Welcome to the College of Charleston & Family Orientation

Help yourself to refreshments in the lobby area. Please put cell phones on SILENT during the presentation.
Welcome on Behalf of the Office of the President
Division of Academic Affairs
& the Office for the Academic Experience

Melinda (Mindy) Miley
Assistant Vice President,
First Year & Bridge Student Services
The College of Charleston is a four-year state-supported liberal arts & sciences institution

- Average SAT Mid-Range: 1040-1200
- Average ACT Mid-Range: 23-29
- Average GPA Mid-Range: 3.53-4.25

- Undergraduate students: 10,488
- Graduate students: 1,131
- U.S. states and territories represented: 49
- Countries represented: 62

- Majors: 58 (66 degree programs), Minors: 73
You have sent them off to school before…

**First Day of School**

**First Day of College**
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 (Education Center/Maybank Hall)
- **12-1:15** Use your lunch ticket either day
- **2:00-7:00** Residence Hall model room open
- **1:30** Afternoon concurrent sessions
- **2:10** Business of CofC (Health Services, Billing, Dining, Books)
- **3:30** Concurrent sessions
- **4:15** The basics of living on campus
- **Times vary** Campus tours (offered both days)
Orientation Day Two events

- 8:00-9:00  Breakfast & History of CofC @ 8:30
- 9:00-10:00 Small group discussions with faculty/staff
- 10:15-11:00 Ask the Experts or What can Cougar Card do for you?
- 11:05-12:00 Financial Aid 101
- 12:00-1:00  Lunch on your own
- 12:00-5:00 Residence Hall model room open
- 1:00-2:00 Concurrent afternoon sessions
- 2:00-3:15 Orientation Information Fair
  (Attend the Fair to get your Charleston Bound sign!)

Campus tours offered throughout the day
GUIDEBOOK

- Go to the App Store for your IPhone or mobile device - (Google Play for Android and App store for Apple).

- Search under the term CofC or College of Charleston New Student Guide (you may have to scroll down the list on an android device).
Family Information Form *(found in your packet)*

- Complete and leave the Family Information Form in the basket in the lobby area of Sottile Theatre or give this to any orientation intern during day one of orientation.

- 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 1:00pm the door prize list will be posted on the door to the Office of New Student Programs (#4 on the campus map) and prizes can be picked up from this office.
Conversations to have with your student...

• Time management (checking email & meeting deadlines)
• Using the resources on campus
• Going to class
• Choosing a major
• Budgeting money (financial aid, tuition bills)
• Academic expectations (scholarships, GPA, minimum scholastic attainment)
• Viewing midterm and final grades
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
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
#nextstopcofc
#cofc2022
@CofC
@CofCSports
Snapchat
CofCOrientation
TheCofC

Facebook
• College of Charleston Class of 2022 page
• College of Charleston

Instagram
@CofCOrientation
@CollegeofCharleston

Pinterest
CofCNSP
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*, they hover closely overhead, rarely out of reach whether their children need them or not.

Source: wikipedia.org
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Our Communication Goal
SEASONED PARENTS?
Participation Time!

**TEXT** to the number **37607**

In the message body text **CofCCSL**

- Once you send your text you will get a reply text message on your phone that you have joined the session (COFC CSL). Do not click on the Poll Everywhere link in this text message.
- Fun and interactive way to “test” your opinions.
- Opportunity for us to give you real-life parental experiences!
- Raise your hand if you need help – an intern will assist you.
Picture it…

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.
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DO NOTHING!
Homesick…

Your student calls you at the end of the first week of school, is miserable, and wants to come home.
You’re worried…

You suspect that your student is failing a course at the midterm.
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.
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Make Susan Happy!
Undecided on a major...

Your student is still undecided regarding which major to declare while at the college.
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Helping Your Student Decide

MAJORS & MINORS FAIR
October 4th, 2017
10:30am–1:30pm
Cougar Mall

Choosing a MAJOR
at the COLLEGE of CHARLESTON
Students have ultimate responsibility for their decisions and academic record.
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 (CSL)

The CSL 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?
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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.”
Walk-in Labs

- Business
- Computer Science
- Foreign Languages
- Statistics & Research in Social Sciences
- Math
- Science
- Writing

No Appointment Necessary
Faculty-recommended & CRLA certified tutors

Open Monday-Thursday until 9pm
Sunday 6-9pm for Writing, Science, Speaking, & Math Lab
By Appointment Tutoring

- Faculty recommended, trained tutors.
- Flexible hours by appointment.
- ALL languages except Spanish.
- Speaking Lab for speech and oral presentation assistance.
- And available for limited introductory courses.
Concerned about student?

