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Birthdays



The College of Coastal Georgia and the Coastal Youth Symphony

invite you to the Summer 2011 Artists' Showcase:
A Donor Appreciation Event

A complimentary one-hour program of music performed by the faculty of the Coastal Youth Symphony Summer Music Camp at the College of Coastal Georgia

Thursday, July 14
7 p.m.

Southeast Georgia Conference Center Auditorium
College of Coastal Georgia
Brunswick

The Coastal Youth Symphony 2011 Summer Music Camp faculty present a chamber music performance including works by Bach, Berio, Paganini, and Rossini. Faculty members from the Southeast Coast and Washington, D.C., join Maestro Luis Haza on stage for the evening of July 14 as well as in the camp classrooms throughout the week of July 11-15. They inspire CYS music students, develop their technique and skills, strengthen their sense of community, and teach new repertoire for the CYS performances in Brunswick during the 2011-2012 season.



The Coastal Youth Symphony is an affiliate of The Coastal Symphony of Georgia, Inc., a 501(c)(3) corporation.



JULY

- 03 - Giles Boyette
- 23 - Heidi Leming
- 24 - Kathy Smith
- 25 - Kevin Fisher
- 27 - Ellen Flournoy
- 28 - Chastity Knowles
- 28 - Beverly Rowe

AUGUST

- 03 - Lee Southard

New Hires

Jennifer Alfirov
Athletics

Terral Harris
Student Services

Paul Hearn
Advancement

Lawrence "Wesley" Walker
Campus Police

Campus Calendar



JULY

14 - Summer 2011 Artists' Showcase
7 p.m.
Southeast Georgia Conference Center
Auditorium

**15 - TAP Deadline for
Fall Semester**

15 - Boys of Summer Graduation
7 p.m.
Southeast Georgia Conference Center
Auditorium

**28-29 - Final Exams for Full & 3rd Session
Classes**

**29 - Lakeside Village Student Housing
Ribbon Cutting**
9-11 a.m.

29 - Pajama Party Fundraiser
6-10:30 p.m.
Lakeside Village
Bonus After Party at the Stembler Theatre

"The Boys of Summer" to Graduate July 15

Sixty rising seventh graders of African-American heritage from Glynn and McIntosh counties celebrate completing a rigorous five-week program of academic preparation focused on mathematics and language arts at the College this week. The



program is made possible by the sponsorships of Bank of America and 14 Black Men of Glynn, in addition to other private donations.

The graduation will be held Friday, July 15, 7 p.m., at the Southeast Georgia Conference Center Auditorium on the College campus in Brunswick.

"The Minority Outreach Program is important because it gives students the opportunity to catch up or get ahead in their academics for the upcoming school year," explains LaVerne B. Cooper, who has served as director of the program for 18 years. "They are also exposed to programs and field trips that are culturally relevant to them. Additionally, they are encouraged to begin now to think about postsecondary education."

"The Fourteen Black Men of Glynn and the Bank of America are our largest financial supporters. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to do some of the activities if it were not for their generous support," she added. "The grant from Bank of America is the only reason we were able to add the much-needed reading component to the program. We are very grateful for their continuous support."

Don't Plan to Stay All Night at Pajama Party

Beach Casual Styles Good Alternative to PJs

The community is invited to don beach casual clothes, pajamas, fuzzy slippers, or even a bed-sheet equivalent of a fraternity toga to benefit the College Foundation and the second phase of student housing Friday evening, July 29, at Lakeside Village on campus. The \$100/per person ticket includes dinner, dancing, tours of the new student residence complex, and the grand opening of the Stembler Theatre in the new Campus Center.

The party begins with 6 p.m. check in and orientation by the College resident assistants, followed by a 6:30 p.m. cocktail buffet prepared and served by the Culinary Arts Program. Mason Waters and the Groove All Stars, a popular local band, will play from 7:30-10:30 p.m. for dancing. Tours of the student housing complex will also be offered between 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Guests are invited to stay (but not actually spend the night) for an 11 p.m. bonus party - the grand opening of the 150-seat Stembler Theatre in the Campus Center and a complimentary movie.

11 p.m.

