Welcome to the College of Charleston
&
Family Orientation 2015

Help yourself to coffee or water in the lobby area.
Please put cell phones on SILENT during the presentation.
Welcome on behalf of Academic Affairs

Dr. Melinda (Mindy) Miley
Assistant Vice President, Educational Programs & Services

&

Ansley Pope (Senior)
& Grace Stewart (Senior)
Orientation Interns
2015-2016 College of Charleston Orientation Interns
You have sent them off to school before…
Or maybe some of you are feeling like this…
During orientation we can help you…

✓ Learn about the resources available to you and your student
✓ Become familiar with the academic standards
✓ Discover how your student can get involved on campus
✓ Find your way around campus and locate key departments
✓ Meet faculty, staff, students, and other parents of new students
✓ Understand how to work in partnership with College of Charleston faculty and staff
Orientation Day One events

- **8:30-11** Welcome/Opening Session
- **11:15-12** Concurrent sessions
- **12-1:30** Use your lunch ticket either day
- **12-7:00** Residence Hall model rooms open (Halls: Berry, McAlister, Kelly House, 10 Warren Place)
- **1:30** Afternoon concurrent sessions
- **2:10** Business of CofC (Health, Billing, Dining, Books)
- **3:30** Concurrent sessions
- **4:15** The basics of living on campus
- **Times vary** Campus tours (offered day one & two)
Orientation Day Two events

- **8:00-9:00** Breakfast & History of CofC @ 8:30
- **9:00-10:00** Small parent group discussions
- **10:30-11:30** Ask the Experts or Financial Aid 101
- **11:30-12:00** What can **Cougar Card** do for you?
- **12:00-1:00** Lunch on your own or *Liberty Street Fresh Food Company*
- **1:00-2:00** Concurrent afternoon sessions
- **2:00-3:15** Orientation Information Fair
- **2:00-3:30** Open houses: Career Center, Multicultural Services, Center for Student Learning
- **3:15** ID Card pick up: Barnes & Nobel bookstore on Calhoun Street

*Model rooms in residence halls open 10-5 on day two: College Lodge, Craig, Liberty, McConnell, Buist-Rivers*
Family Information Form

- Complete and leave this form in the basket in the lobby area of Sottile Theatre or give this to any orientation intern.
- Door prize winners will be posted in the Stern Student Center (4th floor) lobby during the parent breakfast on day two from 8:00-11:00am (after 11am this will be posted in New Student Programs on day two of orientation).
- Winners can pick up a door prize at Stern Student Center (4th floor) from 8-11am at the breakfast on day two or the Office of New Student Programs after 11am (day two).
Conversations to have with your student…

• Time management/Meeting deadlines (checking email, keeping up with important dates, managing time)
• Budgeting money (financial aid, tuition bills)
• Using resources on campus
• Going to class
• Academic expectations (scholarships, GPA, minimum scholastic attainment)
• Viewing midterm and final grades
• Safety on campus & in Charleston
It’s ok to be undecided for now

• There is no degree in undecided

• General education requirements give students exposure to new subjects

• Resources on campus to help (Career Center, Academic Advisor, faculty)
Problems

- Usually problems are temporary…give it time
- Resist the urge to rescue your student - suggest options but let them resolve their own problems
Home Sweet Home

- Avoid major changes in first six weeks
- If change is unavoidable, talk to them about it
Letting Go

• They’re already OK…
• You will be OK…
• Emotionally prepare yourself for the separation in August
Keep in touch, But not too much!

E-mail or text
Calls
Packages
Social Media
Cards or notes
PARENT RESOURCES

• Email: Parents@cofc.edu
• Family calendar (A-Z guide in the back)
• Website: www.cofc.edu/parents
• Parent listserv (go to the parent webpage to subscribe)
• Parent blog
Twitter:  
@CofC Orientation
#cougarnation
#cofc2019
@CofC
@CofCSports
@CofCPresident

Instagram:  
• CofCOrientation

Pinterest:  
• CofCNSP

Facebook:  
• College of Charleston Class of 2019 page
• College of Charleston

Website:  
The College Today is a website that covers news, events, programs and people at CofC - visit the site at http://today.cofc.edu and subscribe with your e-mail address to receive updates
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In just a few short years your student will be crossing the Cistern as a proud College of Charleston graduate!
Parents as Coaches:
How to Support Your Student Academically

Academic Advising & Planning Center
Center for Student Learning
Helicopter parent *n.* A person who pays extremely close attention to his or her child or children, particularly at educational institutions. They rush to prevent any harm or failure from befalling them or letting them learn from their own mistakes, sometimes even contrary to the children's wishes.

