Coastal Carolina University Accepts Invitation to Enter the Sun Belt Conference

On Sept. 1, 2015, President David A. DeCenzo accepted an invitation to join the Sun Belt Conference. The Coastal Carolina University Chanticleers will officially become members of the Sun Belt on July 1, 2016.

DeCenzo explained the move at the official press conference. “The Sun Belt Conference representatives based their decision on the University’s achievements and merit. Their review of Coastal Carolina University and ultimate vote are clear indications of the recognition of academic and athletic excellence that we have attained on our campus. Joining the Sun Belt Conference will be transformative for our University as we enter this new phase of Coastal’s future.”

The Chanticleers were founders of the Big South Conference in 1986 and previously competed at the Division II and NAIA levels. As a member of the Big South Conference, the Chanticleers have won 165 conference championships and participated in 119 NCAA championship events since becoming a Division I program in 1986.

This is an exciting time for CCU athletics and the entire Coastal Carolina University community. The historic move would not have been possible without the continued support from #TEALnation. We are excited to be able to share this moment with the community; the best is yet to come! Don’t forget to come out and support Chanticleer athletes. For schedules and ticket information, please visit goCCUsports.com.
In the Spotlight!

Each issue, we highlight a different academic college and give families a closer look at what’s happening across the University.

This issue, the spotlight is on the E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration.

The E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration is a superb training ground for anyone interested in a successful business career. We offer six undergraduate majors: accounting, economics, finance, management, marketing and hospitality, and resort and tourism management. Our PGA program is one of only 18 programs in the nation accredited by the PGA of America. Business students can also minor economics and international business studies, while non-business students can minor in actuarial science and risk management, business administration, marketing and resort tourism management, and online degree completion programs in marketing and hospitality, and resort and tourism management. We also offer two graduate programs: the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program and the Master of Accountancy (MAcc) program. For those who wish to earn a degree in a shorter amount of time, we offer the Degree in Three program, an accelerated program in which students can earn their Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) degree in three years; and the Get More in Four program, which is a combined four-year undergraduate and Master of Business Administration (MBA) program. The Wall College of Business is accredited by AACSB International.

The Wall College of Business also boasts unique leadership programs and opportunities such as the Wall Fellows Program, a unique program that prepares high-achieving CCU students of all majors for top-level careers in major U.S. and international organizations; CoBE Associates, a student-led organization that bridges the gap between the classroom and workplace experience by pairing top undergraduate talent from the Wall College of Business with real-life business consulting projects; Global Business Leaders, a program that recognizes CCU students who developed the academic background, leadership skills and global perspective needed to succeed in today’s global business environment; and the Brown Scholars, a group of select CCU students who mentor local high school students and help them develop the life, entrepreneurship and leadership skills they need to succeed in academia and throughout their careers.

The Wall College of Business has several events for students and the community throughout the year. In the fall, we will have mentoring sessions, PDAs, the Distinguished Speaker Series and Wall Connections (Tuesday, Oct. 27).

For more information on these events or the Wall College of Business, visit coastal.edu/business or contact Wendi Lee at wlee@coastal.edu.
Give Back to the Community: Join an Alternative Break Trip

As part of a national movement to develop students into active citizens, college students across the country spend their school breaks participating in alternative break trips. An alternative break trip is a service immersion experience where students serve with communities to address and learn about social issues. Coastal Carolina University will coordinate three alternative break trips this year. Some of our social issues for this year’s alternative break experiences will be serving with children with life-threatening illnesses and state park preservation and maintenance. All alternative break trip applications will be available to students on Coastal Connections.

For questions about alternative break trips, please contact Elaine Giles, Coordinator of Civic Engagement, by email at egiles@coastal.edu or phone at 843-349-2939.

Is your student interested in becoming a Resident Adviser?

What are the duties of a Resident Adviser?

Resident Advisers (RAs) are undergraduate or graduate students who serve as live-in peer leaders and role models. Each RA is assigned to a wing, floor or building and its residents. RAs participate in many hours of specialized training and work hard to create strong communities that enhance the on-campus living experience. They answer questions about the campus and residential facilities; help residents with community, personal and academic concerns; mediate group conflicts that may arise; coordinate programs and activities; and enforce University policies. There is an RA on duty in each community from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and 24 hours a day on the weekends; the duty cellphone number is posted throughout each community for emergency use.

If your student is interested in applying to be an RA for the 2016 academic year, applications will open on Coastal Connections on Nov. 4, 2015! Information sessions about the position will be held Nov. 4-16. Students must attend at least one of these sessions in order to apply! As a reminder, your student does not have to have lived on campus previously but must have attended CCU for at least one semester AND attended a university for at least two major semesters total. If interested in applying for the 2016-2017 year, please apply online through University Housing on Coastal Connections starting Nov. 4, 2015. Applications are due on Jan. 20, 2016. For more information, please visit coastal.edu/housing.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Family Weekend 2015 in Review

More than 1,300 family members took part in Coastal Carolina University Family Weekend 2015 events. It was exciting to see families and their students reunite and spend the weekend together. As Coastal continues to grow, the weekend gives students and families a chance to develop friendships and connections. Despite the high chance for rain, the weekend was an overall success.

There was a variety of events held during the weekend that appealed to different interests and offered opportunities for families to participate in together while interacting and meeting other families from across the country.

Families were greeted on Friday, Sept. 25, in the Lib Jackson Student Union, where they were given tickets to the Spectrum Concert and the magic show. The Conway History Tour and the Brookgreen Gardens tours gave families the chance to experience two of the many attractions that are around CCU. Following Saturday morning’s events was the Family Weekend Tailgate. Families and students enjoyed great food before cheering on the Chanticleer football team. The team put on an impressive performance for the 10,311 fans who attended the game, taking down the Bryant Bulldogs 31-17.

We would like to thank all the participants from this year’s Family Weekend! If you missed any event or are interested in being a part of the fun, keep an eye out for details about Family Weekend 2016. If you have suggestions of events that you would like to see on the schedule, please email them to smarshman@coastal.edu.

**Thanksgiving Break Reminders**

No classes Nov. 23-28, 2015

Coastal Carolina University will be closed Nov. 26-27.