Staff Assembly Elects New Officers

Linell Bailey
Chair

Christopher Meshanko
Vice Chair

Apryl Dervay
Secretary

Andrew Smith
Program Committee

April Davis
Program Committee

Mercedes Dotter
Hospitality Committee

Heather Kennedy
Hospitality Committee

Laura Ricard
Staff Awards Committee

Paula Porter
Staff Awards Committee

Stacy Floyd
Safety Committee

Niki Schmauch
Safety Committee

Unit Members:

TBN, Advancement

Matthew Lane
Business Affairs

TBN, Academic Affairs

Stacy Ward
Camden Campus

TBN, Student Affairs

Returning Staff Assembly Committee Members:

Jennifer Page
Program Committee

Vanessa Bell
Program Committee

Valeska Carter
Hospitality Committee

Maureen McCarthy-Wagner
Hospitality Committee

Stacy Howe
Staff Awards Committee

Christopher Meshanko
Staff Awards Committee

Michael Butcher
Safety Committee

Tickets for the Pajama Party are available through the Advancement Office, 912.279.5702.

The fundraiser is sponsored by the College Foundation and H. J. Russell & Company, which constructed the first phase of Lakeside Village. In recognizing the critically important role of student housing for continued growth of the College, the Foundation has made Phase II - the next student residence complex - the top fundraising priority in their strategic plan.

College Hosts Inaugural Coastal Youth Symphony Summer Music Camp

Sixty excited student musicians and their parents converged on College campus Sunday afternoon, July 10, to register for the inaugural Coastal Youth Symphony Music Camp July 11-15 being held in College facilities. The College opened its new residence hall, Lakeside Village, to house 39 student musicians, grades 7-12. An additional 21 students, including 13 primary-level violins, will be attending as day campers.



"We are honored and delighted that the College of Coastal Georgia is hosting the Coastal Youth Symphony summer camp. This reaffirms the tremendous commitment of the College to the development of music and the arts in our community," Maestro Luis Haza, Music Director and Conductor of the CYS, said. "Indeed, in this way we ensure that every aspect of our endeavors will be of the highest quality."

"We are thrilled to have the Coastal Youth Symphony students be among the first residents in our new residence hall," Dr. Michael Butcher, Director of Residence Life and Housing, added. "Our Residence Hall Director, Amber Sutor, along with her student Residence Assistants have been working hard to provide an exceptional experience for these students. The music camp will expose the students to the College and living on campus, while continuing to expand our partnerships with the local community."

In previous years, youth symphony students have attended different music camps across the state and in Jacksonville. This will be the first year the students will have the opportunity to train and work together during the summer as a cohesive student community.

Thirteen faculty members from the coastal region and Washington, DC, will be providing camp instruction. In addition to Maestro Haza, the instructors include Destiny Hoyle, Violin, Washington; Eleonel Molina, Violin, Washington; Crystal Murphy, Violin, Instructor of the Primary Violins, Blackshear, GA; Jessica Hauser-Brydon, Viola, St. Simons Island; Shannon Lockwood, Cello, Jacksonville; Todd Lockwood, String Bass, Jacksonville; Marty Oberlander, Flute and Clarinet, Brunswick; Elizabeth Roberts, Bassoon and Oboe, Washington; Sean Morgan, French Horn,

Jon Abbott
Safety Committee

Top Dollar Value

Coastal Georgia is one of the nation's best values in higher education, according to the list posted June 30 by the U.S. Department of Education.

In a report of public, four-year or above schools compiled by the National Center for Education Statistics, the College of Coastal Georgia is #32 on the national list at \$5,449 net price. The national average for public, four-year or above schools is \$10,747, according to the report.

"Part of our stated mission is to provide accessible and affordable higher education to a wide spectrum of learners while fostering academic excellence and individual development. Being among the 10% of American public four-year colleges providing the best dollar value in education is affirmation of our intent to fulfill our mission," College President Valerie A. Hepburn, Ph.D., said. "This also underscores the important role the College Foundation and the community play in achieving affordability through their generous support of scholarships to assist our deserving students."

Report definitions explain that the average net price is determined by subtracting the average amount of grant or scholarship aid from the total cost of attendance. Total cost of attendance is the sum of published tuition and required fees (based on the lower in-state or in-district rate), books and supplies, and the weighted average for room and board and other expenses. Three other University System of Georgia institutions made the list: Dalton State College (\$5,309), Macon State College (\$6,379), and Middle Georgia College in Cochran (\$4,809).