They are so named because, like a [helicopter](http://www.wikipedia.org), they hover closely overhead, rarely out of reach whether their children need them or not.
Vocabulary Change

Child Vs. Student
Caregiver Vs. Consultant
“We” Vs. Their Student
Always “yes” Vs. Sometimes “No”
Access Vs. Confidentiality
Customer Vs. Student-Centered
Service Vs. Focus
Our Communication Goal

Student

CofC

Parent
SEASONED PARENTS?
During New Student Orientation, your student learns that their schedule is “lousy.” You know that the best time to pick up better classes is early on the “drop for non-payment” date. Classes will go quickly, so students should log on early to make schedule changes… BUT your student is still asleep.
A. Log onto MyCharleston and make the schedule changes yourself (after all, you have your student’s CWID)

B. Wake your student up and hand them the list of the courses you compiled.

C. Wake your student up and tell them to log-on to MyCharleston to make the appropriate changes.

D. Do nothing.
DO NOTHING!
Homesick…

Your student calls you at the end of the first week of school, is miserable, and wants to come home.
A. Tell your student that you miss them and that life hasn’t been the same without them since they left.

B. Give your student a pep talk about how grown up they are and that it’s time for them to “step up.”

C. Tell your student that it’s the college’s fault that he or she feels this way.

D. Encourage your student to talk with their RA, Academic Advisor, or campus counselor.
You’re worried…

You suspect that your student is failing a course at the midterm.
A. Call anyone at the university that will talk to you. After all, you pay the bill!
B. Get your student’s roommate to tell you the grades.
C. Ask your student to give you access via the FERPA so you can discuss grades with your student’s academic advisor.
D. Ask your student to show you their grades.
It’s Time to Register

Your student’s course registration date for the next term is approaching and you know that your student has yet to meet with his academic advisor and complete his **mandatory** first year or transfer student advising appointment for this semester.
A. Encourage your student to schedule an appointment with their academic advisor for as soon as possible.
B. You call the Academic Advising and Planning Center and attempt to schedule your student’s appointment on their behalf.
C. You act as academic advisor for your student and tell your student which courses to register for.
D. Do nothing.
Make Ryan Happy!
Undecided on a major…

Your student is still undecided regarding which major to declare while at the college.
A. Log-on to MyCharleston and use the Program of Study Management (POSM) tool to declare my student’s major. I know what will make my student happy!

B. Encourage your student to explore their options and attend a “Choosing Your Major” workshop hosted by the Career Center and the Academic Advising and Planning Center.

C. Tell your student which major to pursue and demand that they declare this major as soon as possible. After all, time is money!

D. Do nothing.
Students have ultimate responsibility for their decisions and academic record.
What Happens Next?

TODAY
• Students are in academic advising sessions with our advising staff

TONIGHT
• Your student has homework!
• Take ALEKS Online Math Placement Test (if not already taken)

TOMORROW
• Your student will register for fall courses
• AAPC will have walk-in registration assistance for students from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

THIS FALL
• Connect with his/her advisor early and often
• Schedule an appointment online or by calling our office
Center for Student Learning

- Provides academic support for all students at the College of Charleston
- What percentage of students do you think use the CSL services in the last academic year?
Tutoring complaints

Your student complains that they don’t like the tutor they’ve been working with in the Math Lab. They say they used the lab but “didn’t get ANY help.”
You…

A. Complain about the tutor on the parent listserv.
B. Email the Math Lab Director and the CSL Director about their poor hiring practices.
C. Ask your student if there is another tutor they can work with during walk-in hours.
D. Hire a private tutor.
Walk-in Labs

- Accounting
- Foreign Languages
- Math
- Science
- Writing

No Appointment Necessary; Come prepared

Faculty-recommended & CRLA certified tutors

Open Monday-Thursday until 9pm, Friday morning, And Sunday 6-9pm
Individual Tutoring

- Faculty recommended, trained tutors
- Flexible hours by appointment
- ALL other languages
- Speaking Lab
- And available for limited introductory courses, such as: ECON 200, PSYC 103, CSCI 110
Concerned about student?

