New Insurance Policy Protects Students

Coastal Carolina University is pleased to announce a new accident policy available to all full-time undergraduate (enrolled in 12 credit hours) and full-time graduate students (enrolled in 9 credit hours). There is no extra charge to students for this benefit. The maximum benefit of the policy is $10,000 with no deductible. This policy will act as a secondary policy if the student has primary health insurance, and if a student doesn’t have health insurance, it will become a primary policy for them. Excess accident insurance coordinates with all other primary carriers for the student (coordinated benefits include co-pays, deductibles, out-of-pocket expenses, prescriptions, etc.). The coverage would be effective 7 days a week and 24 hours a day. The accident would not have to happen on University property for the benefit to be used. Also included in this policy is an Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit.

Students are encouraged to go online at www.studentinsurance.com/Schools/SC/CCU/ and set up their individual account and print their ID card for use in case of an accident. Please read the policy to ensure you understand the exclusions.

Staff who may assist you include:

Evelyn Sherman  Student Health Services  843-349-5044
Jody Davis  Campus Recreation  843-349-2832
Dwayne Beam  NCAA Athletes  843-349-2825
Rose Marie Johnson  Risk Management  843-349-6448

Out-of-State Representation Continues to Grow

A new semester has begun at Coastal Carolina University and by driving around campus, it’s easy to notice that there are a lot of out-of-state students just by looking at license plates.

According to statistics from the University’s institutional research, there were 1,574 of new out-of-state students to enroll at CCU in the fall of 2010. Anticipated enrollment for new out-of-state students for the fall of 2014 has increased to 1,800 students.

In 2013, the top five states that students came from, excluding South Carolina, were New Jersey with 690 students; New York with 540 students; Maryland with 532 students; Virginia with 416 students and Pennsylvania with 415 students.

Preliminary growth from Fall 2013 to Fall 2014 shows a 11.3 percent increase in total out-of-state students.

Pennsylvania had the biggest growth in out-of-state students with 81 more students from their state in 2014 than in 2013.

The top states with increases in students coming to CCU Fall 2014 were Connecticut with a 29.15 percent increase; North Carolina with a 18.47 percent increase; Massachusetts with a 16.72 percent increase; Pennsylvania with a 15.52 percent increase and Virginia with an 11.29 percent increase.

Not only do out-of-state students attend Coastal Carolina University, but students also come from abroad. There were 162 new international students enrolled at CCU in the fall semester of 2013. CCU welcomed 17 students from Russia, the most from a different country. According to preliminary numbers, 163 international students were expected to enroll in Fall 2014.

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move in. Academically, students performed well, and the writing demands of the program have prepared them for the new curriculum in Coastal’s English Department. The CEaL program is housed in the University College, which is beneficial for many reasons. Those students in the CEaL program who are undeclared are already familiar with their home school and their adviser, and all CEaL students are familiar with the staff of the Learning Centers, which are also housed in the University College. Dean Nelljean Rice has demonstrated a sense of professional responsibility to help students like those in the CEaL program, and that, too, makes the University College a good fit for the program.

The Coastal Excellence and Leadership program, though new, has earned the respect of administrators on campus. Personally, I look forward to watching it grow and further benefit the Coastal Family.

- Brandi A. Neal, Ph.D.
Director

The Coastal Excellence and Leadership Program (CEaL) is a new program on campus that provides a jump start for students who were qualified for admission to the University, except for their standardized test scores. The primary portion of CEaL occurs during the Summer II session, during which students reside in University housing, have meal plans and take various courses on campus. The program aims to provide academic and developmental resources for deserving students so that they can be positioned as leaders on campus. Students who are offered admission into the program complete two accelerated academic core courses and are given seminars by and open access to Coastal faculty and staff. Participants are expected to earn at least a C in both academic courses to matriculate into the freshman class. Based on the performance of this first group, this is a task to which the students rise. CEaL students become acclimated to university life and culture, have contact with campus resources earlier than other freshman and are expected to serve as leaders both in and out of the classroom.

University College’s CEaL students arrive early to excel!

This year’s class has met the goals of the program and even exceeded expectations. Many students have become involved with Greek Life and in groups within Multicultural Student Services. CEaL students also participated in Chanticrew, which meant sacrificing a few more days of vacation to help their arriving classmates

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This year, over 1,000 family members participated in Family Weekend events! The weekend provided students and family members the opportunity to experience campus together and reconnect mid-semester. Unlike “open house” in grade school, Family Weekend has both structured and unstructured events throughout the weekend to appeal to families from all over the country. As the University continues to grow, and out-of-state enrollment rises, it becomes increasingly important for families to have the chance to enjoy some quality time with their students.

The Chanticleers home opener against SC State was an added bonus to the weekend’s festivities. Despite some occasional rain, the sold-out game was an incredible experience for students and their families. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2013-2014 Big South Male Athlete of the Year award to former CCU running back, Lorenzo Taliaferro, who currently plays for the Baltimore Ravens.

The game was preceded by the Family Tailgate, which took place at the University Track Complex. Faculty and staff were in attendance with Dr. and Mrs. DeCenzo to greet Family Weekend attendees. Families were able to experience, firsthand the pre-game festivities alongside student organizations at the simultaneously running student tailgate.

All in all, the weekend was a much needed bonding moment for families, especially those who were experiencing their student’s first Family Weekend at CCU. But not to fret, students will return home in a little under two months for the Thanksgiving holidays.

If you missed this year’s Family Weekend festivities, be sure to keep an eye open for details on next year’s Family Weekend!
The 2014 Family Weekend Tailgate

Dr. DeCenzo greeted students and family members, followed by a live broadcast by WCCU Radio.

BBQ and banana pudding is a staple for any tailgate in the South. Keeping with the tradition, Aramark provided an excellent meal for all in attendance.

CCU’s very own dean of students Travis Overton made sure Teal pride was abundant and even “photo-bombed” some family photos in the @ccuchanticleers photo booth.

Coastal Carolina Needs You!

Coastal Carolina University's Office of New Student & Family Programs is starting a new organization on campus just for our family members! We are creating a Family Council whose purpose is to serve as a liaison between Coastal Carolina University and family members of current students by serving as the voice for family member concerns and questions, providing programming for family members, and offering development opportunities for the CCU Parents’ Fund. The organization will also share University information with members while supporting the goals and mission of Student Affairs.

We are looking for family members who are interested in serving on the board of this new initiative. To be considered, you must meet the following criteria.

1. All applicants must have an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at Coastal Carolina University for the current academic year.
2. All applicants must be able to attend the Family Connection Advisory Council Meeting on Friday and Saturday, January 9-10, 2015, if selected to serve.
3. All applicants must attend the 2015 Fall Board meeting which will be held on Family Weekend (Date TBA).
4. All application materials must be returned to the Dean of Student’s Department by October 31, 2014.

To become a part of this new initiative on Coastal’s campus, apply at coastal.edu/parents.