The 2011 College Affordability and Transparency Lists are posted in the College Affordability and Transparency Center linked to the College Navigator website: <http://collegecost.ed.gov/catc/Default.aspx#>

The 2008 Higher Institution Opportunity Act requires that the lists be updated annually by July 1. This is the first year for list publication. The 2011 Lowest Net Prices list is based on 2008-2009 data collected and verified during 2009-2010, according to report footnotes.

The Coastal Annual Fund Campaign Update

As of July 12, annual fund campaign efforts have achieved 75.6% of the 2011 goal. Shooting for \$2,155,000, the Foundation has raised \$1,629,346.

According to the Advancement Office analysis, the Alumni Scholarship challenge has met 105.4% of goal (\$5,270 with a goal of \$5,000), the community campaign remains at

Jacksonville; Ray Clark, Trumpet, Darien; Martie Pahrts, Trombone/Tuba, Brunswick; Wade Stephens, Percussion, Savannah.

Learn more about the music camp [faculty](#).

Coastal Georgia Invited to Join Southern States Athletic Conference

by Kevin Price, Sports Information Director

The College of Coastal Georgia has been extended an invitation to join the Southern States Athletic Conference beginning in the fall of 2012.



Coastal Georgia officials learned of the school's acceptance into the league following a meeting last Thursday with the SSAC Board of Presidents in Montgomery, Ala. They had been invited to attend the annual board meeting to discuss their application for conference membership.

Dr. Valerie Hepburn, president of the college, and Dr. William Carlton, the school's director of athletics, made a presentation to the conference presidents that included information about the college's campus, academic and athletic plans for the future as the college continues to expand as a four-year institution and begins athletic competition as a four-year school this fall.

That same day, the conference presidents discussed the possibility of adding Coastal Georgia to the SSAC and voted unanimously to bring the local college into its membership next fall.

[Read more.](#)

Foundation Elects New Officers, New Trustees

At their annual meeting June 15, held at the Southeast Georgia Conference Center, College of Coastal Georgia Foundation Trustees elected new officers for 2011-2012. Local attorney Rees M. Sumerford of Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford & Martin, P.C., was tapped to chair the Board of Trustees of the Foundation.



Rees M. Sumerford

During his tenure as chairman, Sumerford said he plans for the Foundation to implement a planned giving initiative - a component of development not previously addressed strategically by the Foundation.

Alumnus Michael D. Hodges '73, President of Ameris Bank, was elected Vice-Chair. Susan Shipman, retired director of the Coastal Resources Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, was re-elected Secretary. Jack Kilgore, President of the Consumer Brands Division of Rich Products Corporation, was elected Treasurer. Their one-year term commences July 1, 2011.

39% of goal, and major gifts has achieved 115% of goal (\$1,381,550 on a goal of \$1.2 million.)

Faculty and staff contributions are at 15.98% with \$4,793 collected on a \$30,000 goal for 2011.

Read more about the [2011 Annual Fund Campaign](#). To participate, click [here](#).

J. Greer Brown, Senior Vice President, Brown-Rose Wealth Management Group, Merrill Lynch, and William J. Stembler, Chairman and CEO of Georgia Theatre Company, were elected to serve as Foundation trustees.

Read [more](#) about the meeting.

Student Affairs Division Welcomes Two New Assistant Vice Presidents

Coastal Georgia welcomes Heidi Scheusner Leming, Assistant Vice President for Student Life, and Clayton P. Daniels, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management, to key leadership roles in the Division of Student Affairs.

Dr. Gerald Kiel, Vice President of Student Affairs, said, "The addition of these two positions represents an important step in developing a truly comprehensive Student Affairs division for Coastal Georgia."

Read [more](#) about Leming and Daniels.

Alfirov '02 Chosen to Lead Women's Softball

Athletic Director Dr. William "Bee" Carlton announced the hiring of alumna Jennifer Alfirov '02 as head women's softball coach.

"Coach Alfirov will be an outstanding leader for our softball program," Carlton said. "She will bring a new level of energy and enthusiasm to our softball team. As a Coastal Georgia alumna, she understands the campus, the history of our softball program and has many connections to the community. Her softball playing experience here and at Armstrong Atlantic and her experience as head softball coach at Long County High School give her the tools to effectively teach and coach our squad. She will be an outstanding recruiter who has many connections to coaches locally and throughout the state. We are thrilled to add her talent and experience to our staff."



