The Experienced @ Coastal is an initiative on Coastal’s campus for students to take the skills they have learned in a classroom and transfer them to a live setting specific to their majors. These live settings are a part of the Quality Enhancement Plan intended to enlighten the students about their own focus fields in a hands-on way. This type of initiative is important to a student’s academic career. It provides an experience that is aimed to confirm that their studies are leading them to a career they would want to practice once they graduate.

The Experienced @ Coastal Initiative offers several ways to apply classroom learning to real life experiences. One such opportunity is to participate in an international experience, better known as studying abroad. Students can choose to spend between three weeks to a full academic year abroad, learning about a specific area of study while also experiencing a new culture.

Students also have the opportunity to do undergraduate research, which can serve as a great way to expand their knowledge of a specific area outside of the textbooks and course information through getting hands-on experience with experiments and surveys.

Another way to be experienced at Coastal is to do an internship within their selected future field. Many students have found the internship experience to be a critical one in confirming that they are on the right career path. The internship experience allows students to get true hands-on experience in the exact field that they would like to pursue. The Experienced @ Coastal Initiative confirms that these opportunities will allow students to earn college credit, encourage graduation, while preparing students before they go into their ideal workforce.

Coastal Connections is a new and exciting online management system for student organizations, students, departments and general student involvement at Coastal Carolina University. The core function of the website is to connect campus activities and students in a more effective way.

The options for students who utilize Coastal Connections are endless. The website is a great way for students to see their options when it comes to getting involved with a club or organization. Students who get involved with organizations can plan, promote, and gain ideas from the Coastal Connections website. The website also offers a list of all active clubs/organizations on campus that are always eager to gain new members.

If a student doesn’t know what organization they would like to join, they can also set a profile and rank their interests. After doing this, the website will offer recommendations for the individual student!

On the main page, it displays organization events on campus so students will know the when, where, what and why of the events and programs. The Office of Student Activities & Leadership is excited to see how the students will continue to utilize this website to get involved. Take a look at the front page of the site and some of the events our students have currently planned.

https://coastal.collegiatelink.net/
Multicultural Student Services

The Office of Multicultural Student Services serves as the cultural and social aid for students at Coastal Carolina University. The Office strives to accomplish these goals through counseling and programming during the academic year for the entire student body.

The Office offers several resources to students to help them succeed on campus. These resources include Leadership Challenge Program, SNAP (Students Navigating and Advising Peers) Program, and many cultural celebration events that cater to Native American, African American, Hispanic, and Asian awareness.

This office focuses primarily on the cultural diversity of CCU students and ways of celebrating that diversity.

African American Music Through the Years

Every year the students of Coastal Carolina University team up for a collaborative effort to celebrate the history and music of African Americans through a musical timeline. This year the African American Music Through the Years program was held on February 21, in Wheelwright Auditorium.

The entire program was arranged by the students from the selection of artists or groups from across the decades starting with the 1930’s to today and crossing all genres. The students took on some of these artists’ biggest hits in multiple live performances.

Some of the past and recently highlighted artists included Aretha Franklin, Billie Holiday, The Supremes, Boys II Men, Beyoncé, John Legend, Chris Brown, Michael Jackson, The Temptations, and Tina Turner. The musical talent of these world renowned artists was at many times matched by our very talented Coastal students.

This celebration initiative originated from a student concept in 2009 and remains a student run production today. All elements of the production are student run groups such as Leadership Challenge, NAACP, and Afro Am.

CCU students determine the highlighted decades and select the performers, as well as the musicians involved.

The original venue for the event was the Edwards Recital Hall. The event was such a hit with the campus and community at large, the venue had to be changed for the following year to the much larger location of Wheelwright Auditorium. It has continued to be a sell-out audience ever since.
Housing Application Live

On Saturday, February 2, the Fall 2013 housing application went live.

