

A newsletter for the alumni of the College of Coastal Georgia, Coastal Georgia Community College, Brunswick College, and Brunswick Junior College.



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# **NEW INDUCTEES OF THE STUDENT HALL OF FAME**



Congratulations to the new inductees of the College of Coastal Georgia's Student Hall of Fame. These students were inducted because of their academic and personal achievements, leadership, and ability to inspire others.

The new inductees are:

David Brockway, Natayanna Cameron, Haleigh Cejka, Kelsie Farley, Arthur Figuiere, Ryan George, Lily

Heidger, Macy Hufstetler, Nellie Little, Marianela Landi, Caroline McKinzie, Gabriella Merced, Eva Rubio, and Brianna Sparks.



#### **GRADUATION VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!**

Mariner Alumni, your help is needed to make our Spring Commencement a success. Graduation is on Saturday, May 7, at 11 a.m. at the Jekyll Island Convention Center.

We will be having one traditional ceremony with approximately 350 graduates. Please help make it a great day for our new alumni by volunteering.

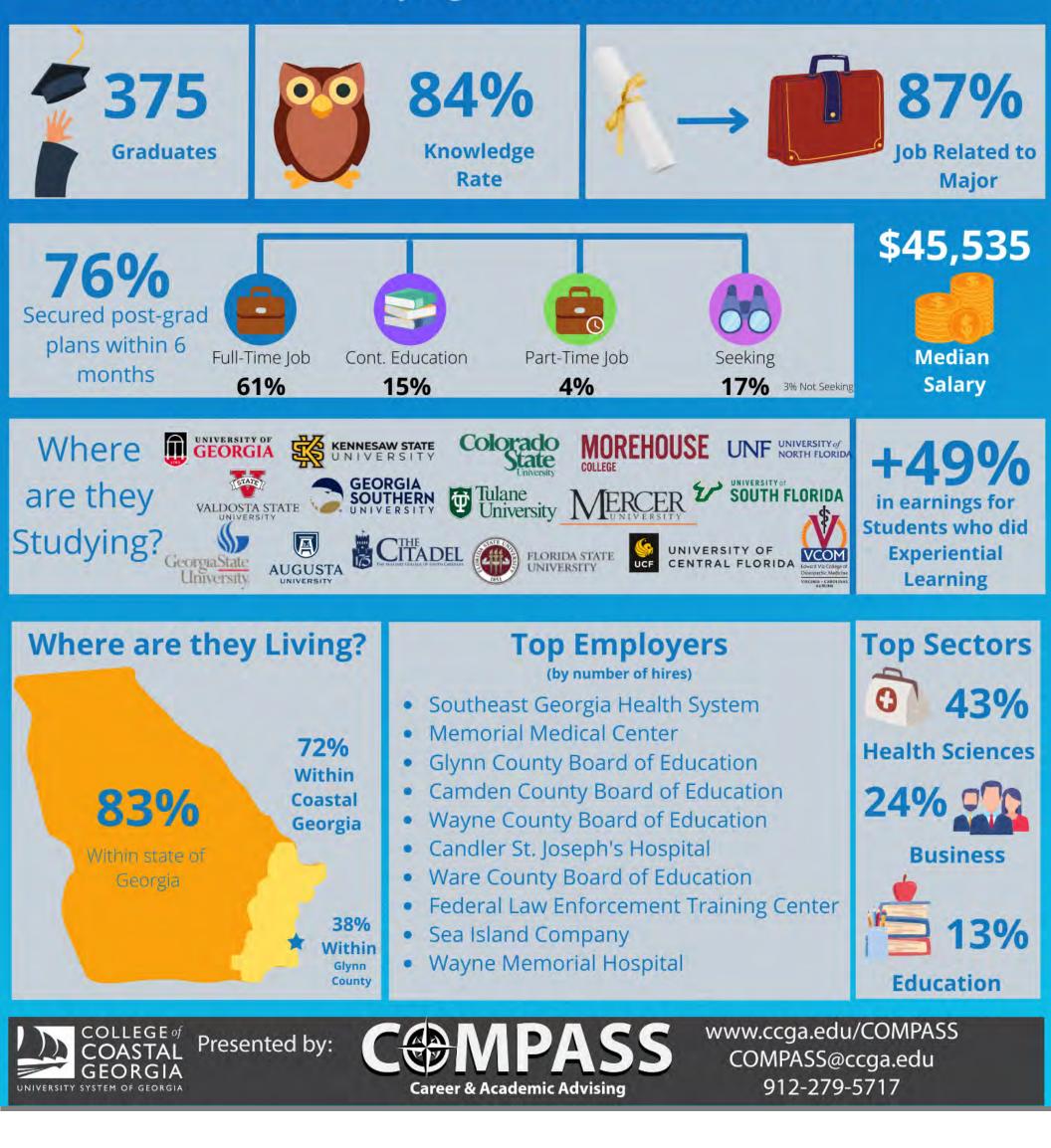
Volunteers will be needed from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on graduation day. Attire is business casual.