Your student is missing class, sleeping in (even more than usual), and seems to be slipping in their classes.
You…

A. Call or visit and have a ‘heart to heart’ about what may be going on.

B. Encourage them to make a study skills appointment to get a time management plan.

C. Call your student’s professors and ask them to update you on your student’s performance in class.

D. Insist your student just come home now. They obviously can’t handle college.
Study Strategies

- One-on-one appointments with a trained professional staff member to assess study strengths & weaknesses

- Study plan is created to incorporate time management & study strategies

- Supports many students in addition or outside of tutoring
Weekly Strategies Skills Workshop Topics

- Time Management
- Textbook Reading
- Note Taking
- Memory Techniques
- Test Taking
- Exam Planning

- Offered Multiple Times Each Week—Afternoon and Evening Sessions
- Practical Techniques and Strategies
- Workshops Held in Residence Halls
- NEW! Recorded Sessions are Available Online
What is SI?

You student says that she went to this group study thing (called “SI”) but all they did was give out a worksheet. You thought they were supposed to help them study and understand the material, but it sure doesn’t sound like SI is working.
You…

A. Hire a private tutor for your student.
B. Email the professor asking why this class is so hard.
C. Email the SI Director asking what SI is really supposed to be doing.
D. Look at the CSL’s website to learn about SI and then talk with your student about the purpose of SI.
Studying effectively?

Your student says that he/she is studying but is still not doing well in Biology 111.
A. Ask them how they are studying? What are they doing? Where?
B. Ask them if they have met and talked with the professor? What happened?
C. Ask them if they have been using any CSL services? Which ones? How often?
D. All of the above
Center for Student Learning

Academic assistance for students at the College of Charleston

Walk-In Tutoring Labs
Supplemental Instruction
Individual Tutoring
Study Skills Assistance

Come early; Come often!

Addlestone Library, First Floor

http://cofc.edu/csl

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SAFETY & SECURITY AREA

Office of the President

Chief of Police
Colonel Robert S. Reese
SAFETY & SECURITY AREA

Security Technology
PUBLIC SAFETY

• 38 Law Enforcement Officers
  1. Statewide authority

• 20 Security Officers
  1. Residence Halls
  2. Library

• Communications Center
  1. 24/7 Operation
CRIME PREVENTION SERVICES

- Bicycle Registration
- Operation Identification
- Computer Registration
- Crime Action Line
- Silent Witness Reporting
- Security Surveys
- Rape Aggression Defense classes (R.A.D)
- New Student Orientation
- Residence Hall Safety Meetings
- Yearly Campus Safety Walk
- Whistle Alert Program
- Monthly Building/lighting Checks
- On-campus Escort Services
Personal Safety Issues

Talk to your student about:

• Living in an urban environment
• Being conscious of surroundings
• Protecting belongings
• Locking doors, bicycles, etc.
• Being responsible
FIRE SAFETY
SECURITY TECHNOLOGY

Emergency Call Boxes

Over 40 emergency call boxes in operations at various locations on campus

Remote activation devices available for individuals with special needs
SECURITY TECHNOLOGY

Closed Circuit Television System (CCTV)

- Over 400 Cameras Throughout The Campus
- Monitored 24/7 by Public Safety
Cougar Shuttle
Operates seven nights a week
11 PM to 3 AM
during the spring and fall semesters. Free to all students who show a current Cougar Card.

Just Call: 888-960-2227
CougarAlert is here!

CougarAlert is the College of Charleston’s new Emergency Notification System.

