We are so excited that you are a member of TEALnation. Whether your student is brand new to Coastal or seasoned, the start of a new school year can often bring about new challenges and emotions for family members, as well as students. Regardless of your student’s academic year, the Office of New Student and Family Programs is here to support you during your student’s time at Coastal Carolina University. We want all families to be well informed about our University and the opportunities for your Coastal student to be happy and engaged.

While the major program our office oversees is new student orientation, we do have several other opportunities for you and your student that we want to make sure you are aware of.

**For Students:**
- Be an Orientation Leader: Applications will be available on Sept. 28
- Serve as a Transfer Ambassador
- Plan CINO TIE weekend
- Join Tau Sigma (a Transfer Student Honor Society)

**For Family Members:**
- Family Weekend: Register today! See page 4 of this newsletter for more information.

**Family Council:** Be a member of the newest Family Member initiative. Email Meredith Kahl at mkahl@coastal.edu for more information.

**CINO Press Newsletter:** This electronic newsletter will be emailed to you at least twice a semester to make sure you are well informed about what events are taking place on campus.

If you have any questions, please contact New Student and Family Programs at orientation@coastal.edu or 843-349-2027.
Your Role in Your Student’s Life

For so many years, you’ve played a major part in your student’s life. You’ve packed lunches, scheduled doctors’ appointments, celebrated every accomplishment and soothed the sting of every disappointment. The results of your achievements are evident. You’ve raised a student whose excellent record has earned a place here at Coastal Carolina University!

You have done a wonderful job so far, and you should be proud. But like many families, you may be wondering, “Now what do I do?” The answer is: do what you’ve always done—just do it a little differently.

You’re the Coach. Your Student is the Player — As students cope with college life away from home, they need to know parents and families are there for them as much as ever. But while you may have actively managed details of your student’s life before, it is time to let him or her take over. Your role should be that of a coach, encouraging and supporting your student to play his/her best game while granting the space to make mistakes and learn from them.

Maintain Perspective — Fear and insecurity are all part of the transition in college. Students may call home with “roller-coaster” moments. Oftentimes, students need an outlet to unload their concerns and emotions. Once they have expressed their fears, there is a good chance their worries will subside; however, keep perspective when they call home in case the frequency becomes concerning.

Listen — Help your student by listening and being a sounding board. Now is a time for students to start becoming decision makers. Help them talk through problems or concerns and allow them to come up with the decision or next steps they want to take. By being familiar with the campus resources and services, he/she is gaining the space to make mistakes and learn from them. When you listen and encourage your student to handle issues on his/her own or to utilize campus services, he/she is gaining valuable life skills and learning to be an adult. We know as family members, that their pain is your pain; however, using a coaching approach yields a happy and successful student.

Use Resources — Familiarize yourself with the campus resources and services, because the more you know, the more you can coach your students when they call home with concerns or successes. You can help them progress in their academic and professional paths by encouraging them to seek support.

Resist the Urge to Rescue — As students learn to be adults, it is tough for families who have taken care of every detail in their students’ lives. Many families want to swoop in and fix the problem in order to remove the burden from their loved ones. When you listen and encourage your student to handle issues on his/her own or to utilize campus services, he/she is gaining valuable life skills and learning to be an adult. We know as family members, that their pain is your pain; however, using a coaching approach yields a happy and successful student.

Here’s a look at our new CHANTICLEERS:

Freshman Statistics:
- 2,396 Freshmen enrolled in Fall 2015
- 53% Female / 47% Male
- 961 Students are from South Carolina
- 1,435 Students are from out of state
- Average High School GPA: 3.41
- 146 Students were in the top 10% of their high school graduating class.

*Top 5 Represented States for Freshman, excluding SC*
1. New Jersey - 198
2. Maryland - 186
3. Virginia - 155
4. Pennsylvania - 144
5. New York - 141

**Top 5 Majors Declared by the Freshman Class**
1. Marine Science - 325
2. Management - 205
3. Exercise & Sport - 192
4. Biology - 182
5. Psychology - 114

Transfer Student Statistics:
- 800 Transfer Students enrolled for Fall 2015
- 50% Female / 50% Male
- 440 students from South Carolina, 360 students are from out of state
- The average age of transfer students for the Fall 2015 is 23.
Financial Aid: Was My Student Prepared?

