



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.



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE

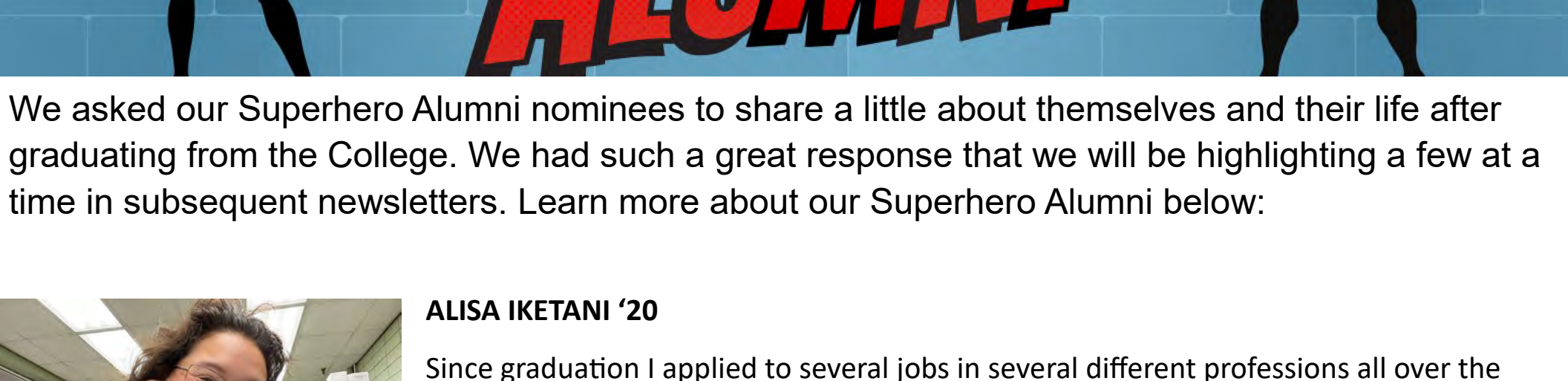


PIE A MATH PROFESSOR



EASY AS PIE

To view more photos, check out the College's Facebook [page](#).

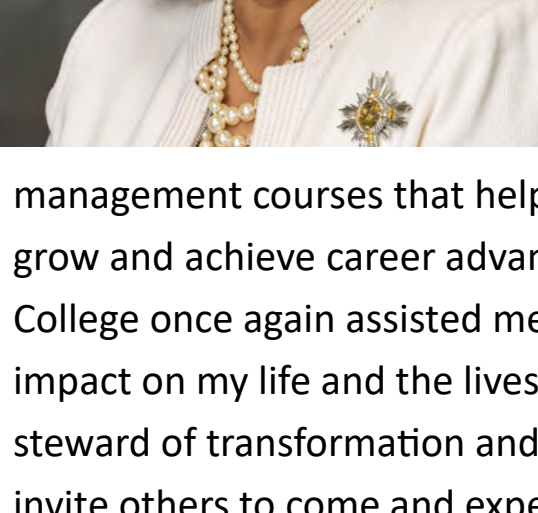


We asked our Superhero Alumni nominees to share a little about themselves and their life after graduating from the College. We had such a great response that we will be highlighting a few at a time in subsequent newsletters. Learn more about our Superhero Alumni below:



ALISA IKETANI '20

Since graduation I applied to several jobs in several different professions all over the world, but was lucky to find an amazing position right here in Brunswick. I am currently a Laboratory Technician at Pinova Inc. I love my job, I never realized how much I love chemistry and beings hands-on. I am learning skills I never learned in the classroom. I value the education I received at Coastal Georgia and will carry that with me throughout life. Working as a lab technician is rewarding and teaching me that I do anything as long as I don't let fear or doubt stop me.



