said. “I ended up moving here January 2016 and jumped right in.” Interestingly enough, I got an ice storm the first couple of years here, but not like the ones up north,” she said.

She came to the College in January 2016 after teaching in Wilberforce, Ohio for three years. Averett shared that she reached a point of capacity there and reached out to her mentor at the time, Dr. Victor Vega. Dr. Vega encouraged her to go to Ohio State.

After graduating from Ohio State, Averett earned both a master’s and a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Iowa. Averett described the time she spent teaching in Wilberforce as a stepping stone—though it wasn’t where she was initially planning to teach. “I knew I wanted to teach math and thought I wanted to teach high school math. I then realized I didn’t,” she said. “I saw the opportunity to do something in the undergraduate world.”

Ohio State is a research-focused institution, so math education is not a heavily emphasized program, however, I always wanted to teach,” Averett said. “I went there and got my master’s and then my doctorate in math education and I still was teaching undergrad.”

Dr. Cynthia Owusu, professor and chair of the mathematics department, said Averett exemplifies why the College is a great place for students and a great place for professors. “There are mathematicians who are also excellent teachers,” said Owusu. “She’s one of those. To me, it’s a really special combination.”

Averett’s diverse teaching experiences include teaching K-12 students, working with students with disabilities, and teaching at Ohio State University. Owusu said Averett is an exceptional mentor to students and is an asset to the College.

“I have known Dr. Averett since she started at this College,” Owusu said. “She’s an exceptional professor.”

### Learning Symposium

The College of Coastal Georgia recently hosted the College’s first Learning Symposium, virtual event. More details to follow.

### Volunteers

The Mariners’ softball team was recently honored at the College’s Spring Convocation. Members of the Mariners softball team were presented with a certificate of appreciation by the Board of Trustees for their contributions and what they accomplished during the 2020 season.

Averett, who has been a familiar face on the softball field for more than five years,见证了 the team’s growth. “We’ve had the opportunity to watch this team grow and develop over time,” she said. “We’re proud to see how far they’ve come.”

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### Other news

- **Alumni Engagement Quick Survey:** Tell us what you want!

Mark your calendars! There is something going on at the college of Coastal Georgia. Here are some upcoming events:

- May 8: Spring Commencement at the Jekyll Island Convention Center.
- May 15: Spring Graduation at the Jekyll Island Convention Center.

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