

# 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.



MARINERS RETURN FOR THE SPRING 2021 SEMESTER

WINTER WONDERLAND: ICE SKATING HOT CHOCOLATE HOMEMADE SMORES & MORE

MLK COMMEMORATIVE WALK

Visit our [Facebook](#) pages to view more event photos



## MESSAGE FROM CASEY HANAK, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

Greetings Mariner family,  
Happy New Year and welcome to 2021! I hope you all were able to enjoy the holidays and took some time off to relax. Here at the College of Coastal Georgia we have kicked off the new year and new term in true Mariner fashion, education, events, and fun!

We began spring 2021 with students returning and the campus is once again alive with their presence and energy. We are continuing operations like we did in Fall 2020, by providing virtual learning, in-person instruction, and hybrid courses; campus activities; and community volunteer opportunities—all while keeping the health and safety of our Mariner family top priority. Our on-campus face mask mandate remains in effect, along with social distancing guidelines, sanitizing stations and reminders, and other safety measures.

Thank you to all our alumni who have shown their support for the College. We could not do it without you. Thank you for your words of encouragement, for sharing our social media posts, answering the call to volunteer at graduation, visiting campus, for your generosity, and talking with prospective students and their families about attending Coastal. Your efforts and Mariner Pride outside of this institution make us a better college. We have big plans for Alumni in 2021, but we will need your buy-in to pull them off.

We want to remain connected with you all, so please do not hesitate to reach out to us to share your stories or to get connected with opportunities on campus. We also want to know what you want from your Alumni Association and how you want to be engaged with the College. There is a brief survey linked below. Please complete it so that we can create a better engagement strategy for our Alumni program going forward. If this past year has proven one thing, it's that we can make it together. I look forward to what the year holds at Coastal and sharing that with all of you. We are looking ahead and see 2021 as the year of the phoenix—we will rise better and brighter.

Please take care and we look forward to seeing you soon.

With Mariner Pride,  
Casey Hanak  
Assistant Director of Development & Alumni Engagement

## ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT QUICK SURVEY:

### TELL US WHAT YOU WANT

We want the Alumni Association to be what you want and need. Your feedback will help us create programming and events that not only engage alumni, but keep the Mariner family connected no matter where you go after graduation. Please take the time to fill out this survey about the kinds of stories, services, events, and volunteer opportunities you are interested in.



Take the Alumni Engagement survey [here](#).

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

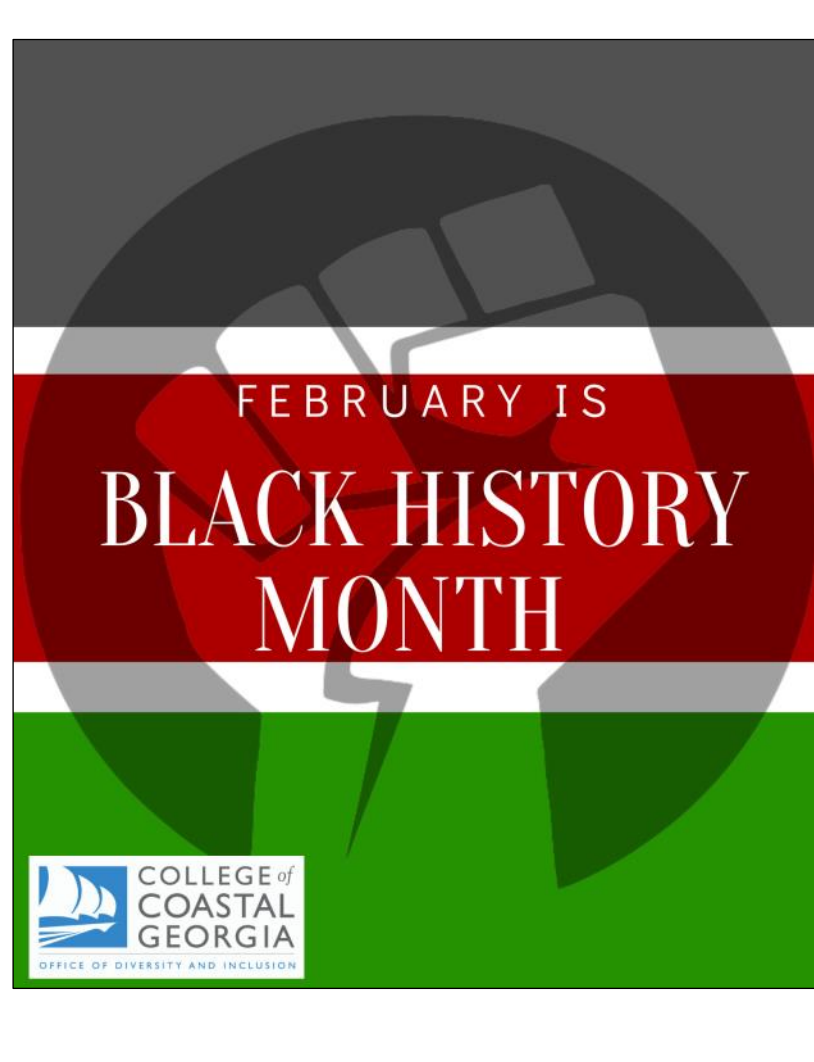
February is Black History Month across the United States, an annual celebration of the achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their role in U.S. history.