Even though classes are in full swing, you may still have questions regarding cost. Did your student have enough aid to cover his/her educational costs? What information can I access as a family member? Can my student purchase his/her books with excess aid? Financial aid counselors are available during normal operating hours to assist your student with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), financing options and in exploring resources to finance a Coastal Carolina University education.

If you find that your student has a remaining balance for education, consider the following options: a Coastal Carolina University Payment Plan, applying for a Parent PLUS Loan or applying for a private loan.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that gives families the right to have access to their students’ educational records, the right to seek to have the records amended and the right to have some control over the disclosure of personally identifiable information from the educational records. However, when a student turns 18 years old or enters a postsecondary institution at any age, the rights under FERPA transfer from the family to the student. This means that any record, whether academic, financial or judicial, will not be released to anyone other than the student without prior written permission from the student. Your student must complete a “Financial Aid Authorization” form in WebAdvisor to use excess financial aid to purchase textbooks from the Chanticleer Store. If your student has a Parent PLUS Loan on his/her account, he/she will also need the parent borrower to complete a Financial Aid Authorization Form. More than one family member may sign the authorization form, but the parent borrower’s signature is required. The parent authorization may be signed electronically via Parent/Guardian WebAdvisor or you may print the form or fax.

Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships
finaid@coastal.edu
843/349.2313

The Truth about Student Clubs and Organizations:
Why it’s Important to Get Involved

Coastal Carolina University has over 200 different clubs and organizations for students to take part in. Within these organizations, students can develop lifelong friendships, enhance their leadership skills and even try something they’ve never done before. Anyone can join the clubs, and most of them do not require any experience. A student can join any of the organizations and clubs at any time. The possibilities are endless!

We offer everything from athletic clubs to Greek Life, faith-based groups to educational clubs, and many other special interest organizations! It is a great way to make connections and really become connected on campus! It is important that a student gets involved in at least one thing on campus! It will make the time here at CCU more enjoyable doing something he/she loves.

H ave NO FEAR: If there is something students are interested in but it is not offered at Coastal, that is not a problem! Students can create a new organization by gathering seven or more other students with the same interest, ensuring the club/organization does not already exist, and getting a CCU faculty or staff member to be the adviser to oversee the group!

Check out the highlights from this year’s Club and Organization Fair that was held on Sept. 26! youtube.com/watch?v=ib27XDjL2Ew

**Students can find the complete list and contact information for clubs and organizations at coastal.collegiatelink.net/organizations.**
We encourage students to take part in the events every day to show their school spirit!

**Join us at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 3 in Brooks Stadium to cheer on the Chants as they take on Alabama A&M. Individual and group awards will be announced at half-time**

**CCU HOMECOMING**
SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 3, 2015

For registration or more information and a complete list of events, visit coastal.edu/familyweekend

**Schedule Highlights**

**Friday:**
- Welcome Reception & Check-in  
  Lib Jackson Student Union, Rotunda  
  2 to 9 p.m.
- Family Weekend Opening Celebration: Tenth Annual Spectrum Concert  
  Wheelwright Auditorium  
  7 p.m.
- Magic of John Tudor  
  Wheelwright Auditorium  
  9 p.m.

**Saturday:**
- 17th Annual Family Weekend Golf Tournament  
  Hackler Golf Course  
  8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start
- Conway Historical Guided Walking Tour  
  Conway Visitor Center  
  903 Third Avenue, Conway  
  10 to 11 a.m.
- Pre-Game Tailgate Cookout  
  Tent at the Track (across from Wall Building)  
  3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Football vs. Bryant University  
  Brooks Stadium  
  6 p.m.

**Sunday:**
- President's Drop-in Brunch  
  Adkins Field House, Brooks Stadium  
  9 to 10:30 a.m.

For a complete listing of Homecoming events, visit coastal.edu/homecoming

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