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

• One-on-one appointments with a trained professional staff member to assess study strengths & weaknesses
• A study plan is created to incorporate time management & study strategies
• Supports many students in addition or outside of tutoring
Study Strategies Workshops

- 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
What is SI?

Your 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.
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Supplemental Instruction (SI)`

 ✓ Peer-facilitated study groups linked with historically difficult courses (i.e., BIOL 111/112, CHEM 111/112, BIOL 201, BIOL 202, PHIL 120, PSYC 213)

 ✓ The SI leader has successfully completed the course before, attends class again, takes notes, completes homework, and offers 3 SI sessions per week

 ✓ SI Leaders help students learn **WHAT to learn** while focusing on **HOW to learn**

 ✓ Students who consistently attend SI statistically make a half to whole letter grade better than those who don’t.
Studying effectively?

Your student says that he/she is studying but is still not doing well in Biology 111.
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Center for Student Learning
Academic assistance for students at the College of Charleston

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

Come early; Come often!
Addlestone Library, First Floor

http://cofc.edu/csl
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Dr. Alicia Caudill, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Student Affairs
caudillad@cofc.edu
The Division of Student Affairs at the College of Charleston is dedicated to facilitating the cultural, social, emotional, physical, ethical and intellectual development of all students so that they may become responsible and effective individuals.

We exist to promote the whole person and enhance their education.
Student Involvement & Engagement

Led by Michael Duncan, Associate Vice President for Student Involvement

– Campus Recreation
– Higdon Student Leadership Center & Fraternity and Sorority Life
– Student Life
Student Outreach & Support

Led by Jeri Cabot, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students

– Collegiate Recovery Program
– Counseling and Substance Abuse Services
– Disability Services
– Dean of Students Office
– Upward Bound
– Victim Services
Diversity & Inclusion
Led by Teresa Smith, Director of Multicultural Student Programs & Services
– Multicultural Student Programs and Services

Experiential Learning
Led by Jim Allison, Executive Director of the Career Center & Stephanie Visser, Director of the Center for Civic Engagement
– Career Center
– Center for Civic Engagement
What you need to know that no one wants to tell you.
What you “see” when you leave your student at CofC.
Photo courtesy of Ramsey’s (Class of 2038) mom and dad, Mary Alice and Matt.
What we “see” when you leave your student at CofC.
Three Questions:

• Do you want me to listen?
• Do you want me to respond?
• Do you want me to help you figure out who at the College can assist?

The 24 hour rule...
Minimum of 5 areas always on call:

• Housing and Residence Life
• Dean of Students
• Victim Services
• Counseling
• Division Leadership

24/7/365
Homework!
The College: LOOK HERE FIRST!

Students’ Physical + Psychological Involvement at the College = Enhanced Student Success
The Ultimate Icebreaker!
It’s entertainment! It's fun!
It’s the perfect way to make new campus friendships!

TONIGHT!

5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Orientation After Dark @ Stern

The College: LOOK HERE FIRST!
TOMORROW!

• Student Information Fair
• On Orientation Day 2
• 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
• Behind Addlestone Library on Rivers Green

1. weather permitting

The College: LOOK HERE FIRST!
START of FALL SEMESTER!

• Cougar Excursion - August 15-17 (registration open)

• Weeks of Welcome - First six weeks of classes
  • Schedule on Cougar Connect (CofC Guide
  • Student Organization Fair

The College: LOOK HERE FIRST!
Practice the 24-hour rule, then call me!

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843-693-5577 (cell phone)
BREAK

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

Safety in Charleston
Academic Requirements
Getting involved
Closing Remarks
SAFETY & SECURITY AREA
Office of the President

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

Security Technology
PUBLIC SAFETY

• 41 Law Enforcement Officers
  o Statewide authority
• 20 Security Officers
  o Residence Halls
  o Library
• Communications Center
  o 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 safety 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
CofC EMS
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 semester.
Free to all students who show a current Cougar Card.