The College will be celebrating Black History Month with various activities including a kickoff event, movie marathon, recognition banquet, candle vigil and more.

Here are some events that you can attend:

- Feb. 6: **Heritage Walk** hosted by the Brunswick African American Cultural Center, starting at 8:00 a.m. at 1621 Albany St. in Brunswick
- The Black History Month Luncheon will not take place this year due to the pandemic. It will instead be replaced by the **Boys and Girls of Summer: Past, Present, and Future** virtual event. Be on the lookout for more information in the following weeks.

For more information about events email [diversity@ccga.edu](mailto:diversity@ccga.edu).



## COLLEGE OF COASTAL GEORGIA'S QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN

Coastal Georgia is currently undergoing the reaffirmation of accreditation process that happens every 10 years. A key component of this process is the creation of a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) that focuses on implementing an initiative that enhances student learning and student success. The previous QEP topic was service-learning, and it is evident how much the service-learning program has become ingrained within our campus culture and reputation in the region.

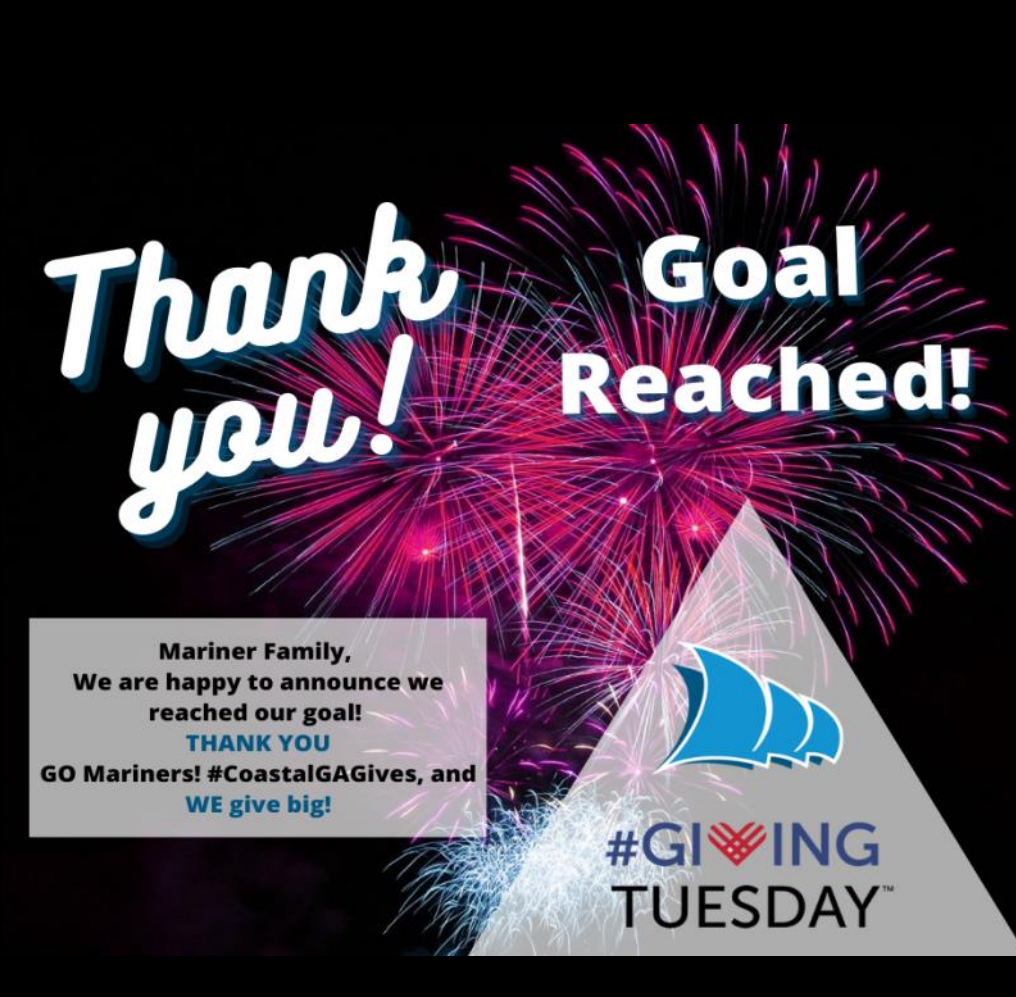
During the spring and summer of 2020, faculty, staff, students, and administrators worked together to select the QEP topic, COMPASS: Integrated Career and Academic Planning. The QEP Development was then charged with developing this initiative further that will help students succeed by aligning their academic goals with a career path. Students will have an improved understanding of connecting academic courses to career goals for a clear pathway to graduation. The Development Committee is now working on strategies to implement this program with a campus-wide approach that goes beyond the classroom.

