Grant, which, if received, will allow her to continue her education in obtaining a master’s degree of public health abroad at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. After obtaining her master’s degree, she plans to pursue a career in the medical field.

**Casey Mallon**

is a political science and intelligence and national security studies double major from Myrtle Beach, S.C. She is also a religious studies, statistics, and geographic information systems minor. While at CCU, Casey presented academic work at the Chanticleer Intelligence Brief Symposium, the Celebration of Inquiry, and the ASIANetwork Conference. Casey was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and has been awarded the Dean’s Excellence Scholarship, the President’s Scholar Award, the Honors Program Award, South Carolina Palmetto Fellows, and the CCU Palmetto Scholarship. Casey’s honors thesis is titled *The Islamic State Abroad: Where will the Islamic State turn next?* After graduation, she plans on attending the University of Chicago to obtain a Ph.D. in political science.

**Steven Manz III**

is an applied physics major with a minor in math and business administration from Murrells Inlet, S.C. While at CCU, Steven was a member of various housing organizations in which he won a few awards. Steven earned placement on the Dean’s List and President’s List while attending CCU and has presented academic work in the Undergraduate Research Competition and Celebration of Inquiry. He submitted an honors thesis in automated robot control for the FIRST Robotics Competition in March with his mentor, Louis Rubbo. After graduation, he plans to pursue a master’s degree in electrical engineering with an intelligent systems bias.

**Erin Martin**

is a political science major and history minor from New Milford, N.J. She is a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma and has held multiple leadership positions. While at CCU, Erin presented academic work at the Undergraduate Research Competition for the political science honor society, Pi Sigma Alpha, in Washington, D.C. Erin was named to the President’s List and Dean’s List and has been awarded a scholarship after her first semester at CCU. After graduation, Erin plans on attending law school to focus on immigration law.

**Carley Metcalf**

is a marine science major with a certification in sustainability from Metairie, La. Carley served as an Honors Research Fellow for the University Honors Program and conducted her own research on coastal crab species behavior under the supervision of Eric Rosch. She presented this academic research, titled *Intruder Alert! Fiddler Crab Response to a Same Species Invader*, at the Undergraduate Research Competition and the Association for Southeastern Biologists conference. After graduation, Carley plans on gaining experience in coastal ecology field work and research before pursuing higher education.

**Taylor Monahan**

is a philosophy major from Conway, S.C. While at CCU, Taylor worked as a Research Fellow for the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts and a student assistant with CeTEAL. She received the LIFE Scholarship and Teal Scholarship while at CCU. She was named to the President’s List or Dean’s List every semester since arriving at Coastal and was also a member of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society and Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honor Society. Her article *Defining Who We Are Through the Study of Religion* was published in the 2015 edition of the University’s magazine *Tapestry*. She presented her honors
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Skyler Munson
is a psychology major and criminology and intelligence and national security studies minor from Springfield, Vt. While at CCU, Skyler became an active researcher for the University Research Fellows Program. Skyler has membership in Phi Eta Sigma, Sigma Alpha Pi, Psi Chi, the American Psychological Association and the South Carolina Probation and Parole Association. Skyler has presented academic work on a student panel at the Undergraduate Research Competition and Celebration of Inquiry. Skyler was named to the Dean’s List and has been awarded the Teal Scholar Award and the University Scholar Award. Skyler’s honors thesis, Sociology of Crime, was completed with Robert Jenkot and was continued with Megan McIlreavy as a research proposal titled Death Penalty Sentencing and the Effect on Mental Health. Skyler has recently pursued research with Terry Pettijohn titled Self-Perception of Tattoo Sleeves on Risk-Taking Behaviors in College Students and presented this research in the Spring 2018 Southeastern Psychological Association conference. After graduation, Skyler plans to pursue graduate school for a program in clinical psychology and earn a Ph.D. with a focus on criminal and legal psychology.

Meredith Nichols
is a psychology major and economics minor from Lexington, Ky. While at CCU, Meredith served as the financial vice president of her sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, and worked as a research fellow for the Honors Program. She also was a resident adviser in the honors building on campus. She presented academic work at the Undergraduate Research Competition and the Celebration of Inquiry. She was named to Dean’s List and has been awarded the University Scholar Award, Dean’s Excellence Scholarship, President’s Scholar Award, and The Evelynn Rose Pettijohn Memorial Scholarship. Meredith’s honors thesis is titled The Effects of Financial Responsibility on Mental Health, a research project and study done for applied research in psychology with Miranda Brenneman. After graduation, her plans are to pursue a career closer to her “old Kentucky home” using her degrees earned at CCU.