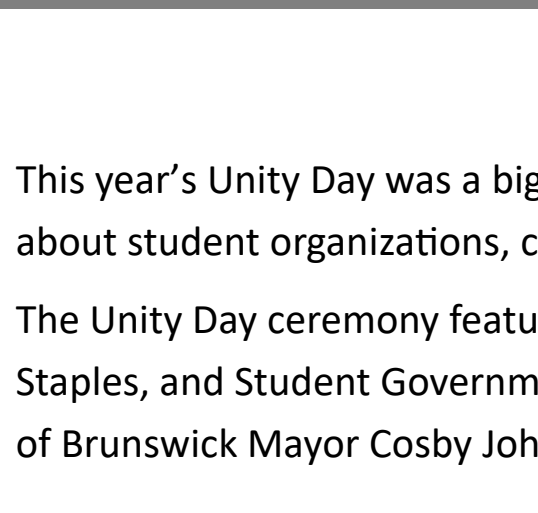
REV. ABRA LATTANY-REED '16

The college has been instrumental in my career and personal development. I have been blessed to enjoy a great career. The College has always been my anchor—every step of the way. During my tenure with the Department of Navy at Kings Bay, I earned an internship and was afforded the opportunity to work on a trident submarine as a logistics management specialist back in the early 80s. The College offered me training that helped me excel and adjust in a non-traditional work environment. When the first law enforcement agency (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) recruited me in an effort to increase diversity amongst their ranks, the College once again offered management courses that helped me develop as a leader. The College of Coastal Georgia offered courses to help me grow and achieve career advancement along the way. Finally, when I accepted the call to ordained ministry, the College once again assisted me in learning new skills as non-traditional student. The College of Coastal Georgia's impact on my life and the lives of others is significant on so many levels. The College lives up to its promise to be a steward of transformation and hope for our community. I am proud to share in that hope and count it a privilege to invite others to come and experience it.

Rev. Abra Lattany-Reed, a bi-vocation local pastor, is the Director of Diversity and Justice Ministries for the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church, where she directs and implement strategic efforts in diversity, equity, and inclusion for the conference.

Abra has worked for the federal government for the past 39 years as a career civil servant and professional. She currently serves as the Chief of Management and Administration for the Department of Justice, United States Marshals Service at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, where she has oversight of financial, procurement, and administrative operations.

She is a member of the Brunswick (GA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. She currently serves on the board of directors for Coastal Georgia Area Community Action Authority, Inc., and is a trustee for the College of Coastal Georgia.