Rising second year students who apply in a timely manner may participate in a room selection that will allow them to pick specific apartments, rooms, and roommates from March 19—March 21 at the Coastal Science Center. Group selection times will be based on the time stamp of the last person who successfully submitted their application in the apartment group. It is encouraged that students apply as early as possible.

This year University Housing is offering campus housing for rising third and fourth year students in the Blue Ridge community. To be considered for this housing opportunity, these students must also participate in the housing selection process from March 19—March 21 at the Coastal Science Center. University Housing asks that rising third and fourth year students keep in mind space and opportunity are limited and to apply in the same early fashion as the rising second year students.

Both new students and rising second-year students must either apply for housing or have an approved Housing Exemption Form for the 2013–2014 academic year. Failure to apply will result in an automatic assignment of a space in University Housing. In order to be exempted from the Housing requirement the student may apply for exemption through University Housing under the following circumstances:

1. MARRIED: Copy of marriage license required
2. PARENT: Primary provider of dependent children who live with them – Copy of birth certificate required
3. MILITARY: Proof of military status required
4. LIVING LOCALLY WITH PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Permanent address must match parent/guardian’s address through proper documentation.

University Housing Communities:
Ingle Hall
Eaglin Hall
The Woods: Maple, Cypress, Oak, Palmetto, Elm and Dogwood Halls
The Gardens: Azalea and Magnolia Halls
University Place Apartments: Grand Strand, Sandhills, Low Country, Blue Ridge, and Piedmont

For any questions, please contact University Housing at (843) 349-6400 or housing@coastal.edu.

Midterm Meltdown

Midterm Meltdown is a mid-semester program presented by Coastal Carolina’s Counseling Services each semester. The program is intended to ease some of the stressors that have accumulated over the semester, especially during the course of midterm examinations.

On March 6, 2013 Counseling Services took to Prince Lawn to provide activities, food, and music for the students in an effort to help them remain relaxed for their midterms exams. Some of the unique activities included an oxygen bar, massage chairs and spinal massagers. Students could also choose to tie-dye t-shirts and make wax hands all while enjoying some free pizza.

Throughout each academic semester Counseling Services offers many unique programs such as Mid-Term Meltdown to support students mentally, emotionally and physically, as well as provide educational opportunities to students on campus.

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Coastal Carolina University enjoys recognizing staff/faculty members for their accomplishments on and off campus. Our spotlight this time is on CCU Marine Biology professor, Dr. Dan Abel, who received the 2012 Harry Hampton Woods and Waters Conservation Memorial Journalism Award from the South Carolina Wildlife Federation. Dr. Abel earned this award for his many years of defending and teaching about the environment.

Although his area of expertise is in ecology and physiology of sharks and rays, Dr. Abel has committed himself to improving the local and global community. He has published many works addressing the problems and possible solutions of the environment on the local and global scales. Some of his published works are titled *Environmental Issues in Oceanography*, *Understanding Marine Environmental Issues Using Critical Thinking, Simple Math, and the Metric System*, and *Environmental Issues: Measuring, Analyzing, and Evaluating*.

Dr. Abel joined the CCU faculty in 1994. He founded and was the first director of CCU’s Sustainability initiative that still thrives today on campus. Dr. Abel says the sustainability initiative has three main missions; strive to make Coastal a green campus by using less energy, less water, and creating more recycling; incorporate the green ideas into the curriculum of the University; and finally to take these values and help the community at large construct and carry out the same green initiatives as Coastal.

Dr. Abel encourages students to become more involved in the environment by joining groups on campus that cater to the needs of the environment such as the Eco-Reps Program, Green Team, Campus Garden, and S.E.A (Students for Eco Action) Club. He firmly believes that solving sustainability problems should start on a college campus.

Coastal Carolina University is proud of Dr. Abel for his outstanding work with the campus and beyond.
**Important Dates & Information**

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| Friday, March 29, 2013        | Student holiday - no classes                                                       |
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