Benjamin Noonan
is a business management major with a concentration in entrepreneurial management from Tolland, Conn. While at CCU, Benjamin has engaged in leadership roles in Greek life and was a founding father of Kappa Sigma fraternity at CCU. Additionally, he served on the executive council for Kappa Sigma, including vice president. Benjamin has been named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and was recognized as being in the top 15 percent of the class in 2014-15. He was awarded a general Merit Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement in 2015. After graduation, he plans to gain employment in either the management or marketing field.

Riley Norman
is a marine science major and Spanish minor from Bloomington, Ill. While at CCU, Riley served on the executive board for Sigma Kappa as well as working on the Teal Trailblazer executive board for the Office of Admissions. She also made Dean’s List several times through her four years and presented academic work at the Undergraduate Research Competition and the Celebration of Inquiry. At the 2018 SEAMAMMS conference, Riley presented her honors thesis, Is There a Correlation Between Estuarine Habitat Complexity and Survey Density of Bottlenose Dolphins (Tursiops truncatus)? that she completed with Rob Young. Riley received the President’s Scholar Award as an incoming freshman as well as the Shikar Safari Scholarship.

Madison Nowlin
is an intelligence and national security studies major and a Russian studies minor from Concord, N.C. While at CCU, she served as the president of National Security Club and the chief financial officer of the Chanticleer Intelligence Brief. Madison also received the Most Outstanding Sophomore award for the Edwards College in 2017, and has been published twice in The Intelligence Review. Her honors capstone thesis is titled How the Cases of Iran and India Describe Russia’s Foreign Policy Toward North Korea.
Hunter M. Ofcarcik
is an intelligence and national security
studies major and Spanish minor from
Chester, N.H. While at CCU, Hunter
served as the president pro tempore of
the Student Government Association,
and has served as recording secretary
of his fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta.
Hunter has earned academic recogni-
tion on the Dean’s List for the past
five consecutive semesters. Hunter
is a recipient of the CCU Provost’s
Scholarship. After graduation, Hunter
is pursuing graduate school and hopes
to earn a doctorate in security studies.
Hunter’s honors thesis will concentrate
on the impact counterintelligence has
on the modern intelligence community.

Jennifer Page
is a middle level education major with
science and social studies as her two
concentration areas. Jennifer is from
Lake View, S.C., and has presented
research during the Undergraduate
Research Competition and has been
named to the President’s List and the
Dean’s List. Jennifer’s honors thesis is
on the effects of mentoring on
mentees, as well as the mentors. After
graduation, Jennifer plans to teach for
a few years then return to CCU for her
master’s degree in education.

Joie Passalacqua
is a business marketing major from
Staten Island, N.Y. During her three
years at Coastal Carolina, she was a
sister of Gamma Phi Beta, serving on
the executive board as the member-
ship vice president. Joie was named
to both President’s List and Dean’s List
and received nominations for Who’s
Who Among American College and
Universities and SILA’s Rising Leader
award. Last May, she traveled abroad
throughout Europe through CCU’s
international business studies program. Her
honors thesis is focused on researching
social media marketing with Melissa Clark,
and she was mentored by Carol Megehee
during her time in the Honors Program.
Upon graduation, she plans to move back
to New York to further her education and
pursue a career in the dental field.

Erin Paxton
is a musical theatre major from Severna
Park, Md.

Taylor Petersen
is an economics major from Long Island,
N.Y. While at CCU, Taylor became a sister
of Alpha Xi Delta, was named to the Dean’s
List, and has been awarded the Provost’s
Scholarship. After graduation, she plans to
attend law school.

Claire Poeckes
is receiving a dual degree in political
science and psychology. She is from
Omaha, Neb. While at CCU, Poeckes
presented as part of a panel on the death
penalty at the 2016 Undergraduate
Research Competition and the Celebration
of Inquiry. Poeckes was named to the
President’s List and the Dean’s List. Poeckes’
honors thesis for psychology is titled
The Effects of a Picture and Description
on Perceptions of the Disabled. The
honors thesis was presented at the 2018
Southeastern Psychological Association
(SEPA) Conference. After graduation, her
plans are to go law school.

Emily Presley
is a biology major with a marine science
minor from Greer, S.C. While at CCU, she
presented academic work at the Marine
Science Fall Research Symposium 2017.
Her honors thesis is titled Relationship
between burrow and mound size in
Ocypode quadrata with Eric Rosch. She
was the president of InterVarsity from
Fall 2016 to Spring 2017. Emily was
named to the Dean’s List and has been
awarded the LIFE, LIFE Enhancement and
President’s Scholarship. Her academic
accomplishments include completing the
Degree in Three program and earning
the Trustee Award. After graduation, she
plans to earn a master’s degree in forestry
and wildlife management and work for
the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Micah Ray
is a music major in the teacher prepa-
rations program from Rochester, Minn.
While at Coastal Carolina University,
Micah served as the drumline captain
in the Chanticleer Regiment march-
ing band, and as the president of the
Coastal Percussion Society. Micah made
the Dean’s List and President’s List
seven times, and received merit scholar-
ships and the James G. Strain Music
Scholarship. Micah gave a 45-minute
senior recital as his honors thesis. After
graduation, he intends to pursue a mas-
ter’s degree in percussion performance.