Just Call:  888-960-2227
Students can login to MyCharleston to sign up for an alert to be sent to them and you!
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)
Academic Standards

Lightsey Center B-12

http://undergrad.cofc.edu
I know exactly how you feel!
Not really sure where to go??
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 17th & Mar 7th)
- **Withdrawal Date**: ~ 1 week after
  Mid-Term grade deadline (Oct 24th & Mar 25th)

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

- Grades may not be provided on all assigned work but will be on the test.
- Request accommodations ahead of time.
- First test grades might be "wake-up calls" but they still count.
- Must take responsibility for work done or not done and associated consequences.
- Opportunities to boost the grade by correcting assignments or completing extra credit are not common.
- Grades are often derived from only a few papers or tests.

- Good-faith effort is important but will not substitute for results when grades are assigned.
- Opportunities to solve new kinds of problems is valued more than rote memorization.

- Must SEEK help
- Faculty want students to attend office hours.

May not be reminded of incomplete work.
www.strengthsquest.com
(use g.cofc.edu email)
Getting Involved
On campus and in the city of Charleston
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
Campus Recreation Services (CRS)

- Club and Intramural teams
- Wellness classes (Yoga, Zumba, Belly Dance…)
- Open recreation hours
- Outdoor adventures

**George Street Fitness Center:**
Attend the open house at the fitness center today

Located at 50 George Street, first floor of the Campus Center Apartments (#32 on the campus map)
Support our Student Athletes – GO COUGARS!!!

- NCAA Division I university in the Colonial Athletic Association
- 19 Varsity Sports Teams
- Free admission with your Cougar Card

Men:
- Basketball - 2018 CAA Champions
- Baseball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Soccer
- Sailing
- Tennis

Women:
- Basketball
- Beach Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Equestrian
- Golf
- Sailing
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
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 contact Greek Life at GreekLife@cofc.edu
Student Media/CisternYard Media Network

- CisternYard Video
- CisternYard News
- CisternYard Radio
- The Yard
- Miscellany
- www.CisternYard.com
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
Examples of Campus activities

Fall
• Weeks of Welcome
• Convocation
• CAB Casino Night
• Cistern Fest Organization Fair
• Cougar Countdown - stress relief during exams

Spring
• Homecoming
• Cougar Countdown (exam stress-relief activities)
• Cougarpalooza
Community activities

• Many arts and cultural activities (theatre, museums, plays, art shows)
• Farmers Market at Marion Square - Saturdays until 2pm (May-Dec)
• Second Sunday on King Street
• Southeastern Wildlife Expo (SEWE)
• Fashion Week
• Spoleto Festival - May/June annually
• Local beaches: Folly Beach, Isle of Palms, Sullivan's Island
• Community service activities - ongoing throughout the year (Center for Civic Engagement)
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!
Closing Remarks

Note to self: just breathe
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.

The College Reads! committee is pleased to announce the 2018 book:  


Angie Thomas will be on campus Monday, October 15, 2018 at 7:00pm in Sottile Theatre. Her lecture is free and open to the public.
Community Service Project

We are collecting school supplies for The Teacher’s Supply Closet, a nonprofit organization that provides free school supplies to teachers in the Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester county who work at schools where 83% of the students are on the free or reduced meals program.

The top 5 needed items
- Crayons (24 pack)
- Composition Notebooks
- Kleenex
- Hand Sanitizer
- Scissors

Donation Drop Off Locations
- Maybank Hall – Check in on day 1
- Sottile Theatre – family orientation day 1
- Stern Center – family orientation day 2
- Rivers Green – info fair on day 2
- Office of New Student Programs – throughout orientation
Remember:

• 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
Need Help During Orientation?

- Ask an orientation intern
- Stop by the Office of New Student Programs in the Lightsey Center Annex (#4 on a campus map)

- Call the New Student Programs Office at 843.953.2017

- Email orientat@cofc.edu
Day One: 11:15-12:00 concurrent sessions

Parents as Career Coaches
Education Center room 116 (#96 on the campus map)

Computing & Technology Tips for Parents
Education Center room 118 (#96 on the campus map)

Campus Tour
Leave from Maybank Hall (#26 on the campus map)