

# 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.



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## FORMER MARINER PJ REASON SUPPORTS LOCAL FAN

Former Coastal Georgia basketball player PJ Reason made a selfless gesture recently following a game in the United Cup of Champions League in the Dominican Republic. After a game with the England Bulldogs - Santiago, Reason gave his sneakers to a fan in the stands who was less fortunate than himself.

Head coach Jesse Watkins was all for the kind act stating "Big time! Mariners basketball player blessing someone that is less fortunate."

Reason played for Coastal Georgia from 2012-14 under coaches Gerald Cox and Watkins.



## Coastal Grads Present Research at Conference in San Juan

College of Coastal Georgia alums Kaelyn Tyler and Travis Simmons, who graduated in May, traveled to San Juan, Puerto Rico in June to lead a session at the American Geophysical Union's (AGU) Frontiers in Hydrology meeting. Tyler convened a session on the methods for discovering and formatting open-source data sets for hydrologic research. Simmons was a co-convenor for the session and also presented his research poster entitled, "LINDEX, an End-to-End Landsat-8 Timeseries Index Processing Framework." His work focused on the usefulness of the LINDEX framework for research using satellite imagery.

This was the inaugural meeting for the hydrology section of AGU, which is approximately half of AGU's membership, said Assistant Professor of Environmental Science Dr. James Deemy.

"Their work will set a precedent for future organized sessions at subsequent Frontiers in Hydrology meetings," Deemy said. "Additionally, this puts students from Coastal's Department of Natural Sciences at the forefront of hydrologic research and will also be a great learning opportunity for them."

Simmons said that the conference exposed he and Tyler to the cutting edge of hydrologic research. They had the opportunity to talk with researchers about a wide range of topics—from cave mapping to NASA satellite launch plans.

Read more about the conference [here](#).



## NEW BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING TO START THIS FALL

The School of Business and Public Management will offer a Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree, beginning Fall 2022. The new degree program has been developed from the Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in accounting. The change comes as industry leaders strongly prefer candidates who have earned a degree in accounting, thus helping accounting graduates remain competitive for future careers in accounting.

Along with the new degree program is the opportunity for community members who've already earned a bachelor's degree and are considering a new career in accounting, to enroll at the College for accounting and business classes only. Individuals will be able to take accounting and other related classes, such as business law, to learn the content for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. Combined with a prior bachelor's degree, the completed courses could accumulate to 150 hours—a requirement as a CPA.

To learn more about the new accounting degree and opportunity for community members, please contact Professor of Accounting Dr. Wanda DeLeo at [wdeleo@ccga.edu](mailto:wdeleo@ccga.edu).

*"Being able to offer the Bachelor of Science in Accounting as a major is a game-changer for our students. While the curricula are similar, the credential of an accounting degree has significant value within the accounting profession."*

- Dr. Skip Mounts, Dean of the School of Business and Public Management



## Goodwill Southeast and College Partner to Help Returning Students

College of Coastal Georgia President Michelle Johnston and Goodwill Southeast Georgia Vice President Mission Services Veronica Styron signed a memorandum of understanding to partner together for Goodwill's Path to Success Program. The program will help adult learners who are facing difficulties return to the College and complete their education.

Goodwill's Path to Success Program is designed to assist students who may have a financial barrier, such as an outstanding balance, preventing their return. The College will select students who meet the program's requirements and Goodwill will award up to \$1,500 toward recipients' cost of attendance per term. Students will be mentored through the Path to Success Program, attend trainings recommended by a Goodwill Career Specialist, create an individual development plan, and have their academic progress regularly reviewed.

**Alumni!**

Be on the lookout for some upcoming alumni events this fall.

We really want to be able to get together and celebrate not only your time at the College, but what you've been up to since.

If you have any ideas for gatherings, entertainment, etc., please contact us at [alumni@ccga.edu](mailto:alumni@ccga.edu).

## ELEVATE '22

Alumni, you have the opportunity to be Navigators and **Elevate '22**. Navigators embody the mission and passion of the College by donating \$1,000 or more to the College of Coastal Georgia Annual Fund, which supports areas such as training for our faculty and staff; service-learning and undergraduate research; student development programs outside of the classroom; and our recently-launched blended career and academic advising model.

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.ccga.edu/Elevate](http://www.ccga.edu/Elevate)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

- Fall 2022 Semester begins: Aug 15
- Volleyball vs. Brewton Parker: Aug 20, in Coffin Gym at 2 p.m.
- 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 [here](#).

Questions? Contact [alumni@ccga.edu](mailto:alumni@ccga.edu).