Lindsay Rhodunda
is a sociology major with a concentration
in criminology and a minor in Spanish
from Philadelphia, Pa. While at Coastal
Carolina University, Lindsay was named
to the President’s List as well as the
Dean’s List. She was also awarded the
Teal Scholar Award, the University Scholar
Award, the Dean’s Excellence Scholar
Award, the Kleber-Springs Bachelor of
Science/Arts Scholarship, and the
Durwood Barton Memorial Endowed
Scholarship. Lindsay’s honors thesis is
titled Stress, Marijuana, and Academic
Performance: A Correlating Relationship?
and was completed under the advis-
ment of professor Robert Jenkot. After
graduation, Lindsay’s plans are to seek
out pre-law opportunities and further
continue her education in the field.
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Emily Ricardo
is an exercise and sport science major with a minor in psychology from Plymouth, Mass. While at CCU, Emily presented academic work at the Undergraduate Research Competition under the advisement of Gibson Darden. Emily was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and has been awarded the University Scholar Award and Provost’s Scholarship. Emily’s honors thesis is titled Comparing Reaction Time, ART and VRT, between Artists and Non-Artists. She also served as captain and president of the CCU Club Quidditch team. After graduation, her plans are to attend graduate school to pursue a doctorate in physical therapy.

Stephanie Roa
is an accounting major from Hawley, Pa. While at CCU, Stephanie presented academic work at the Undergraduate Research Competition. She has remained on the President’s List throughout her career and has been awarded the President’s Scholar Award Scholarship. She served two years as the executive treasurer for Phi Beta Lambda, placed fifth nationally in Management Concepts, served one year as scholarship chair and one semester as brother-at-large for Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, started the Society for Collegiate Leadership and Achievement on campus, and held a position with the Community and Business Engagement (CoBE) Institute, with which she was able to consult with a law firm in Spain and visit to present to them. Stephanie’s honors thesis is titled Expatriates in Spain: A Case Study on Consulting in Spain. After graduation, her plans are to attend graduate school to earn a master’s degree in accountancy and pass the CPA exam.

Kayli Rohal
is a biochemistry major from Columbus, Ohio. While at CCU, Kayli was a part of Phi Eta Sigma honors sorority and the National Society of Leadership and Success. In the fall of 2015, Kayli sailed with semester at sea where she became CCAI-certified and was awarded the passport to leadership for her participation in ship life. In 2018, she presented academic work at the Undergraduate Research Competition. She has been named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and was awarded the President’s Scholarship. Her honors thesis is titled Phidianidine Synthesis. After graduation, Kayli will be participating in the Disney College Program before continuing on to graduate school.

Lucille Romanik
is a double major in studio art and psychology from Winston Salem, N.C. At CCU, Lucille has presented academic work at the Undergraduate Research Competition and South Eastern Psychological Association (SEPA) Research Conference. Lucille was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and has been awarded the Dean’s Excellence Scholarship, Provost’s Scholarship, Martha Baker Thomas Endowed Scholar Scholarship, Visual Arts Award, University Scholar Award, Kleber Scholarship, Edwards COHFA BOV Annual Scholarship, and the Dalton and Linda Floyd Mentoring Program Scholarship. Lucille’s honors thesis is titled The Effects of Art Therapy Methods on Aggressive Behaviors and Mood in Relation to Personality. After graduation, her plans are to pursue graduate school to earn a master’s degree in art therapy and counseling.

Raymond Sgambati
is a marine science major from West Islip, N.Y. While at CCU, Ray was a member of the club lacrosse team, the Coastal Elasmobranch Society and held a job as a bike technician in the Outdoor Center. He completed his bachelor’s degree in five semesters, and was on the Dean’s List each semester he attended CCU. In addition to his merit scholarships, he held the College of Science Dean’s Excellence Scholarship. Ray’s honors thesis is titled Nutrient Limitation and Species Diversity in Phytoplankton Communities in the Coastal Waters of Waites Island, SC: A Comparison Between the Back-Barrier Spartina Marsh and the Near Shore Beach. After graduation, Ray plans to study biological oceanography at graduate school.

Dominique Smith (Nikko)
is a BFA acting major from Houston, Texas. While pursuing her degree, Nikko appeared in numerous CCU productions, including Big Love. She joined the fraternity Alpha Psi Omega, became a member of Upstage, and led Tap Troupe in the theatre department. She also presented works during the Celebration of Inquiry. Nikko was named to the President’s List every semester during her time at CCU and has been awarded numerous scholarships, such as the Honors Excellence Scholarship, Women in Philanthropy and Leadership Scholarship, and the Kleber Scholarship. While at CCU, Nikko has appeared in multiple films and TV shows such as Unbridled and Homicide Hunter: Lt Joe Kenda. After graduation, Nikko plans to move to Atlanta to pursue her film and modeling career.