RYAN MCMAHAN '12, '14

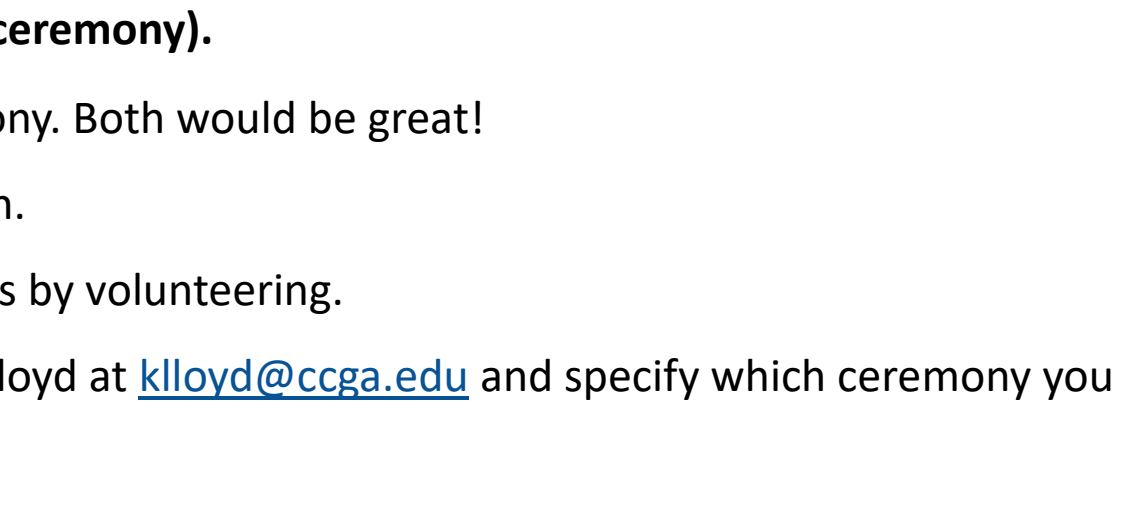
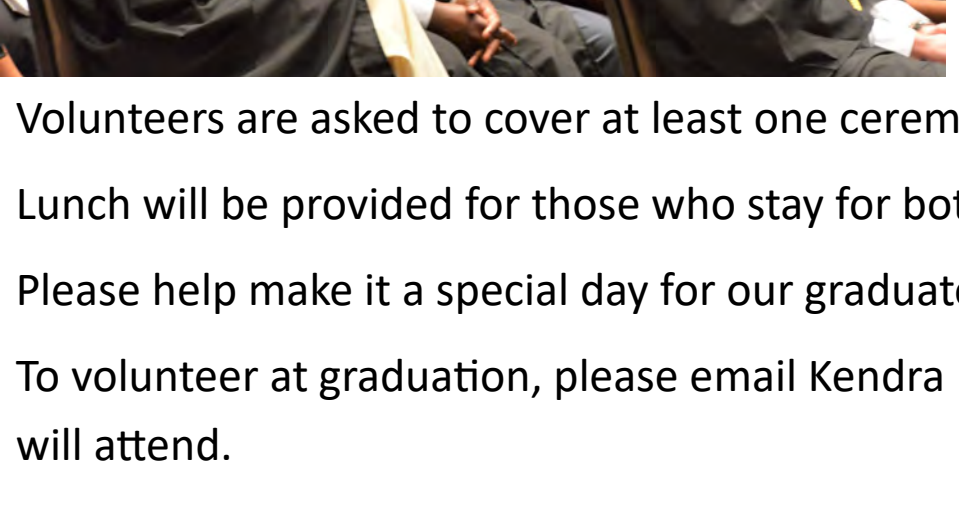
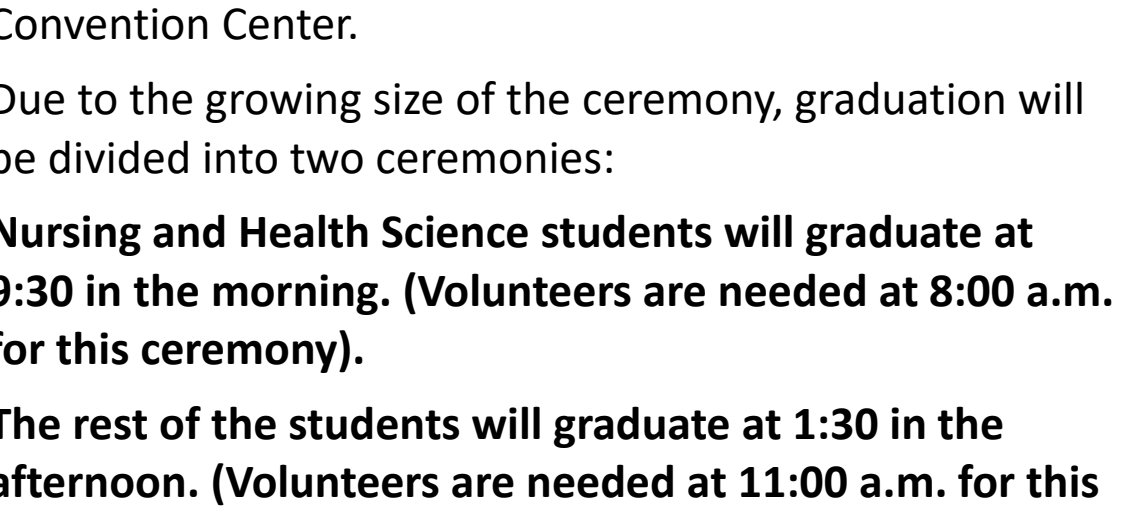
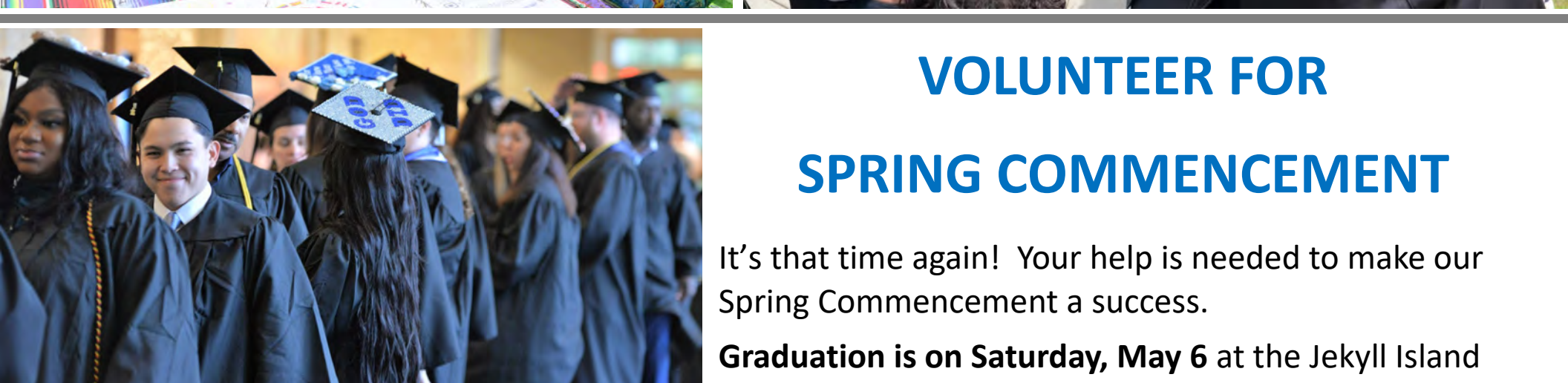
Ryan McMahan is a Vice President, Preferred Banking Financial Center Leader for Bank of America for the Georgia/Tennessee region. In his current role, he leads a team of 25 associates and oversees operations of three retail bank locations in the metro Atlanta area. He is also an elected member of the Executive Council Leadership Team in which he mentors and guides other leaders to top performance. Ryan was recruited by the bank shortly after graduation and has held various roles with the company including Operations Manager, Associate Team Lead and Branch Manager.

