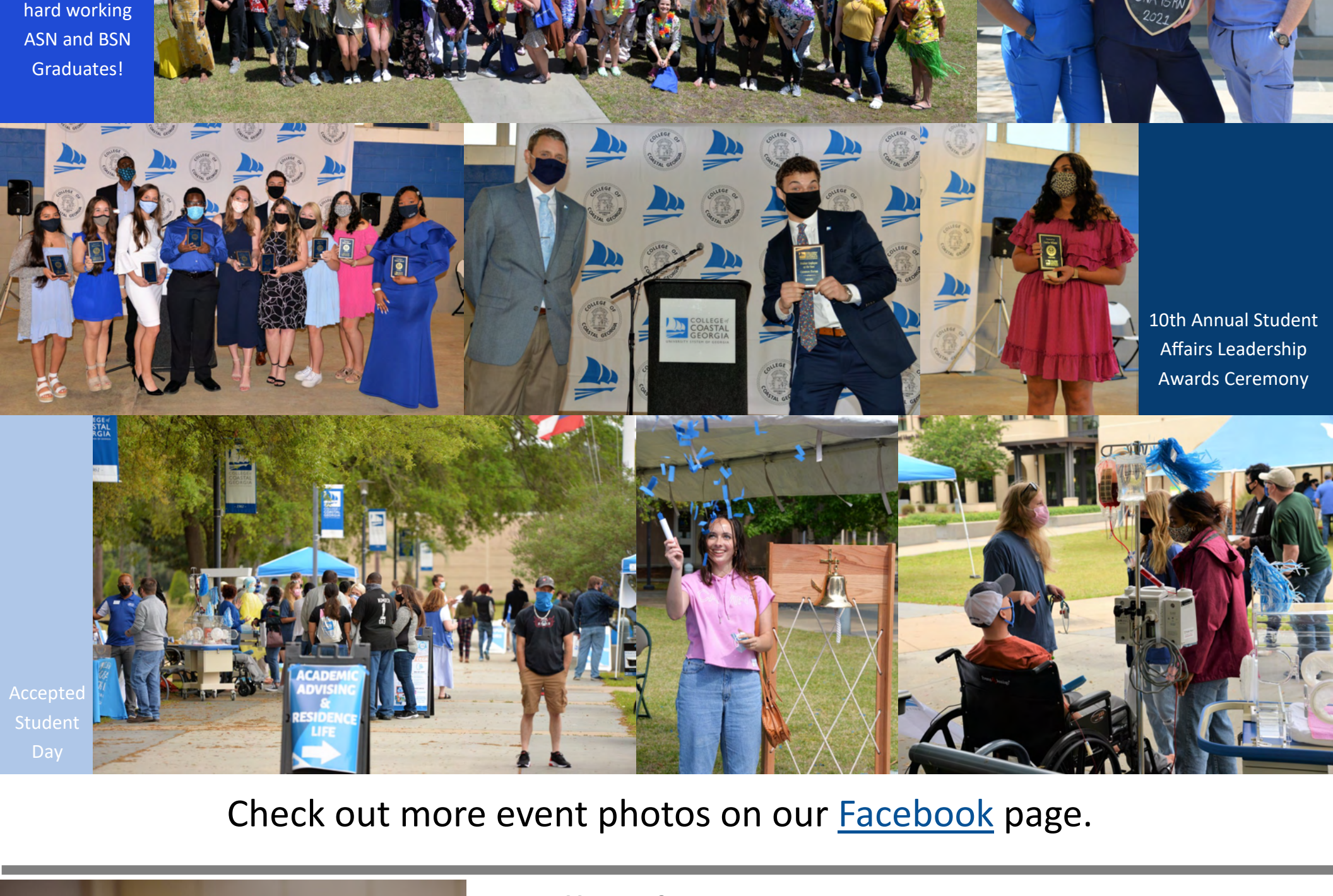


The Mariners' Log

Charting the Course Since 1961

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



Celebrating our hard working ASN and BSN Graduates!

10th Annual Student Affairs Leadership Awards Ceremony



College's Spring 2021 Commencement to be Hosted In-Person

Following the success of the College of Coastal Georgia's in-person fall commencement ceremony, the College will host another modified graduation for spring graduates on Saturday, May 8, starting at 9 a.m. at the Jekyll Island Convention Center.



In Spring 2020, the College held a virtual spring commencement due to COVID-19 restrictions at the time. Then in the fall, the College hosted an intimate, indoor ceremony that was designed to keep graduates and guests safe. The College will once again host an in-person ceremony with social distancing and other safety protocols, but on a larger scale to accommodate more graduates.



Graduates will be assigned a specific time to receive their degrees based on their major, with a limit of four guests attending with them. Spring commencement will be livestreamed on the College's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

UNITY DAY

Reflect, Challenge, Celebrate

The Student Government Association held its 1st annual Unity Day at the College. Through a resolution written by SGA, Unity Day was implemented as a special day to **Reflect, Challenge, and Celebrate**. Reflect the history, and new changes that have been made in our community and at Coastal Georgia; challenge the future here to promote a more diverse and inclusive community; and lastly, celebrate our unique backgrounds, cultures, and traditions.