To learn more about the QEP process, please visit [www.ccga.edu/2022qep](http://www.ccga.edu/2022qep).

### We Did It!

We showed #CoastalGaGives, and we give big! We reached and surpassed our goal for Giving Tuesday with the help of a matching gift from trustees and alumni support. We raised **\$40,225** and surpassed our goal by \$5,000.

Thank you for your contribution and continued support that made this campaign such a success. Your generosity will support student success and change the lives of students. We could not have done it without you.



Mariner Family, We are happy to announce we reached our goal! THANK YOU GO Mariners! #CoastalGaGives, and WE give big!

#GIVING TUESDAY

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

There is always something going on at the College of Coastal Georgia.

Here are some upcoming events:

- Jan 30: Basketball Double Header vs Keiser University — Women's tipoff at 2:00 p.m. and Men's at 4:00 p.m.  
\*For live game stats and to watch online, visit [coastalgeorgiasports.com](http://coastalgeorgiasports.com).
- Feb 6: Heritage Walk hosted by the Brunswick African American Cultural Center, starting at 8:00 a.m. at 1621 Albany St. in Brunswick
- Feb 20: Homecoming starts at 11 a.m. on the lawn of the Student Activity Center. The theme is "Through the Decades." Alumni are invited to enjoy vendors, food trucks, and a skating rink. Drop by the Alumni Association table for free giveaways.  
\*Face masks and social distancing will be mandatory and enforced.
- Boys and Girls of Summer: Past, Present, and Future virtual event. More details to follow.

## 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](mailto:alumni@ccga.edu).