Contact Kendra Lloyd at <u>klloyd@ccga.edu</u> to volunteer.

# **College** of Coastal Georgia

Class of 2021 Career Outcomes & Facts

Every year, CCGA collects data on students' post-graduation plans. Included here is a sampling of these data from the class of 2021.



# **STUDENT PROFILE: JOEY LANE '22**



#### "Finding a Special Niche"

By Tiffany King

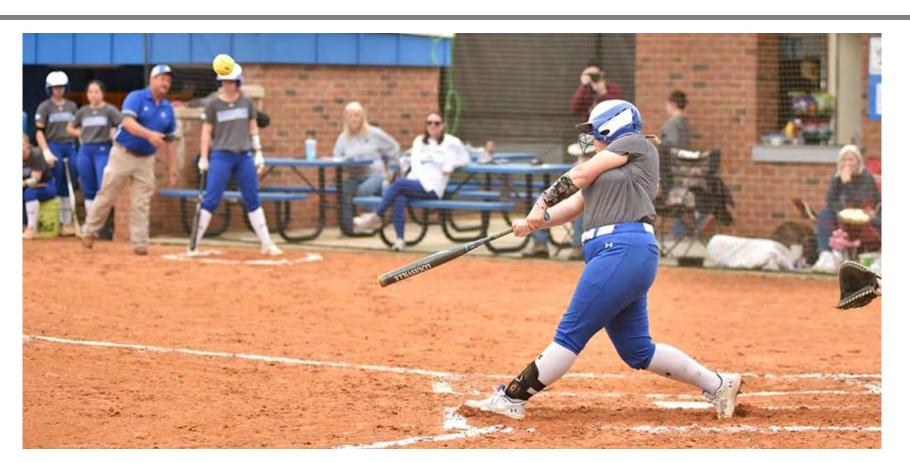
Senior Joey Lane came to the College of Coastal Georgia with an interesting set of skills that led him to finding a special niche within nursing. The Brantley County native will graduate this May with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. He always heard about the College's nursing and health sciences program while in high school, and even participated in a certified nursing assistant program. However, after graduating from high school, he decided to take some time to think about a career in healthcare and turned to his other passion—doing hair.

Lane attended cosmetology school and worked as a hairdresser for a few years, describing it as a fun time, but

he still felt the tug for a career in healthcare. He said hairdressing prepared him for nursing school. Nursing and hairdressing are both service jobs, and involves touching people, and listening to clients' concerns. He had the idea to merge his love of doing hair with nursing. He did his prerequisites volunteering at Hospice of Golden Isles and developed a program where he did hair for hospice patients. Lane shared the story of how he worked with an Alzheimer's patient who was nonverbal. It had been some time since she had her hair done and he was given a photo of what she used to look like. When he was done, he put the mirror in front of her and the look in her eyes changed. A smile was on her face she recognized herself. To see how she was comforted by a simple task truly amazed Lane. He wants to continue bringing a more personalized experience to healthcare .