Students, faculty, and staff gathered on the Campus Center patio and listened to speeches, followed by a unity walk, and enjoyed a celebration with food and giveaways.



Alumni Profile: Cindy Jacobs '84 Brunswick Junior College



A Foundation for Success

By Tiffany King

Brunswick Junior College alum Dr. Cindy Jacobs (formerly Cindy Shiver) looks back on her time at the College fondly. Building and maintaining relationships are a part of Jacobs' core values, and she was able to do just that while at BJC. Those values played a fundamental role in the development of her academic career.

Jacobs is a native of the Golden Isles and grew up on Jekyll Island. She lives on St. Simons Island and is a licensed realtor with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Hodnett Cooper Real Estate. Before her career in real estate, Jacobs spent many years working in higher education, human resources and even served as the Vice President of Advancement at the College. In 1984, she graduated with an associate's degree in general education from BJC. She then attended Armstrong State University (now Georgia Southern University) and earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. Jacobs went on to obtain her master's in computing and education from Columbia University, then received a doctorate in leadership and organizational theory at the University of North Florida.

Her career in education started when she became a classroom teacher for a few years after earning her bachelor's. Jacobs transitioned to higher education and taught teacher education at Armstrong for eight years. During that time, she moved back to the Golden Isles from Savannah to teach at Armstrong's satellite campus for teacher students, which was located on the BJC campus.

"It was called the Brunswick Center. Armstrong taught more teacher education students here than they did on their Armstrong campus," Jacobs said. "We probably graduated 100 teachers a year out of this program."

Jacobs also served as the accreditation coordinator for Armstrong's teacher education program. The University of North Florida took note of Jacobs and hired her to coordinate their program for accreditation. While there, she earned her doctorate, which was paid in full by UNF. After earning her doctorate, she came back and took the position of VP of Advancement for a year, then returned to teaching at Armstrong.

"I was passionate about this College because it gave me a launching pad for my educational career. I'm a first-generation college student. Both my sister and I have Ph.D.'s but we're the only people in our family that have college degrees," she said. "Without Brunswick Junior College at the time, I wouldn't have launched into an academic career. It's a game-changer for me and for a lot of families. It was then and still is now."

Read more of Cindy's story [here](#).



Meet a Mariner: Cameron Van Horn '21

On the Journey to Becoming a Nurse

By Tiffany King

College of Coastal Georgia Senior Cameron Van Horn feels well-prepared to start her journey as a nurse. Van Horn will be graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in May. The Hinesville native can't believe that the time has come to graduate and step into her new career. It seems like yesterday she was a freshman working at the College's Health Center, and now she will soon join one of the noblest professions.

Van Horn always knew that she wanted to work in the medical field but didn't know where to start. Her father suggested that she enroll at Coastal Georgia for nursing then attend medical school. At first, she wanted to go to a big college some hours away, but fell in love with the College after touring the campus.

"I like it. It's close to the beach, and I eventually liked that it was close to home. I got homesick really fast. Since it's only an hour away, I could go home when I wanted," she said. "It's also tight knit. All my professors have been awesome—from freshman year till now. They've been easy to reach and supportive. I've heard from my friends that go to bigger schools that they don't really get that."

Van Horn worked at the Health Center for two years. She had an awesome experience, and interacting with the staff gave her insight into a career in nursing.

