From the Chief Executive Officer

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce YOUR CEF TEAM. This team is working hard to provide you the highest standard of service both ethically and professionally. I am very fortunate to work with people of this caliber.

Robyn Diven is the donor relations officer responsible for gift reception, donor reminders, thank you letters and many other responsibilities including this newsletter. She has five years experience with the CEF and is originally from Pennsylvania with more than 30 years experience in the private sector. She lives in Conway with her husband and two children.

David Frost is director of finance and has been with the CEF for one-and-a-half years. He comes to us with more than 24 years of private sector experience including service as CFO for a multimillion dollar retail enterprise. He is a CCU graduate and a certified public accountant. He lives in Conway with his wife and three children.

Donna Lewis is the administrative coordinator who joined us in January of this year. She comes with nine years experience in nonprofit foundation work and 20+ years of administrative experience. She and her husband live in Conway. Their son is a 2009 CCU graduate.

Regina Markland is the compliance and planned giving officer responsible for all donor agreements and gifts associated with estates, trusts and insurance. She is our newest team member, having started the beginning of July. She has an unusual combination of experience in coaching and in athletic administration at CCU, plus more than four years of financial service experience. She lives in Murrells Inlet.

Michelle Strang is our staff accountant and has been with us for three years. She has more than 13 years of private sector experience and is not only a CCU graduate, but also holds a master's degree from Winthrop and is currently working on a graduate certificate from CCU. She lives in Myrtle Beach, and her daughter is in her first year at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Please remember that because of your financial support, thousands of CCU students have been able to receive a great education. It is a privilege to serve the CEF and work with the Office for Philanthropy and the Chanticleer Athletic Foundation for the betterment of Coastal Carolina University.

Our board of directors and the Foundation staff pledge to continue providing first class service to you, the donor. Our task is to ensure that you have total confidence in the fiduciary and professionalism of the CEF. This includes the prudent investment of the Foundation’s endowments to ensure availability of funds into the future.

The University is growing and providing excellent education not only to students from South Carolina, but across the country and the world. Since 1954, the Coastal Educational Foundation has provided direct scholarship money, funded important programs that enhance the educational experience and helped pay for outstanding professors.

Lastly, I would like to ask you to continue your financial support of Coastal Carolina University through direct gifts or planned giving such as remembering CCU in your estate. My time as a member of the board of directors has convinced me it would be a wise investment in the future of the next generations. Thank you for your past generosity and your future support.

Dennis L. Wade
Chairman, CEF Board of Directors

Many new and exciting things are happening in the E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business at Coastal Carolina University, according to Dean J. Ralph Byington, who was recently named CCU’s interim provost. An accelerated degree program for both an undergraduate degree and an MBA degree are two of them. The Degree in Three program enables students to complete their undergraduate degree in business administration in three years. To accomplish this, the student will take summer or online classes by choosing the Summer on the Beach option or the Summer Away distance learning option.

The Get More in Four program enables the student to complete the BSBA Degree in Three program and also a one-year MBA program. This program focuses on advanced skills in critical thinking, leadership and communication. It also requires students to complete two internships designed to give them real-world work experience.

Another new milestone, the Dean’s Society Donor Wall, offers a new fundraising opportunity for the Wall College of Business. This enables donors to contribute to any fund that benefits the Wall College. A total of their cumulative donations since 1993 will determine their donation level. The program offers eight different giving levels ranging from $2,500 to $1 million plus. By continuing to support the Wall College funds, donors can move to higher and higher levels. The Donor Wall will be dedicated at Homecoming this year.

The Coastal Educational Foundation manages more than 75 funds for the business college including the Wall Fellows Operating Fund, which was created in 1994. This fund supports a two-year leadership development program for students. It helps prepare students of all majors at the University for careers through leadership, development seminars, internships and international experiences.

“Your role is to prepare students not for their first job, but for their last job.”
—E. Craig Wall Jr.
ancient campsites and burial mounds of their existence through existing anthropological history. Waccamaw...for a brief period of time. Several discrepancies exist in...of England since the documents have received the land grant from the King...Jr. or William Waties Sr., both of whom is island was named for William Waties...island received the island via a land purchase surrounding property through...Horace L. Tilghman Sr. purchased the property located along the Intracoastal Waterway. An additional 4.65 acres were donated by...Mr. Tilghman lived primarily on Waties Island, by the time he passed away in 1937. Originally from Maryland, Tilghman and his family moved south to Marion, S.C. He owned and managed the Tilghman Lumber Company with his father, Merrill, and brother Charles.

Approximately 1,049 acres and the adjoining uplands of Tilghman Point were donated to the Coastal Educational Foundation in the early 1990s. The land was left to a charitable trust by the late Anne Tilghman Boyce, daughter of Horace Tilghman Sr., and became the Anne Tilghman Boyce Coastal Reserve. It is approximately 60 days. The temperature of the sand will determine the number of female or male turtles. As Karen Fuss states, “Hot Chicks – Cool Dudes.” A higher sand temperature will lead to more female turtles and a lower temperature will lead to more male turtles.

According to Paul Gayes, Ph.D., director of the Burroughs & Chapin Center for Marine and Wetland Studies, Wadys Island provides the research data needed to better understand how the coastal system works. The island contains a bluff that is 45 feet above sea level and rises from the marsh, which is an extremely unusual feature in the state of South Carolina. It contains a five-acre freshwater lake that is home to various wading birds and is also used by migrating birds. He also says that the island will be vitally important to CCU’s new doctoral program in marine science. The Center’s new 54-foot, $1.3 million research vessel will be docked at a marina near the island or at a marina in Georgetown, S.C.

Research on wind power will be the new industry for the Ph.D. program, according to Gayes. The research started in March 2009 when Santee Cooper, Coastal Carolina University and the South Carolina Energy Office announced a joint study for offshore wind energy. Nine sites have been chosen for a potential future wind farm, and five of the nine are between Cape Fear, N.C., and Georgetown, S.C. There are no offshore wind farms anywhere off the coasts of the United States. Anyone who has visited Waties Island knows what a “jewel” it is in both beauty and value as a research facility. It will benefit CCU for years to come.

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