"It's already so depersonalizing being in a healthcare facility, and a lot of the older generation are used to getting their hair cut or rolled once a week," he said. "Doing their hair made them feel a little bit more comfortable. That helped develop what I wanted to be as a nurse—focusing on patient dignity. One of my biggest passions is where critical care meets end of life and palliative care."

Read more about Joey and his passion as a nurse <u>here</u>.



### 2022 MARINERS HAVE WINNINGEST SEASON IN SCHOOL HISTORY

The Coastal Georgia Mariners (36-8, 18-7) defeated the Warner University Royals (22-21, 10-11) for the series win and for the 36<sup>th</sup> win of the season. The Mariners have never before reached a 36-win season and before this 35 Wins in the 2017 season was the highest amount of wins any Coastal Georgia team had racked up.

The Mariners beat the Royals 3-1 off a three-run home run from third baseman Cevana Wood.

#### Read more about the game <u>here.</u>

### COMPASS: Chart Your Course INTEGRATED CAREER & ACADEMIC PLANNING

Here is an update on COMPASS: Chart Your Course, the College's Quality Enhancement Plan that will engage first-time freshmen in career exploration, career planning, and selecting and staying on an academic pathway in preparation of the workforce upon graduation.

- The College hosted representatives of SACSCOC virtually in the fall and they were presented with the QEP, COMPASS: Chart Your Course. Initial feedback was very positive and representatives were excited about the College's new idea for student success. The official recommendation from SACSCOC will be made known this summer.
- The COMPASS Fellows Program started this spring semester with its first cohort of six faculty

members. The program invites faculty to learn how to implement COMPASS: Chart Your Course through several training sessions.

COMPASS Fellows are: Lecturer of English Emily Boyle, Assistant Professor of English Dr. Katie Beth Brooks, Associate Professor of Chemistry Dr. Leon Gardner, Assistant Professor of English Dr. Mary McGinnis, Assistant Professor of Hospitality and Tourism Dr. Matthew Mosley, and Assistant Professor of Sociology Dr. Roscoe Scarborough

• COMPASS: Chart Your Course will officially start for students Fall 2022



This year, we would like to encourage you to join the ranks of our **"Navigators"** and support our Elevate '22 annual giving campaign.

Navigators are a special group of donors that embody the mission and passion of the College by donating \$1,000 or more to the Elevate Annual Giving Fund.

Change is constant, and the needs of our students are constantly changing. As a Navigator, you are instrumental in helping to reinforce our commitment to an "every student, every time" approach. Your donation allows us to meet our students' needs as their needs change and will go directly into campus programs and initiatives vital to student success.

Please consider making a \$1,000 donation, and remember, all gifts—no matter how big or small—will make a difference in our students' lives.

Hail the Sail and Go Mariners!

Donate Now at <u>www.ccga.edu/Elevate</u>



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

There is always something going on at the College of Coastal Georgia. Here are some upcoming events:

- . SOURCE (Symposium on Undergraduate Research and Collaborative Exploration): May 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Southeast Georgia Conference Center.
- Radiology Pinning Ceremony: May 6 at 3 p.m. in Stembler Theatre.
- . Nursing Pinning Ceremony: May 6 at 6 p.m. in Coffin Gym.
- Spring 2022 Commencement: May 7 starting at 11 a.m. at the Jekyll Island Convention Center.
- W. Golf: April 30—May 3 at the Savannah Country Club. More details will be announced.
- M. Golf: May 17—May 20 at the TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Illinois. More details will be announced.

Check out the Athletics <u>calendar</u> for more upcoming sporting events and information.

. Check out the College of Coastal Georgia Calendar for all events.

# STAY IN TOUCH

We would love to stay in touch with you. Please tell us about yourself and what you've been up to after college. Update your contact information <u>here</u>.

Questions? Contact <u>alumni@ccga.edu</u>.