Toni Smith
is a studio arts and graphic design double major from Surfside Beach, S.C. While at CCU, she was an Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts Research Fellow for four years. She was also an active member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority for four years. Toni was named to the Dean’s List and was awarded the University Honors Program Global Enhancement
Award in 2016. She studied art history abroad at the Accademia dell’Arte in Arezzo, Italy. She interned for one semester for the Palmetto Curatorial Exchange. In the summer of 2017, Toni was a participating artist on two public mural paintings in North Myrtle Beach, S.C. After graduation, Toni plans to build a body of artwork and then apply to grad schools in pursuit of a Master of Fine Arts with a concentration in jewelry and metalsmithing.

**Elizabeth Spegar**
is a middle level education major with a concentration in math and science from Pittsburgh, Pa. Elizabeth was named to the President’s List and is a recipient of the University Scholars Award as well as the Dean’s Excellence Scholarship. She was the founder and president of the women’s club basketball organization. She is a member of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity and served as a co-chair of the service committee. She is a member of the Teacher Education Advisory Council (TEAC). After graduation, she plans to enter the workforce as a middle level educator while pursuing her master’s degree in learning disabilities from CCU.

**Kenidy Springer**
is a marketing major from Edgewater, Md. While at CCU, Springer was part of Gamma Phi Beta were she was philanthropy chair and parliamentarian. She has been awarded the Governor’s Scholarship. After graduation, her plans are to move to the west and secure a job at a marketing agency.

**Nora Stanley**
is a marine science major from Elgin, Ill.

**Tavia Sturgill**
is a psychology major with a minor in women’s and gender studies from Roanoke, Va. While at CCU, Tavia was a Teal Trailblazer, resident adviser and Orientation leader. She was a member of Triota, the women’s and gender studies honor society, as well as the National Society for Leadership and Success. Tavia also presented academic work at the Undergraduate Research Competition. She was named to the President’s List and has been awarded the University Scholar and Evelynn Rose Pettijohn Memorial scholarships. After graduation, her plans are to volunteer with the Peace Corps in the field of community and youth development.

**Abby Taylor**
is a biology major from Longs, S.C. While at CCU, she presented academic work at an INBRE poster competition and Celebration of Inquiry. She has been named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and has been awarded the Presidential Merit Scholarship. Abby’s honors thesis is titled *Prey Availability for Venus Flytraps*, with John Hutchens as her adviser.

**Asiah Thompson**
is a public health major from Sumter, S.C. Asiah was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and has been awarded the LIFE Scholarship. Asiah is a member of Eta Sigma Gamma, the national health education honorary. After graduation, she plans to attend dental school.

**Natalie Tyran**
is a psychology major from Wadsworth, Ill. While at CCU, Natalie presented academic work at the Undergraduate Research Competition and Celebration of Inquiry. Natalie was named to the Dean’s List and has been awarded the President’s Scholarship. Natalie’s honors thesis is titled *Effects of Confederates Gender and Sexual View on College Women’s View of Causal Sex* under the supervision of associate professor Miranda Brenneman. After graduation, her plans are to attend a Ph.D. program for clinical psychology.

**Rachel Unger**
is a marine science and biology major with a minor in Spanish from Bethel Park, Pa. She has made the Dean’s List or President’s List during seven semesters and is graduating magna cum laude. She has presented her research at the Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic Marine Mammal Symposium (SEAMAMMS) and at CCU’s Undergraduate Research Competition. Her research was done with Robert Young and her thesis is titled *Distribution of coastal bottlenose dolphins, Tursiops truncatus, along the northern South Carolina coast in relation to tidal stage, season, and distance from inlets*. After graduating, Rachel is pursuing a job studying marine mammal ecology and/ or conservation and also plans to attend graduate school.

**Hannah Wareheim**
is a marine science major with a biology minor from Parkersburg, W.Va. During her time at CCU, Hannah was a member and president of the swim club, member of the Phi Sigma Pi honor fraternity, as well as a lifeguard at the University Recreation pool. She was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and has been awarded the Excellence Award through the Honors Program as well as being nominated for Marine Science Student of the Year. While at CCU, she presented her academic work at the Undergraduate Research Competition and at SEAMAMMS (Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic Marine Mammal Symposium). Hannah’s honors thesis is titled *Trophic levels of oceanic and estuarine bottlenose dolphins in South Carolina from stable carbon and nitrogen isotopes*, which was completed.
with Robert Young. After graduation, she plans to continue her passion in the field of wildlife conservation and rehabilitation.

**Hannah Weinberg**

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