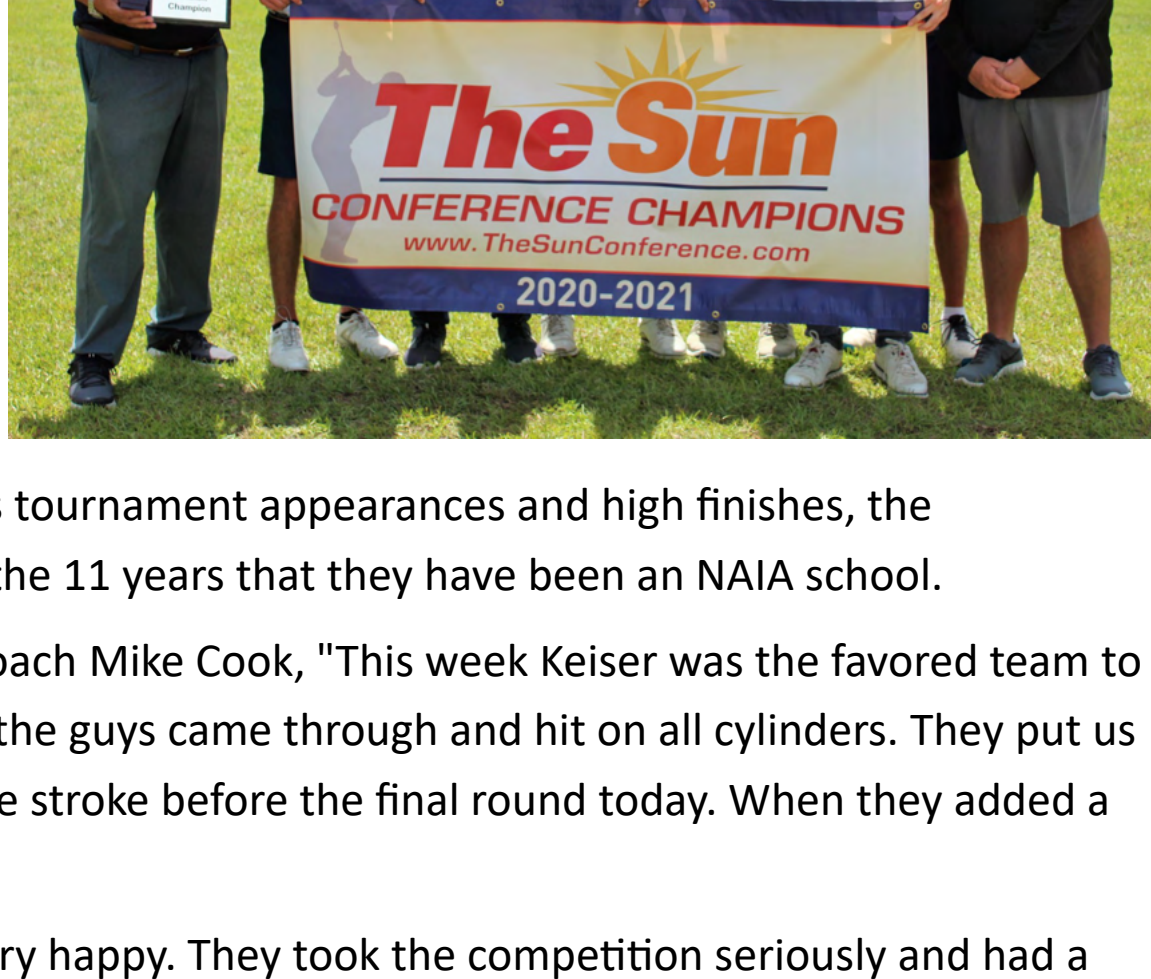
"It was cool to interact with them and talk to them about their nursing experience," Van Horn said. "Working on campus helped me come out of my shell because I'm kind of shy. I got to interact with other students and teach them, which is important for nursing students because you need to know how to talk to people."

Although she is unsure what field of nursing to pursue, she plans to start as a unit nurse on the med-surgical (med-surg) floor, where she will continue to hone her skills before becoming a nurse practitioner. Van Horn likes the hands-on aspect of nursing and caring for patients and their families.

"I'm going to be a unit nurse for a little while before going to school. I just want to make sure that in my next step, I'm doing what I want to do," she said. "I don't want to go to school to get another degree just to say that I have a degree. I want to be happy. I've seen a lot of nurses doing something they don't like, and I don't want to end up like that. I'm just going to take my time."

Read more about Cameron [here](#).

Coastal Georgia Wins First Conference Title



On Tuesday, April 27, the College of Coastal Georgia Men's Golf team won the 2021 Sun Conference Championship by one stroke. The Mariners shot eight under par, 856 strokes to edge NAIA No. 2 Keiser University for their first-ever Conference Championship.

Despite two NAIA National titles and countless tournament appearances and high finishes, the Conference Title has evaded the Mariners for the 11 years that they have been an NAIA school.

"It has been a long time coming," said Head Coach Mike Cook, "This week Keiser was the favored team to win and we had not beaten them all year. But the guys came through and hit on all cylinders. They put us in a great position yesterday coming within one stroke before the final round today. When they added a little pressure today we got the win."

"It is satisfying," added Cook, "The Men are very happy. They took the competition seriously and had a chip on their shoulder since Coastal Georgia has never won. We have success at Coastal because we have good players, and this team is as good as any I have ever had at Coastal Georgia. We proved that today."

Read more about the Men's Golf Team's win [here](#).

For more sports updates, visit coastalgeorgiasports.com

ELEVATE '21

Alumni, are you a Navigator? Navigators embody the mission and passion of the College by donating \$1,000 or more to our fund that directly invests in student success. Areas like training for our faculty and staff, so we always use the best and most high-impact practices; service-learning and undergraduate research that allow students to find solutions for real-world problems; student development programs outside of the classroom like our nationally-recognized athletics teams; and in our recently-launched blended career and academic advising model that is started on day one of the student journey.

As a Navigator, you will be helping to guide the College and reinforce our commitment to an "every student, every time" approach. Please consider making a \$1,000 donation, and remember, all gifts - no matter how big or small - will make a difference in our student's lives.

Donate Now at www.ccg.edu/Elevate

Hail the Sail and Go Mariners!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

- May 3 –7: Final Exams
- May 8: Spring Commencement at the Jekyll Island Convention Center.
- Check out the Athletics [calendar](#) for upcoming sporting 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 [here](#).

Questions? Contact alumni@ccga.edu.