In the event of a campus emergency, CougarAlert will contact you by telephone, text message and e-mail.

For you to receive CougarAlerts in an emergency situation, the College must have your current contact information.

Log on to your CougarTrail account and follow the instructions to update your contact information.

For more information, visit www.cofc.edu/emergency

For questions, use “Ask the Cougar” on the College of Charleston website. Students needing assistance should call the Office of the Registrar at 843.953.5668. Faculty and staff needing assistance should call Human Resources at 843.953.5512.
Important numbers to know…

• Administrative Services/Front Desk: 843-953-4980
• Emergency: 953-5611
• Non-emergency: 953-5609
• Crime Action Line: 953-4998 (to leave a recorded message only)
• Fire & EMS: 953-5499
FOR MORE INFORMATION, YOU CAN

• Call Public Safety at:
  843-953-5609

• Visit the Public Safety website:
  http://publicsafety.cofc.edu
  http://fireandems.cofc.edu/index.php
OR

Visit Public Safety at 89 St. Philip Street
(First Floor of the Parking Garage across from McAlister/Berry Residence Hall)
BREAK

Return to Sottile Theatre for the next part of the Family Orientation program

Academic Requirements Overview
Student Life
Tips from the Faculty
Closing Remarks
Academic Standards

Undergraduate Academic Services
Lightsey 101
http://undergrad.cofc.edu
DREAM BIG
Like, really big
Not really sure where to go??

Undergraduate Academic Services
ALL Academic Policies Apply to ALL Students

Undergraduate Catalog contains academic policies of the institution.

Registrar.cofc.edu ➔ Academic Catalogs
**Minimum Scholastic Attainment Standards**

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In order to graduate, cumulative and major GPAs must be above a 2.000
All Grades Count!!
Key Points in the Semester

4-6 Week Mark: 1st tests and papers
Mid-Term Grades: ~10th week (Oct 23rd & Mar 14th)
Withdrawal Date: ~ 1 week after Mid-Term
Grade deadline (Oct 29th & Mar 18th)

http://registrar.cofc.edu-->Academic Calendar
Expectations of College Students

Grades may not be provided on all assigned work but will be on the test.

Request accommodations ahead of time

May not be reminded of incomplete work

Must take responsibility for work done or not done and associated consequences

Must SEEK help

Faculty want students to attend office hours

Mastery is often measured by the ability to apply information to new situations or solve new kinds of problems.

Good-faith effort is important but will not substitute for results when grades are assigned.

Grades are often derived from only a few papers or tests
IF IT DOESN'T CHALLENGE YOU, IT WON'T CHANGE YOU.

Got suspended from college for having one bad grade. Feels like end of the world.

Keeping An Open Line Of Communication

ENCOURAGE & EMPOWER

Words Of Wisdom!
Student Life
Ansley Pope, Senior
Grace Stewart, Senior
Find out what’s going on around campus
Check campus email!

Cougar Activities Board presents...
Spring Fest 2013
March 22nd, 7-11pm
Stop by George Street (between Coming and St. Phillip) for tons of FREE FUN: Live music, Battle of the Bands, awesome inflatables like moon bounces and Inflatable Twister, a mechanical bull, a step show, and free food including FREE FUNNEL CAKES!

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Student Outreach Fund- up to $500!
The Student Outreach Program was created to provide support to undergraduate students at the College in endeavors that provide opportunity for growth as global citizens and to represent the institution beyond the campus community. Students can be allocated up to $500 each semester to assist with costs for projects, programs, or travel that enhance their academic experience. The fund cannot be used for any program associated with class credit or grade. This form may be found and submitted through www.OrgSync.com via the SGA page. Email SGA Treasurer, Heather Rapachietta, for more information at rapachietthd@cofc.edu

UNCAGE THE VOTE! Vote for your next Student Body President, Vice President, Secretary and Senators March 20 and 21 on MyCharleston!

Best Buddies
Best Buddies is an international non-profit organization whose mission is to establish a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our organization works to pair college students with Charleston’s special needs community to create long-lasting friendships.