Ryan graduated from the College of Coastal Georgia in 2014 with a bachelors degree in business administration and was one of the first participants to partake in the newly established business program. Ryan attributes a lot of his success to his tenure at the College. Through networking and community engagement, he graduated with a number of offers from different financial institutions.

UNITY DAY 2023

This year's Unity Day was a big success. Students, faculty, staff and community members had the opportunity to learn about student organizations, campus services, played games, and were treated to some frozen yogurt from Fuse.

The Unity Day ceremony featured remarks from President Michelle Johnston, Director of Diversity Initiatives Quinton Staples, and Student Government Association President Kayla Markey. The keynote speaker for the special day was City of Brunswick Mayor Cosby Johnson.



VOLUNTEER FOR SPRING COMMENCEMENT

It's that time again! Your help is needed to make our Spring Commencement a success.

Graduation is on Saturday, May 6 at the Jekyll Island Convention Center.

Due to the growing size of the ceremony, graduation will be divided into two ceremonies:

Nursing and Health Science students will graduate at 9:30 in the morning. (Volunteers are needed at 8:00 a.m. for this ceremony).

The rest of the students will graduate at 1:30 in the afternoon. (Volunteers are needed at 11:00 a.m. for this ceremony).

Volunteers are asked to cover at least one ceremony. Both would be great!