"I couldn't be happier. To be able to coach in college is a dream come true for me," Alfirov responded. "The fact that I played softball here myself makes this even more exciting. I am looking forward to an exciting year."

Read more about [Jennifer Alfirov](#).

PGA Grant Promotes Golf on Campus

When Coastal Georgia's Athletic Futures Committee recommended adding men's and women's golf in their 2009 report, it seemed the natural thing to do in an area conducive to year-round play in a state that is home to some of the world's best-

known courses. Athletic Director Dr. William "Bee" Carlton tapped Sea Island Golf Club's teaching professional, Mike Cook, to fire up a golf program in 2010.

Golf at the College received another big boost when PGA Tour pro Matt Kuchar named Coastal Georgia his college of choice for "Play Golf America University." As a member of the 2010 Ryder Cup Team USA, Kuchar designated \$50,000 for college golf programming to advance the golfing experience at Coastal Georgia.

This summer, thanks to that PGA grant, the College of Coastal Georgia began offering students golf lessons with a PGA pro, Rob Ellis, Head Golf Professional at the Jekyll Island Golf Club.

"We are very grateful to receive the final installment resulting from Mr. Kuchar's participation in the 2010 Ryder Cup matches," Carlton says. "We are grateful to Mr. Kuchar and the PGA-University program for providing this support to introduce the game of golf to a large number of Coastal Georgia students. Our students are already benefitting from Mr. Kuchar's donation through the efforts of PGA member Rob Ellis, in cooperation with the Jekyll Island Golf Club."

[Read more about student golf classes.](#)

Four Students Attending L3 Leadership Summit

"Leaving a Legacy of Leadership" Is Conference Theme

Four Coastal Georgia students will attend the L3 Leadership Summit at North Georgia College July 17-22: Robert Cannon, Middle Grades Education major; Jason Grooms, Business Administration major and president of the Business Student Society; Thuydy Nguyen, Psychology major and Student Government Association Vice President for the Camden Center; and Elizabeth Rackley, Psychology major and president of the Psychology Club.



Jason Grooms

Additionally, Jessin Oueslati '11 will serve as a peer mentor at the Summit.

The L3 Summit gathers emerging student leaders, hand-picked by their respective University System of Georgia institutions, to focus on building leadership skills that will generate an impactful legacy of high standards for campus leadership. During the five-day program, student delegates participate in classroom instruction and interactive group discussions led by professional staff and trained peer mentors. The participants will also develop individual plans for how they will use what they learn during the program to strengthen campus clubs and organizations during the 2011-2012 academic year.

[Alumni News: Chef Leila Watson '04](#)

Leila Watson '04 is the new Executive Pastry Chef at the San Antonio Country Club. The Brunswick native completed both the Culinary Arts and Hotel Operations tracks for her Career Associate degree in Hospitality Management at Coastal Georgia. As an apprentice in The Cloister's culinary program, she worked with their award-winning pastry chef, Jim Mullaney.

Chef Leila worked at The Cloister from 2001-2007, including in the bake shop operated at Sea Island's Corn Barn on St. Simons Island during the G-8 Summit in 2004. Her move to San Antonio was by way of New Orleans, where she was pastry chef at such well-known venues as Commander's Palace and the New Orleans Country Club.

At the San Antonio Country Club, she is responsible for all desserts and some breads in the fine dining and casual dining rooms, as well as for special events staged at the club.

"I still remember sitting in the classroom for Food Service Sanitation (HOSP 1107), which included ServSafe certification, wondering when I would ever use all the information I was learning," she laughs. "Now I use it every day and just recertified. I also remember Hospitality Law - all those legal issues and cases about liability.

"Coastal Georgia has a good program. I recommend it based on my personal experience and success. I received the same quality of education as the larger, big-name culinary schools, but without the debt. I loved the small classes, the one-on-one interaction, and the hands-on training and experience. And even though my interest was baking, I still appreciate my training in food prep and garde manger."

Chef Leila remembers when the Food Channel filmed cake-baking competitions on site at Retreat, one of the Sea Island members' clubhouses. While not competitive by nature, she admits she'd love to be on "Cupcake Wars."

"I've got a good palate for flavors. I think I could ace that one," she concludes.

Look for her to visit campus sometime in 2012.