Our last semester meeting will be held at 6 pm in ECTR 116 on Thursday March 28th. This meeting is open to current members as well as new students interested in learning what Best Buddies is about!
Student Clubs and Organizations

More than 200 organizations represent the interests, beliefs & ideologies of our students.

- Honor societies
- Clubs focusing on academics
- Drama
- Leadership
- Government and Politics
- International interests
- Religious
- Community Service
- Special interests
- Sports
Cougar Activity Board (CAB)

- Campus Programming Board
- Casino Night
- Movie Night
- Open Mic Nights
- Fall Festival
Student Media/CisternYard Media Network

- CisternYard Video
- CisternYard News
- CisternYard Radio
- The Yard
- Miscellany
- www.CisternYard.com
Campus Recreation Services (CRS)

- Club and Intramural teams
- Wellness classes (Yoga, Zumba, Belly Dance…)
- Open recreation hours
- Outdoor adventures
- George Street Fitness Center – Open House today from **12-1:30**
  - Located at 50 George Street, first floor of the Campus Center Apartments (#32 on the campus map)
Fraternity and Sorority Life

Fraternities & Sororities
About 19% of CofC students are involved in Greek Life

There are three different Greek Councils:
- IFC - Fraternities
- PanHellenic - Sororities
- NPHC - Minority fraternity and sororities

For more information attend the Greek Life session today or contact Greek Life at GreekLife@cofc.edu
Religious Life Council Organizations

- African Methodist Episcopal
- Baha’i Club
- Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- Campus Crusade for Christ
- Campus Outreach
- Catholic Student Association
- Episcopal/Anglican Community: Segue
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Intervarsity Christian Fellowship
- Jewish Student Union/ Hillel

- The Journey (Presbyterian)
- Lutheran Campus Ministry
- Reformed University Fellowship
- Unitarian Universalist Club
- Wesley Foundation

For more information contact Evelyn Nadel at NadelE@cofc.edu
Examples of Campus activities

Fall 2015
• GeorgeStock – August 23 - 7:30-9:30pm
• Convocation – August 24- 10:00am
• CAB Casino Night - August 28 - 9pm-1am
• Cistern Fest Organization Fair - August 29 - 12-2pm
• Cougar Countdown - stress relief during exams

Spring 2016
• Homecoming
• Cougar Countdown (exam stress-relief activities)
• Cougarpallooza
The College Reads!

The College Reads! is the College of Charleston’s campus-wide common reading program designed to connect students, faculty, and staff around a single book to promote the idea that liberally educated people read broadly and discuss with one another ideas arising from the books they share.

2015 selection – Freedom Summer by Bruce Watson

Examples of campus activities planned:
• Author Visits to Campus in November 2015
• Panel discussions
• Voter registration drives
• Movie series

Students will receive a copy of the book at orientation this morning. They will receive information before August (but after their orientation) about a convocation essay they will be writing.
Community activities

• Farmers Market at Marion Square - Saturdays until 2pm
• Second Sunday on King
• Southeastern Wildlife Expo (SEWE)
• Fashion Week
• Wine & Food Festival
• Spoleto Festival - May/June annually
• Local beaches: Folly Beach, Isle of Palms, Sullivan's Island, Kiawah Island
• Community service activities - ongoing throughout the year (Center for Civic Engagement)
Tips from faculty

Dr. Chris Korey
Director of the First-Year Experience
Faculty, Biology department
Closing Remarks

• Before you leave the theatre, turn in your completed Family Information Form – leave this form in the basket found on the table in the Sottile Theatre lobby or give this to any orientation intern.

• All campus departments are open from 8:30-5:00

• The Office of New Student Programs (#4 on your campus map) is open 7:00am-5:00pm during orientation (843-953-2017 or orientat@cofc.edu)

• Ask any orientation intern if you need assistance

• Thank you for coming to Family Orientation!
11:15 sessions
Parents as Career Coaches
Sottile Theatre (#39 on the campus map)

College Students in Transition
Robert Scott Small building room 251 (#23 on the campus map)

Computing & Technology Tips for Parents
Education Center room 118 (#95 on the campus map)