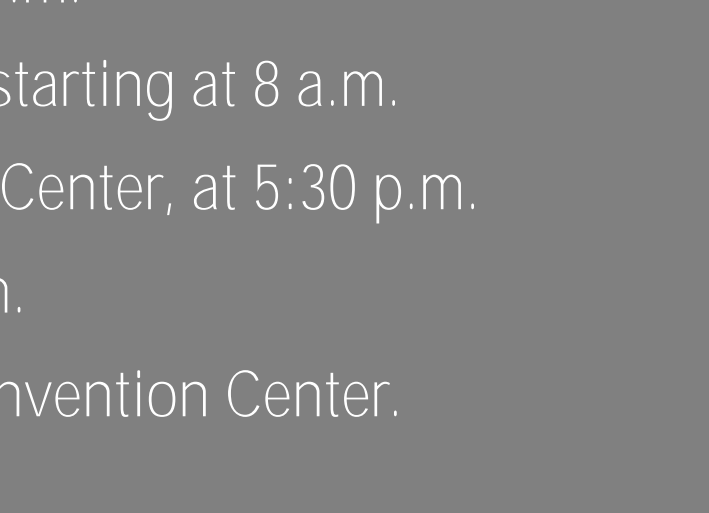
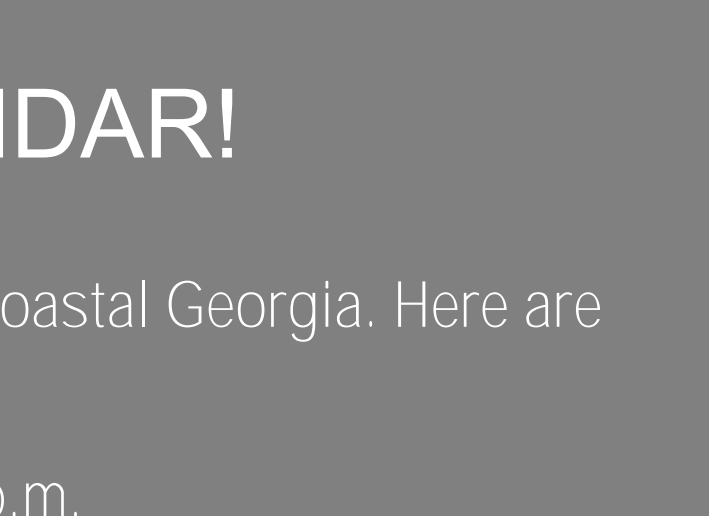
Lunch will be provided for those who stay for both.

Please help make it a special day for our graduates by volunteering.

To volunteer at graduation, please email Kendra Lloyd at killoyd@ccga.edu and specify which ceremony you will attend.

REMEMBERING MARY ELEANOR

In memory of Mary Eleanor Wickersham, the School of Business and Public Management is raising money to place a memorial bench on campus. The amount of the bench is \$4,000 and with your help, we can reach that goal.



Mary Eleanor joined the College of Coastal Georgia faculty as part of the establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Public Management program. At the time, she lived on St. Simons, and was on the faculty at Valdosta State when she decided to come to Coastal. Her passion for research and her students left a lasting legacy within the School of Business and Public Management. With this bench, we hope friends, family, alumni, and future students can be touched by Mary Eleanor's memory, and remember the impact she made on the College of Coastal Georgia.

Please consider donating!

Donations can be made securely online at:

www.ccga.edu/remembersmary

Or checks can be made out to the College of Coastal Georgia Foundation with "Wickersham Bench" in the memo line and mailed to:

College of Coastal Georgia Foundation
One College Drive
Brunswick, GA 31520

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

- Student Hall of Fame: April 5, Stembler Theatre, at 7 p.m.
- Accepted Student Day: April 22, Brunswick campus, starting at 8 a.m.
- Honors Day: April 24, Southeast Georgia Conference Center, at 5:30 p.m.
- SOURCE: May 1, Campus Center, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Spring 2023 Commencement: May 6, Jekyll Island Convention Center. Commencement will be divided into two ceremonies:
 - Nursing and Health Science students will graduate at 9:30 a.m.
 - School of Arts and Sciences and School of Business and Public Management students will graduate at 1:30 p.m.
- 4th Annual Mariners Classic: May 9, Frederica Golf Club. More info to follow.

Home Games

- Tennis
 - W. Tennis vs. Southeastern University: April 14, Brunswick TBA.
 - vs. Warner University: April 15, Brunswick TBA
 - M. Tennis vs. Southeastern University: April 14, Brunswick TBA
 - vs. Warner University: April 15, Brunswick TBA
- Softball
 - vs. Georgia Gwinnett College: April 12, Brunswick HS at 1 p.m.
 - vs. Keiser University: April 28, Brunswick HS at 1 p.m.
- Golf
 - M. Golf at Roadrunner Classic: April 3-4, at The Farm, Dalton Georgia
 - W. Golf to play in the Birmingham Southern Invitational at Bent Brook Golf Course in Bessemer, Alabama: April 17-18
- Volleyball
 - vs. St. Johns River Community College: April 29, Coffin Gym, at 10:30 a.m.
 - vs. Savannah State: April 29, Coffin Gym, at 10:30 a.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.

